

THE Best IS YET TO COME

Jump Man

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Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

What's up Family ! This is Collin checking in! And I am the Youth Pastor here at our Capitol Hill location at National Community Church. Shout out to all my middle & high schoolers out there. Man...When I heard about the chance to hop on NCC Daily and talk about the whole idea of "The Best is yet to come" I immediately got hype ! What a mentality! What a perspective! What a core belief to have! That the best is yet to come! So I invite you guys to join me as I talk about how this mindset & message have impacted me in a great way!

If you know anything about me...you know that I love the game of basketball. I've loved it since before I can remember! And one of my clearest memories as a youngin was watching the 1998 NBA Finals! What a time to be alive! The Chicago Bulls were a main attraction, and in my eyes Michael Jordan was the king of the court..The Goat...The greatest of all time. Man oh man did I want to be like mike! I wanted to shoot like mike, jump like mike, I wanted his Jersey, and don't get me started on the shoes... I needed the shoes. To be just like MJ was my dream !!

So every day I would go outside to the neighborhood court and put shots up. I would pretend I was #23 in the finals and that every jumper I hit would put me one step closer to achieving that dream of joining Mike in the NBA..

Fast forward to middle school basketball tryouts.. This was going to be my big break .. I could barely sleep the night before.. Almost like it was the night before Christmas. I had my whole outfit planned out from head to toe...I was ready! This was it! But yall at the end of the week when that middle school basketball team roster was hung up on the coaches door...my name was not on

that list... I was crushed and obviously since then my dream has shifted course as you can tell because you're listening to me here on NCC Daily instead of watching me on ESPN. But we will talk about that later.

One story about Michael Jordan that I have always loved is the story of him actually not making his varsity basketball team as a sophomore in 1978. And how that moment not only hurt but also inspired him to go even harder after his dream. I am sure that sophomore Michael Jordan had no idea that if he quit on his dream after that initial let down he would miss out on the eventual 5 MVP award, 6 NBA championships, 6 NBA Finals MVP awards, a ticket to the hall of fame and not to mention millions of pairs of shoes sold across the world, along with a ton of other accolades. In that moment when he was cut from the team, it was probably hard for a young mike to believe that the best was yet to come.

I'm wondering how many of us have a God given dream. A dream that is so big and so crazy we know that only God can bring it to pass. And maybe for some of us the road to seeing that Dream realized has been a rocky one, one that has been met with some "No's" One that has led to some closed doors, and because of that it has caused us to lose passion in going after that dream. I have no idea what that dream is for you but I want you to bring it to the forefront of your mind right now !

Can I encourage you to keep dreaming! You have no idea what the Lord has planned for you and that dream. You have no idea what's on the other side of that God given dream in your life. Philippians 1:6 says that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion. I would dare say that he who planted that dream inside of you will be faithful to complete it! People often go after projects/goals/dreams with great enthusiasm , however when met with some form of opposition or let down their zeal fades. But God is not like us. He never undertakes anything that He doesn't finish. When he begins a good work in a believer's heart it's as good as done. Im believing to today that once you get with God and you lock in a dream that is from him and him alone... it's as good as done. Don't be discouraged when the road gets tough....have confidence in the fact that in God's hands it's already done. Take joy in the fact that the best is yet to come!!

Has the answer "no" been the reason you have decided to give up on your dream? If that "no" was from the world, has God said "yes?" Will you start to believe him again?