

Cut The Rope - Win The Day Part V
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A. The Adjacent possible:

1. Is the thing that makes something else possible. i.e. the microchip made the scientific calculator possible.
2. Is the one closely related small step that facilitates a giant leap forward.
3. “Is a kind of shadow future” said Steven Johnson “hovering on the edges of the present state of things”.
4. You are not the person that someone else has labelled you as. You *are* who God says you are. So what is your shadow future?
5. Faith is taking the first step before God reveals the second step.

B. Setting your life goals.

1. Do they glorify God?
2. God-sized goals.
3. A timeline is needed.
4. A step by step sequential plan.
5. Need to be written.
6. Need to be shared.

C. Dealing with Adversity and Delay:

1. Closed doors can be God’s way of cutting the rope for us.
2. Oftentimes when it seems like God is letting us down, he is really setting us up.
3. Sometimes our plan B is God’s plan A.
4. Everything hinges on the empty Tomb.

5. Jesus is the adjacent possible.

Note: Mark Batterson says we are an Easter people living in a Good Friday world. ... If that is true of you then what is your Shadow future?

D. Cutting the rope is the best option when:

1. You realize that your behavioral habits are perfectly suited to the current outcomes you are experiencing.
2. The pain of change is less than the pain of remaining the same.
3. You need to get rid of the familiar behavioral patterns that are not working.
4. You need to overcome a bad habit.

E. You have the choice of Two Tomorrows.

1. How you use your time matters.

Ephesians 5:15-17 NLT

2. Prayer can change your tomorrow. It's the way that we write history before it occurs.
3. Prayers win the victory in the spiritual realm before it happens in the natural realm. (Joshua / Jericho)
4. Know that God wants you to be where he wants you to be more than you want to get there.
5. Contend in prayer for a breakthrough.

Conclusions:

1. Take the first step. It's the hardest!
2. Give your goal a deadline.
3. Today is the day. If you wait until you are ready, you will be waiting the rest of your life.
4. It's time to cut the rope.

Next steps Today I am:

1. Committing my life to Christ.
2. Asking God to identify my shadow future.
3. Committing myself to rid myself of behavioral patterns that are not working.
4. Contending in prayer for my break through.