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3 WORDS TO REMEMBER...

Isaiah 54:1-3

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Jeremiah 29:11

*For I know the plans I
have for you,”
declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
hope and a future.*



Isaiah 54 ...for 2021

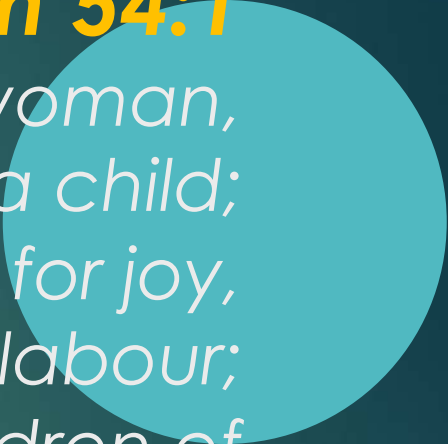
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SING ▲ STRETCH ▲ STAY



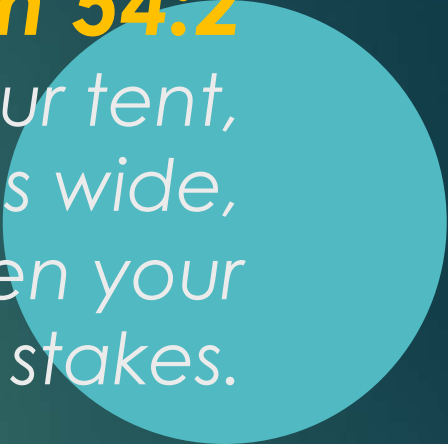
Isaiah 54:1



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you who were never in labour;
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the desolate woman than of her
who has a husband,” says the Lord.*



Isaiah 54:2




*“Enlarge the place of your tent,
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do not hold back; lengthen your
cords, strengthen your stakes.*



Isaiah 54:3

*For you will spread out to the right
and to the left; your descendants
will dispossess nations and
settle (**STAY**) in their desolate cities.*



Psalm 119:105

*Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light for my path.*

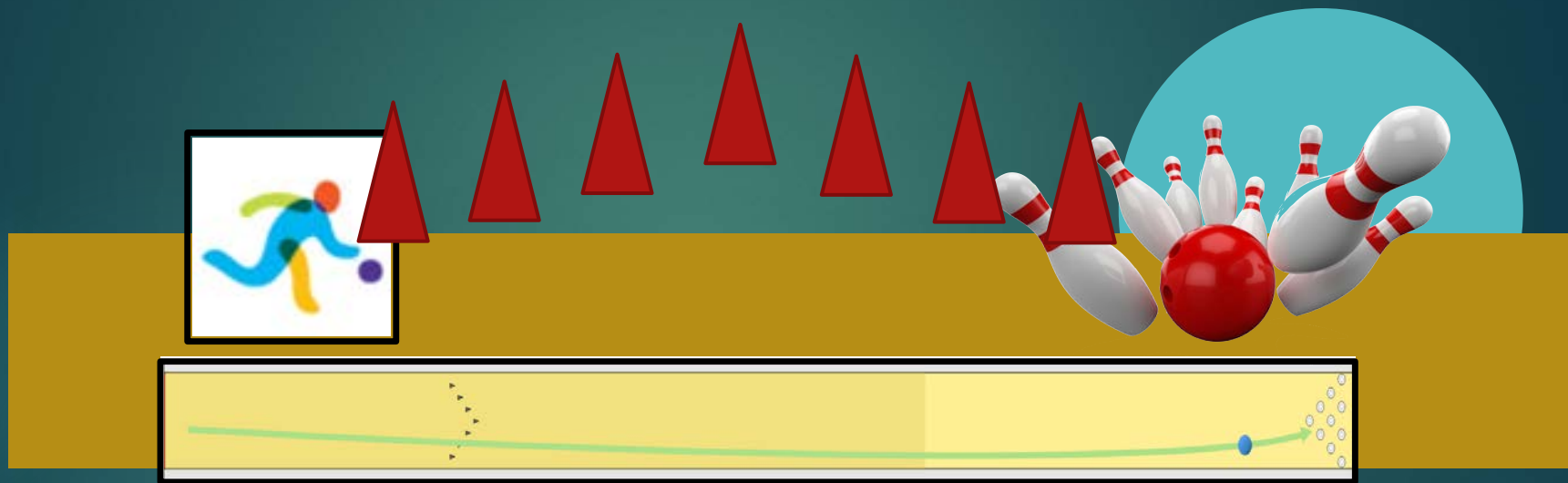
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The Question:
How then can we continue
to grow and thrive
as we **SING, STRETCH & STAY** in this VUCA
New Year?

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#1.SING

 *Celebrate Change & Embrace Disruptions
Move in the Opposite Spirit.*



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Isaiah 54:6-7

6 The Lord will call you back
as if you were a wife deserted
and distressed in spirit
- a wife who married young, only to
be rejected," says your God.
7 "For a brief moment I abandoned
you, but with deep compassion
I will bring you back.

SING

Isaiah 54:10

*Though the mountains be shaken
and the hills be removed, yet my
unfailing love for you will not be
shaken nor my covenant of peace
be removed," says the Lord,
who has compassion on you.*

SING



2 Corinthians 5:7

For we live by faith, not by sight

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

SING

#CelebrateChange
#EmbraceDisruptions&Detours

a. Abraham's Call was a Disruption and Detour.

Genesis 12:1-3

b. Moses at the burning bush was a Detour.

Exodus 3:3-4

SING

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c. Jesus meeting the woman at the well
was a Detour.

John 4:4-6

d. The Good Samaritan was a Detour
and Disruption.

Luke 10:33-34

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e. Peter going to the gentile Cornelius
was a Disruption.

Acts 10:28-29

f. Paul's conversion was a Disruption.

Acts 9:3-6

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SING ▲
- Sowing Into New Grounds ▲

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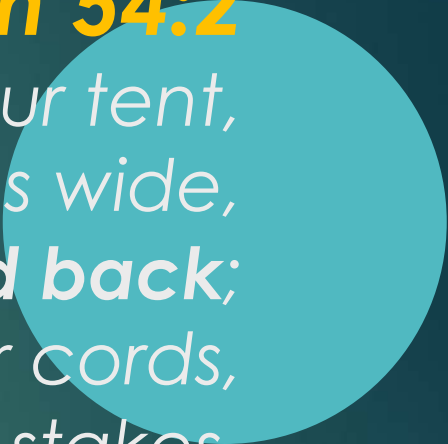


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STRETCH

Isaiah 54:4-5

4 "Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood.

5 For your Maker is your husband -the Lord Almighty is his name -the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.

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TAKING THE FIRST STEP

– GOING BEYOND

A. LOOK AT WHAT'S IN YOUR HAND.

Moses - Exodus 4:1-2

1 Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you'?" 2 Then the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?"
"A staff," he replied.



STRETCH

**TAKING THE FIRST STEP
– GOING BEYOND**

B. PRESENT YOUR FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISHES.

A Little Boy – Matthew 14:16-18

16 Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

17 “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

18 “Bring them here to me,” he said.



STRETCH

***TAKING THE FIRST STEP
– GOING BEYOND***

C. LOOK AT THE FIELDS AND NOT THE HARVEST.

Open your eyes – John 4:35

Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

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STAY



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***Psalm 2:8 Ask me, and I will make the nations your
inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.***

- His Kingdom Come and His will be done.
- Go Make Disciples of ALL Nations.
- The Kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdom of our Lord and King.

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Galatians 5:14 *For the entire law is fulfilled in
keeping this one command: “Love your neighbour
as yourself.”*

Loving Singapore Block By Block

STAY

Acts 17:26-27

26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.

STAY

Jeremiah 29:7

Seek the welfare of the city where I have
sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD
on its behalf; for in its welfare you will
have welfare.'

STAY

2 Chronicles 7:13-15

13 “When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, **14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.** 15 Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place

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STAY

Billy Graham
Crusade
Singapore 1978

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*When man listens, God speaks;
When man Obeys, God works.*


STAY

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