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## Facts Are Way Overrated

(How extraordinary people push past outrageous misfortune)

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“The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the LORD.” (Proverbs 21:31 NIV)

“Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.” (Proverbs 19:20-21 NIV)

1. Passion for life
2. Openness to Change.
3. Targeted Energy.
4. Expectant Spirit.
5. Network of winners.
6. Total trust in God's purposes.

### 3 Faith Robbers

#### The **successes** of life.

For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world.” (1 John 2:16 NIV)

#### The **stresses** of life.

“The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.” (Luke 8:14-15 NIV)

#### The **situations** of life.

## Are you using the facts to . . .

### . . . justify your present **lifestyle**?

“Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.” (1 Corinthians 6:18 NIV)

### . . . excuse what is nothing more than **laziness**?

“The lazy person claims, ‘There's a lion on the road! Yes, I'm sure there's a lion out there!’” (Proverbs 26:13 NLT)

### . . . coverup your core problem: **disbelief**?

“Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.” (Romans 4:19-21 NIV)

### . . . discount and **profane** the **miraculous**?

“When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples to ask him, ‘*Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?*’ Jesus replied, ‘Go back and report to John what you hear and see: **The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.** Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me.’ . . . Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent.” (Matthew 11:1-20 NIV)