THE POWER OF YES

By DeVon Franklin

"But surely God is faithful, our message to you is not YES and NO. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy was not YES and NO, but in him it has always been YES. For no matter how many promises God has made, they are YES in Christ. And so through him the Amen is spoken by us to the glory of God."

— 2 Corinthians 1:18-20

YOUR LIFE HAS YES WRITTEN ALL OVER IT!

Your destiny is made of a series of YESes and when you commit yourself to pursuing the YESes God has already written into your life you will thrive in your calling and life.

GOD SPOKE YES OVER YOUR LIFE.

How do I know? You're reading this so it means He woke you up today! You might be frustrated right now because you haven't received the YES you're praying for but as a result of your frustration, you're overlooking the YES he gave you today!

ARE YOU WAITING ON A YES RIGHT NOW?

Well, you've come to right place because your YES is closer than you think!

OUR LIFE IS A STRUGGLE BETWEEN 2 WORDS: YES & NO

- YES is a positive decision, NO is a negative decision
- "Yes you can" or "No you can't"
- "Yes you will" or "No you won't"
- "Yes it's yours" or No it's not"

TRUST ME, I'VE STRUGGLED WITH YES & NO TOO.

Early in my life I felt a calling to go to Hollywood to become a producer and make content for the KINGDOM but those in my circle didn't believe that is what I should do — so they told me NO.

So, at that time, I had a decision to make:

Do I go to Hollywood and pursue my dream and see if there really is a YES? Or do I pursue another idea for my life because my community of faith said NO?

YES FACT: *There are certain ideas that God has given you, that before the foundation of the earth He said YES. However, if you allow someone who God may not have consulted with on your destiny to then tell you "no" that's not what you're supposed to do, you might be working against the YES God already spoke into your life before you were born.*

But as I pursed the career in Hollywood that God put in my heart I discovered that God had spoken YES (even though others said NO.)

YES FACT: A person may not see your value OR they haven't been given the revelation of your vision so they say NO.

STORY OF THE HEBREW BOYS

Israel had been conquered by Babylon and the King wanted the best and brightest from Israel for a 3 year internship and those that qualified would get a permanent job in the King's service.

Daniel, Shadrach, Meschach and Abednego (Hebrew Boys) got the internship! Israeli interns in Babylon (Babylon was the most secular environment on the planet at that time).

However, getting the job created a dilemma:

- Everyone in the internship program had to eat the King's diet which consisted of meat and wine. This diet conflicted with their Jewish faith!
- What should they do?
- Should they compromise their beliefs out of fear or should they find out if there is a YES waiting in the situation that would allow them to do the internship and hold onto their faith?
- You might be wondering if you can be successful and still hold onto your faith.
- You might also be asking God — "Lord, where is THE YES?!"
- Well, the Hebrew Boys were told NO they couldn't eat their own diet. However they didn't let the first NO stop them, they pursed the YES until they got it. They were able to eat their diet for the duration of the internship program and as a result they got the permanent job in the king's service.

YES FACT: You don't have to Compromise to find GOD's YESes in your life!

HOW DO WE DEAL WITH A NO?

- Don't be afraid of a NO. NO sets you up for the right YES.
- You may think that NO is denial or a defeat but many times God is going to allow you to receive a NO because He's got a better YES out there for you!
- NO is a form of REJECTION however, REJECTION IS JUST GOD'S PROTECTION
- You might think God's NO means NO but His NO is meant to protect the YES He already has for you.
- We deal with the pain of hearing NO, so often – that we begin to doubt who we are, we begin to doubt God and what He's going to do.
- God has you reading this today to let you know that you serve a God of the YES! A NO in the natural doesn't mean a NO in the SPIRIT!
- When God has already said YES, there isn't a NO powerful enough to stop god's yes
- NO can be your sling shot to success

HOW DO WE DEAL WITH A NO? (Cont'd)

Consider the following people who heard no:

- In 1919, this man was fired from the Kansas City Star because his editor said *"he lacked imagination and had no good ideas"* **– WALT DISNEY**
- One Executive told this actor after his first film that he simply didn't have what it takes to be a star **– HARRISON FORD**
- This actress had starred in two shows but got replaced by a different actress before she was cast in one of the number shows in the world **– KERRY WASHINGTON**
- This journalist was fired from her first job because she was told she was too emotional while reporting the news **– OPRAH WINFREY**

YOU MIGHT BE HEARING NO BECAUSE IT'S NOT YOUR TIME YET

- You must carry a crown before you wear one. If God has called you to do it every NO gets you closer to God's YES.
- Yet, it requires believing that YES every day. You might be struggling right now as you read this. What you're wrestling with is the NO that you are taking in, which is fighting with the YES that God has already given you.

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF GOD HAS SAID YES TO SOMETHING YOU'RE BELIEVING HIM FOR RIGHT NOW?

- You've got to spend time with Him
- You've got to look for the signs (God will lead a trail to your YESes)
- Accept what you see and don't be afraid to follow it

HOW DO YOU DISCOVER THE YESES IN YOUR LIFE?

Here are YES tips that will help you find your YES!

- Say YES to God, he's already said YES to you!
- What has God put in your heart to pursue?
- And why are you not pursuing it?
- If He put it there, then there's a YES attached to it. You just have to find it!
- YES doesn't always find you, many times you HAVE TO FIND IT
- You can't be afraid to go after the YES before you know it's a YES
- Reaching for the YES means letting go of a NO. Don't nurse the NOs in your life, GO for the YES!
- YESes don't always come knocking at your door there are some YESes you have to go find. Remember, faith without works is dead but faith plus works is alive!
- Too often, you might be limiting yourself. You might be telling yourself a NO where God has already said a YES.
- You might think you're waiting on a YES from God but God is waiting on a YES from you!

SAY TO YOURSELF RIGHT NOW "YES, YES, YES!" AND GO GET THE YES THAT'S ALREADY WAITING FOR YOU!

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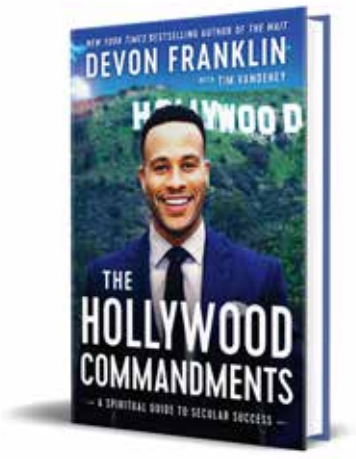

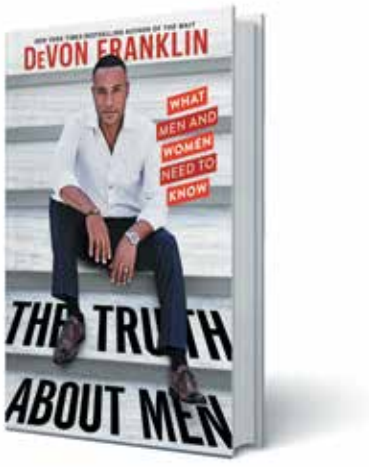

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