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DAY 1+: The Day You Get Fired!

(You can't bury the past, but you can build on it)

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"The disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees made a practice of fasting. Some people confronted Jesus: 'Why do the followers of John and the Pharisees take on the discipline of fasting, but your followers don't?' Jesus said, 'When you're celebrating a wedding, you don't skimp on the cake and wine. You feast. Later you may need to pull in your belt, but not now. As long as the bride and groom are with you, you have a good time. No one throws cold water on a friendly bonfire. **This is Kingdom Come!**' He went on, 'No one cuts up a fine silk scarf to patch old work clothes; you want fabrics that match. And you don't put your wine in cracked bottles.'" (Mark 2:18-22 MSG)

The first time around you get . . .

More than **experience**; you gain **patience**.

More than **money**; you gain **perspective**.

More than **achievement**; you gain **the power to prevail**.

More than **success**; you gain **the ability to trust God for big things**.

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? **I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.**" (Isa 43:18-19)

"He replied, 'If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it will obey you.'" (Luke 17:6)

THE DANGER OF CROSSING A GOAL LINE IS . . .

Failing to **celebrate**.

"David retorted, 'I was dancing before the Lord who chose me above your father and his family and who appointed me as leader of Israel, the people of the Lord! So I am willing to act like a fool in order to show my joy in the Lord. Yes, and I am willing to look even more foolish than this,' . . ." (2 Sam 6:21-22)

Making the moment a **monument**.

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Forgetting that everything **changes**.

DREAMERS ALWAYS DREAM . . .

Because success is **never-ending**.

"The wise man is glad to be instructed, but a self-sufficient fool falls flat on his face." (Prov 10:8)

Because failure is **never final**.

Because goals are for **going beyond**.

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, **I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.**" (Phil 3:12-16)