

THE EXTRA POINT

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Maybe you made a big mistake. Maybe you lost a job. Maybe you blew a big project and your chances for that promotion now look dim. Maybe you think that whatever great things you and others thought you were destined to do and create, will now never happen because you've somehow been disqualified. I'm Jerry Roberts and today, I am here to tell you that you are absolutely wrong. However, it's going to require one thing of you. I'll tell you what that is, next, on The Extra Point.

We've all made mistakes. Many of us have had big plans, and for one reason or another they stalled. Our hopes and dreams stalled with them.

I've seen people — talented people — give up simply because they no longer believed they would see success happen for them.

If I'm going to be completely honest with you, over the course of my years in the workplace ...and that's a whole lotta years... I've had days when the thought struck me, "Maybe I'm not meant to do what I'm doing. Maybe I'm supposed to do something else. Maybe I'm no longer qualified."

If you're there right now, have been, or think you're heading for it, let me tell you that is a horrible place for your mind to be.

Confidence and self-esteem are gone. You don't trust your abilities and instincts. You walk around with a negative attitude and, quite possibly, you're thinking about just walking away. Walking away from a job or a business, and maybe from people.

Is this beginning to feel personal? Have you ever thought to yourself that life has dealt you a bad hand, and you're somehow "disqualified" from success?

Are you disqualified? Let me tell you, the answer to that can be "yes," but only with your permission.

Let me be clear, nobody can disqualify you. Only you can do that for yourself, and the only way to do it is to quit.

I believe there is greatness in everybody. Your greatness may be in a totally different area from your friends, family, and coworkers. That's okay. It's still in there.

I regularly tell my son that he has greatness inside of him. He's not sure what he wants to do with his career, and I tell him he'll figure it out eventually; but whatever it is, he's got the talent and drive to make a difference.

Are you unsure of your direction? Perhaps you need to sit down and think about your dreams. Are they still what you want, or could you chart another course?

On the other hand, you may be closer to realizing your existing dreams than you believe. You might be a phone call, a meeting, or a project away from a key turning point.

That said, if you operate from the viewpoint that your dream is so far away, or you're not ready, or you've been disqualified, your actions will reflect that. You won't feel the urgency to get things done. You won't make progress and the dream will stay beyond your reach.

Maybe your dream will happen here in Guam, or maybe you'll find it somewhere else. It could be both.

In any event, you keep your dreams alive by first believing you can achieve them; and second, by putting together a written plan and making a little progress every day.

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If you need knowledge and skills, get them. If you need a mentor, get one. When you believe and when you're fully committed, you'll do what you need to do to get to where you want to go.

You are a decision away. Decide to make your plan, or re-read the one you have and totally commit to it.

You are qualified or you soon can be. Believe it, and get after it.

That's the Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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