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Pushing Our True Potential in God

The devotion for today is inspired by a science fiction book titled "Specialist" by Robert Sheckley, first published in 1953. In gist, the story tells of a spacecraft that comprises a crew of specialists, all from different races/planets, having specialized roles in the ship. After a space storm, it was discovered that their specialist from the Pusher race had perished.

The Pusher's unique ability was it could push the spacecraft through space at a phenomenal speed (think of it as the galactic turbo-charger for the engine). But although the Pushers are strong, they are also particularly vulnerable.

As luck would have it, the remaining crew discovered that the storm had



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actually brought them in close proximity to a planet filled with the Pusher race. As they scanned the planet for a suitable candidate to recruit, they were in disbelief to see all the Pushers doing very basic and menial things, far from what they were actually capable of. In fact, the Pushers were seen moving at a very slow pace and some were in crude metal contraptions that moved just a little bit faster.

Eventually, they decided on one candidate and hijacked the Pusher into their spacecraft. The Pusher was naturally terrified and communication was a big problem. But in due time and much effort, the crew managed to cajole the Pusher to do what they knew Pushers were truly created to do. The Pusher placed his two hands on the spacecraft and... pushed. The spacecraft started to move slowly and the Pusher began to grow in confidence and pushed even harder, soon reaching light speed. The Pusher never knew he had that potential, he never thought he could do what he was doing. As he crossed the vast universe and traversed the stars, he marveled and thought to himself... if only every human on his planet (Earth) knew their true potential and what they were actually created to do, they would literally soar out of their world and go beyond their wildest imagination.

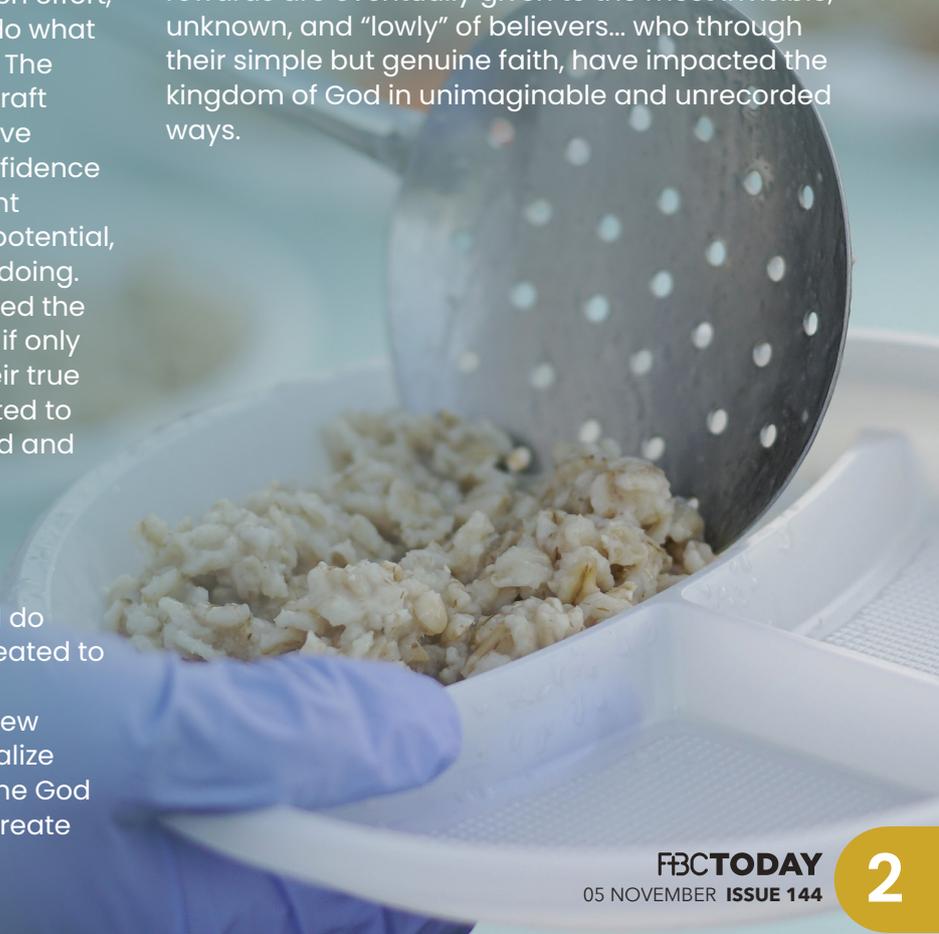
(End of science fiction story)

We go through our lives doing things. We all do things. But very few will do what they are created to do. In a world filled with humans looking for contentment and meaning through every new app/fad/trend, none will find it, until they realize that they have to come face-to-face with the God who created them, and ask "What did you create me for?".

True contentment is only found in and through God. It does not mean you will be happy, healthy, or rich (although it can mean all or some of these), but more importantly, it will mean that you will have indescribable joy and peace in doing something that God created you for, however small or big, and all for his glory.

God is always ready to answer our questions. When he is silent, it is usually because we are not ready to 1. hear it and 2. do what he asks of us. Because his answer may not be what we think the answer should be, as the young rich ruler in Mark 10:17-27 discovered.

I often tell myself that if I have to be the church toilet cleaner, the church should have the cleanest toilet in Subang Jaya (at least). The calling of God for a given individual is not only in the Billy Graham and Tim Keller types of this world but also in the most menial and unseen things. God sees and he knows our motivation and obedience. In fact, it would not surprise me if the largest crowns or rewards are eventually given to the most invisible, unknown, and "lowly" of believers... who through their simple but genuine faith, have impacted the kingdom of God in unimaginable and unrecorded ways.



Meeting the potential that God has created us for (like the Pusher) may mean something that we cannot even imagine. The real question is... how badly do we want it? God has a plan for us all, a detailed one. We just need to take that step of faith and say "yes". Every right "yes" step, however small, will lead us closer to our ultimate "yes" to God. So start where you are. Prepare yourself to say "yes" to God whatever it may be, daily. It may take some time... and when you are ready (hopefully sooner than later)... ask THE question. And God will answer.

It is my prayer that we will all walk this path toward a constant and resounding "yes" to God. Remember, we can never limit God, only limit what we choose to say "yes" to. Faith and obedience must go hand-in-hand.



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PrayerSpotlight

Prayer for Patience

Father, forgive me for my impatience and lack of trust in your compassion and wisdom. Lord, teach me once again to understand that instant answers are not always your way of getting things done. Help me learn to be patient, and not impetuous in the face of adversity, to calm down and think clearly.

Help me to be patient with those around me, even the people I find difficult. Lord, I need You to show me how much You love them. Please help me to be mindful of your immense patience and compassion.

Help me to rejoice amidst suffering and find my gladness in you. I know that suffering produces perseverance and sanctifies my soul. Help me to focus on you and what you want me to learn. I want to be faithful, despite my circumstances, to seek you and treasure you in all that I do and say. Amen.

