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Message Series: Hold Nothing Back

Today's Message: Get Audacious

Review: God leaves you free to pursue what you want. What you want - _____ you what you really are.

The Choice: Before you die, live the life you were born to live, live a life with nothing undone; a relentless pursuit, a heart _____, with few regrets.

Or ... Huge regrets _____ you about what could have been but never became; what you could have done but never did.

The Goal: To break the gravitational pull of mediocrity, of a mere survival attitude; to refuse turning responsibilities into excuses.

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1. Pursuing God-Ordained _____

Luke 9:59, 60 "To another He (Jesus) said, 'Follow Me'. But he said, 'Lord, let me first go and bury my father.' And Jesus said to him, 'Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the Kingdom of God.'"

* **Jesus Saw:** Straight thru the smoke screen: a _____ tactic

Nehemiah 1:2-4 "... I asked them about the Jews who had returned there from captivity and about how things were going in Jerusalem. They said to me, 'Things are not going well... They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall has been torn down... the gates destroyed by fire.' When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven."

2. Beware of Successful _____

Three Important Questions:

1. What makes you _____?
2. What makes you mad?
3. What makes you _____?

Two Truths:

1. God-given passions often _____ our hearts but are the keys to a fruitful, fulfilling life.
2. Climbing the wrong ladder is succeeding at the wrong thing—money—fame, but missing the eternal.

Nehemiah 1:11 "O Lord, let your ear be attentive... give success to your servant today and grant him

mercy in the sight of this man. Now I was the King's cupbearer."

Nehemiah 2:2, 4 "And the King said to me, 'Why is your face sad?... This is nothing but sadness of heart... What are you requesting?' So I prayed to the God of heaven."

Nehemiah 2:5 "... if it pleases the King... send me to Judah... that I may rebuild it."

Serious Start: If you don't know your God-ordained passions: START Praying, then Start Doing.

Acts 1:2-4, 8, 9, 14

3. The Power of _____

"Our problem is not so much that we don't know what to do; we know perfectly well but we don't want to do it." ~Marshall

Pray About Everything... Pray Some More... At Some Point... START Moving!!!

Real Christianity: an action verb... loving... doing... being - a transformed life.

Mark 16:20 "They went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following."

Nehemiah 2:7-9

Get This: Nehemiah's passion and purpose were sent from God and then supplied by God's loving favor!

This Passion: This Holding Nothing Back - was internalized before it was verbalized.

⇒ Be the Best you can with What you have Where you are and WATCH GOD WORK!

Hebrews 6:10 "For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for His name..."