

## G.R.O.W.T.H

GET  
READY  
OPPORTUNITY  
WAITS  
TAKE  
HOLD

Is 54:1-4

“Sing, O childless woman, you who have never given birth! Break into loud and joyful song, O Jerusalem, you who have never been in labor. For the desolate woman now has more children than the woman who lives with her husband,” says the Lord. “Enlarge your house; build an addition. Spread out your home, and spare no expense! For you will soon be bursting at the seams. Your descendants will occupy other nations and resettle the ruined cities. “Fear not; you will no longer live in shame. Don’t be afraid; there is no more disgrace for you. You will no longer remember the shame of your youth and the sorrows of widowhood.”

Isaiah 54:1-4 NLT

Get Ready

Anticipate

Expect

See

Believe

Discern

What does opportunity look like ?

1. Opportunity is dressed up as chance

Ecclesiastes says "time and chance happen to us all".

"I have observed something else under the sun. The fastest runner doesn't always win the race, and the strongest warrior doesn't always win the battle. The wise sometimes go hungry, and the skillful are not necessarily wealthy. And those who are educated don't always lead successful lives. It is all decided by chance, by being in the right place at the right time."

Ecclesiastes 9:11 NLT

Martin Luther King "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

2 Cor 5:7 "we walk by faith not by sight"

Heb 11:6 "Without faith impossible to please God."

2. Opportunity is dressed up as hard work

"All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty."  
Proverbs 14:23 NIV

"Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth."  
Proverbs 10:4 NIV

**Champions do the things they hate, so they can enjoy the things they love!**

T.I.P.I  
temporary inconvenience  
For permanent improvement

"That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."  
2 Corinthians 12:10 NIV

"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation."  
Romans 5:3-4 NLT

### 3. Opportunity is dressed as impossible

“Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, “That’s how many descendants you will have!” And Abraham’s faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah’s womb. Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises.”

Romans 4:18-21 NLT

### **Opportunity has to be seized**

**1 Corinthians 16 v 5-9**

**A huge door of opportunity for good work has opened up here.  
*(There is also mushrooming opposition.)***

