

HOW TO BREAK OUT OF A RUT – Jan. 21, 2007

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Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by ACTION, is dead. James 2:17

A. WHAT MOTIVATES ME TO GET MOVING?

1. _____ - The Prodigal Son

He lost everything he had... and was hungry, but no-one gave him anything to eat. At last he came to his senses and said, 'I will GET UP AND GO to my father.' Luke 15:14-18



Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways. Proverbs 20:30

2. _____ - Elijah

God said, 'The brook will supply you with water to drink'... so Elijah went and stayed by Cherith Brook. After a while the brook dried up... then the Lord said to Elijah, 'Now GET UP AND GO' 1 Kings 17:2-9

3. _____ - Paul

Suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him He fell to the ground and heard a voice. 'Who are you, Lord?' Paul asked. 'I am Jesus... now GET UP AND GO into the city and you'll be told what you must do.' Acts 9:3-6

B. HOW CAN I BREAK OUT OF A RUT?

(Six steps to get me moving)

1. **ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY** _____

A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance. Proverbs 28:13

STOP: _____

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2. **BELIEVE** _____

Let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of mind. Romans 12:2

Everything is possible for the person who believes. Mark 9:23

3. **CLARIFY** _____

A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. James 1:8

4. **DON'T WAIT** _____

If you wait until the wind and the weather are just right, you will never plant anything and never harvest anything. Ecclesiastes 11:4

5. **EXERCISE** _____

Physical exercise has its value. 1 Timothy 4:8

6. **FIRE AWAY:** _____

Never boast about tomorrow. You don't know what will happen between now and then. Proverbs 27:1

How much longer will it take you to make up your mind? If the Lord is God, worship him! 1 Kings 18:21

TODAY is the day to be saved! 2 Corinthians 6:2

Personal Faith In Action:

1. What does God really want me to change in my life?
2. What is my plan to do it?
3. When am I going to get started?

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