

“Own the moment. The concept seems simple enough. There are literally millions upon millions of moments in our lives that we will either maximize or that we will miss. Whether we are more efficient with the former or the latter has a huge impact on what the final picture of our lives will ultimately look like.”

*Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” They came out of the town and made their way toward him. Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?” “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.” Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.” **John 4:27-42 NIV***

I CAN OWN THE MOMENT WHEN I....

1. ANTICIPATE THE MOMENT

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. **Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)***

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:28 (NIV)***

*Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the father. **John 14:12 (NIV)***

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we could ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, **Ephesians 3:20 (NIV)***

2. BE IN THE MOMENT

“You know what my goal is? I want to own the moments in my life. I want to, yes, take a photo of my son riding bike...but I also want to put my phone away and actually see him do it. Yes, I want to work hard and save money and make sure my children leave my house someday and walk into a setup that will help them win in every way. But I don’t want them to walk out of my house total strangers because I was so intent on working for their future that I missed their present.”

“My greater concern in my own life, and for anybody who picks up this book, is that if you build a pattern of missing moments that don’t appear to be significant, you will miss out on what builds a life that is. . .”

*But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” **John 4:27 (NIV)***

*Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi eat something”. “We are concerned about your nutritional intake.” Jesus says, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” Upon which the disciples actually ask each other, “Could someone have brought him food?” **John 4:31-33***

- Expected Moments – Plan out, prepare for, invest in, visualize,
- Unexpected Moments – Sudden or random, often catching you by surprise.

3. CELEBRATE THE MOMENT

*Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying “One sows and another reaps” is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor. **John 4:35-39 (NIV)***