

George's Jungle Volume 5

3 THINGS I LEARNED THIS WEEK

Get Started

For me, getting started is usually the hardest part of completing a task. I've found that if I can just push myself a little bit in a direction, I can build the momentum to complete the task because I see progress.

Get Focused

There are many times when I find that I don't want to stop or rest because of the momentum. Then something happens: a text or call comes in and I get off track. I turn the phone on DND: Do Not Disturb so that I can be focused for a set amount of time. THAT'S WHEN AND HOW I GET THE MOST DONE!

Get It Done

Too often I've left a task for too long and with a little more effort it would have been completed. Don't buy into the fallacy of "I'll finish it later". You won't! Push yourself to complete as many tasks as you can within the day because tomorrow holds brand new challenges!!



On The March

Can you believe it's the last day of February?? Time is "marching on"! I did a little evaluating today, which is a normal practice for me. I like to take some time and reflect on the month and consider how the Lord has worked. I also find the highs and lows of the month and pray through what to do about those as well.

Reflections

With two months behind me now, I feel that I am attacking this year a little differently than the recent past. I'm seeking to be much more deliberate and attentive to what I need personally to keep myself spiritually, mentally and emotionally stable.

It's not always an easy task for me to watch myself in these areas. I've had to take some hard looks at why I do or don't do certain things. I've had to put in some more personal boundaries and practice saying "no" much more often, which is really hard for us "people pleasers". But in all this, I feel like God is helping me and growing me more in my relationship with Him. As the month comes to a close, I am grateful for February 2025 and all that God has allowed me to share and experience with others. Even though it was a shorter month, I feel like it was packed with greater things!



Marching Out

Sadly this week, we had to say "see ya later" to some of our good friends from church. They moved back to Ohio to be with family. But there are a few things I took away from this that I can share here.

- Friendships aren't defined by space. One of the things I've noticed about our church in general is that we have a lot of people who drive from more than 5 miles away to attend our church. Even though this family is moving hours away, they will still be part of our NVC family!
- Church is Who we are! We had several people from our congregation show up to assist in packing and loading this vehicle to help this family get on their way on time. That's the kind of thing Church does. It's not about them 'leaving' us but us being part of helping send them onto the next mission God has for them!
- We've all got marching orders. When it all comes down to it, each of us has to be obedient to our heavenly call. We will miss this family but we know they are still on mission for God and that's something we can certainly support!

From The Archives:

Lately, I've been going back and reading some of the things I wrote years ago. In many ways it's been a blessing to rediscover who I was then and to be challenged by myself and the things God gave me insight to many years ago. From pictures like this ski trip we were on with Will, Caleb, Bobby and Buddy, to old



WAVE team pictures from Miami and the Wayside Baptist Team, I've been enjoying the march down memory lane! Reminiscing over memories is such a wonderful aspect of our minds that God has allowed to bring us joy and reflection.

As this month closes out, I am thankful for the memories I have stored away that will one day come back to mind and bring a warm smile. God has definitely blessed me with some incredible people in my life and I am only the person I am today because of all of those who have branded their images in my mind and on my life. I may not always recall those images but when I do, I am blessed by those memories! If I haven't said thanks to you for being part of my life, please hear me now: THANK YOU for the way you've contributed to making me who I am. THANK YOU for the way you've shown love and grace! Until next week,



Peace in the Jungle!

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