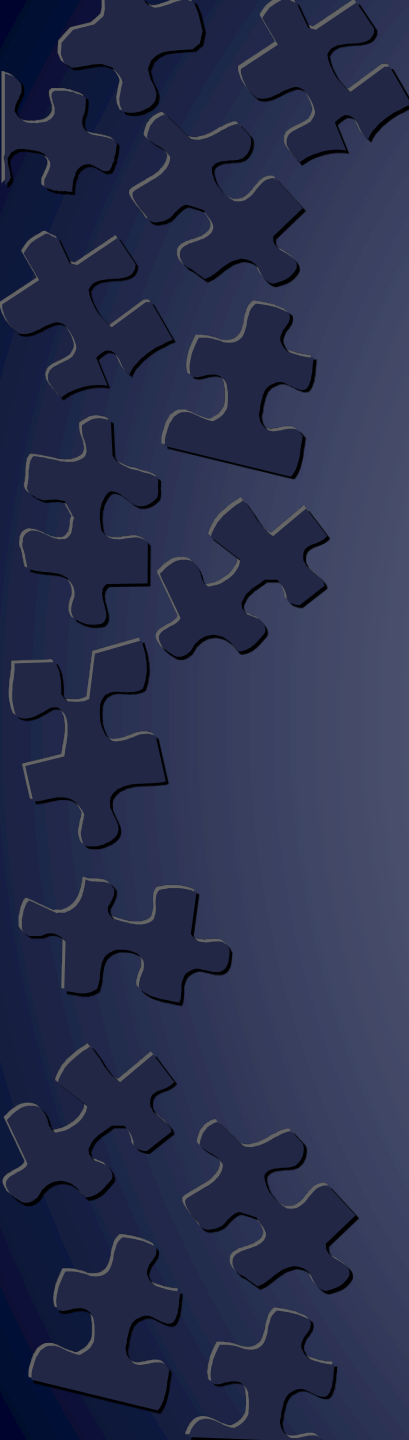




The end of a thing *is* better
than its beginning;...

Ecclesiastes 7:8a

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- we all begin with some fresh hopes and aspirations.
 - We start off clear in expressing our hopes and aspirations.
 - The way we express our goals, hopes and aspirations over time becomes vague...then silence..



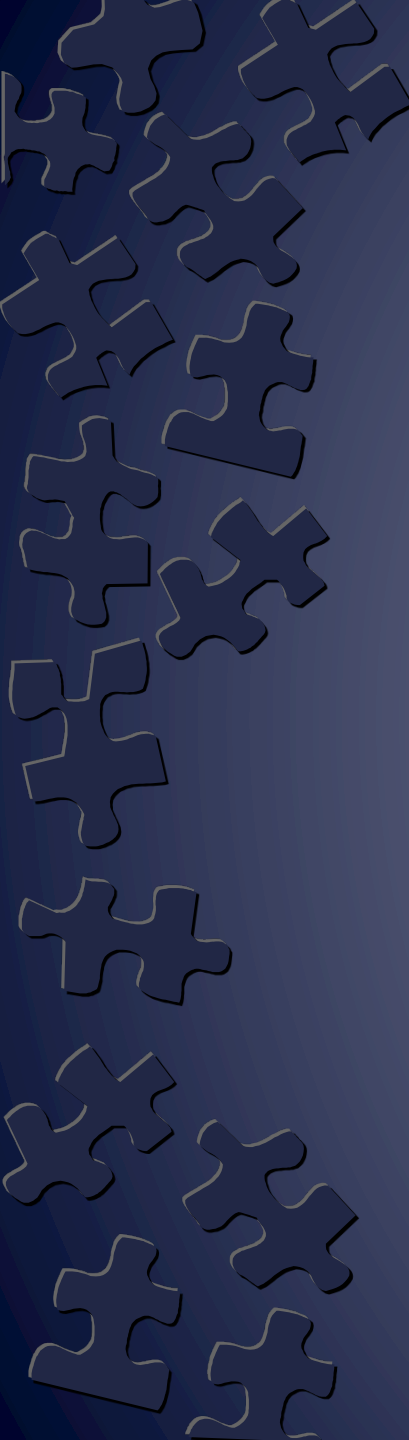
Why the dwindling?

- A poor start
- Some opposition on the way
- A lack of support
- Too many unknowns
- Reminded of Past failures



Statement

it should not be the case that when life throws problems at us we should just accept it. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever (Hebrews 13:8), therefore if he gave us a vision for the future then that should not change because God does not change his mind (Numbers 23:19).



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Notice how God handles opposition..



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[theocracy not democracy]



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He re-used the previously created resource (soil) to create man.



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Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.



..dwindling hopes and aspirations

- › God created us to operate in the power of the breath he breathed in us.
- › Sin disconnect(ed | s) us from the source of all power (God).
- › Jesus came that we may have life (Gods breath) and have it in abundance..



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Mark 11: 12-14 – Jesus Curses a fig tree

Mark 11: 20 – 22 – Power of faith

²⁰ Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. ²¹ And Peter, remembering, said to Him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.”

²² So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God.

>>> the point is?

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Mark 11

23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.



Unleashing the power in Gods word

- › Say to the mountain: Don't speak to your problem, tell your problem what it should do.
- › Have no doubt in your heart
- › Don't negotiate with fear, declare there is no fear here
- › Believe what you have said shall come to pass
- › Pray in faith– Thank God ahead of time.
- › Trust in God alone as your source.
- › Forgive everyone, every time.
- › Continue to speak Gods word in faith.



Speak Gods word of
power