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Following is a message based on the sermon outline called 3 Steps to Your Destiny. You can see how I took that sermon outline and developed it into a unique sermon. Of course you could use this for a bible study as well. Preach it and use it to teach your congregation or small group.

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Introduction--Most of us have done what a little boy does on a beautiful starlit night standing in the front yard of his home. He holds his thumb up between him and the moon. He moves it until that floating white ball of light disappears. In order to see the moon again, he simply moves his thumb. It is not that the moon disappears, it is that the thumb is in the way of seeing the moon.

Often it is the little problem right in front of us that will blind us to the incredible destiny that awaits us. We can't see what Heaven offers us for the thumb that is in the way.

So, I am here this morning to say to you: **MOVE YOUR THUMB!**

Matthew 17:20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

Jesus said we could move mountains so surely we can move our own thumbs.

3 Steps to Influence Destiny

1. Imagine it! — God saw the world before He created it.

Rely on the creativity of God that has been placed inside of you. This is the ability to see things before they can be seen and must be a component of any vision.

In 1961 the most powerful man in the world spoke to congress and the world. What he said was astounding and viewed by many to be foolish, but he saw something that he began to speak out.

In that speech to Congress, on May 25, 1961, President John F. Kennedy challenged the nation to put a man on the moon before the end of the decade.

A year later, John F. Kennedy gave a speech at Rice University on September 12, 1962 where he began declaring that a choice had been made based on what he said and had seen.

“ We choose to go to the Moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy - but because they are hard! Because that challenge is one we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone and one we intend to win!”

Less than a decade later on July 20, 1969, Commander Neil Armstrong became the first man on the moon. With a crackling voice carried to the eager ears of the whole world, he said the historic words, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."
Kennedy's words came true.

2. Believe it! — Your heart must go with your head. to believe to see the impossible is to partner with God who can do all things. Jesus said nothing is impossible to those who believe.

John F. Kennedy - speech in Dublin, Ireland, June 28, 1963
“ We need men who can dream of things that never were.”

Like God who calls things that are not as though they were, we must learn to see what God wants us to see in the unseen realm so we can agree with it and bring it into the seen realm. This requires faith.

Jesus said, **“Nothing would be impossible for us.”**

“Science has not yet mastered prophecy. We predict too much for the next year and yet far too little for the next 10.”--Neil Armstrong

Like Armstrong says above, we do tend to want to be involved in something that is going to happen overnight instead of seeing farther but accomplishing something greater. God sees the future, and can lead us how to prepare for it.

3. Do it! — This is what separates dreamers from doers. I am not talking

about running off half-cocked. I am saying move into what God has placed before you. There comes a time to break up camp and cross the Jordan.

I think we're going to the moon because it's in the nature of the human being to face challenges. It's by the nature of his deep inner soul... we're required to do these things just as salmon swim upstream.--Neil Armstrong

It is in our nature to exercise dominion, whether it's the planets in the galaxy, the other football team, or that vacant lot that we bought. We are made to govern and overcome. The fall causes us to use this in wrong ways, but all of us to possess it.

So we are wired to do it! We just need to be sure that "it" is what God wants us to do. Jesus said, he saw what the Father was doing and that was what he did. This is how we are to operate. We see it (imagine it), we believe it (we trust it is God speaking), and we do it (faith in action).

Conclusion:

So there are 2 Men we studied today --Kennedy and Armstrong

1. Kennedy --The Man who said we'd do it. (He rallied a nation)

John F. Kennedy -- Our problems are man-made, therefore they may be solved by man. No problem of human destiny is beyond human beings.

2. Armstrong--The Man who did it. (He was sent by a nation)

If we can just have faith in what God has shown us, a mustard seed of faith, and begin to declare what we believe in our heart. It can turn things around and align us with our God given destiny.

Later when reflecting on his trip to the moon, Neil Armstrong make a remark that shows you how things can get reversed when you choose to move forward.

“I put up my thumb and it blotted out the planet Earth.” --Neil Armstrong

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