

## A Life Without Limits

#### AN INTERVIEW WITH ZORO

o you desire to be all God made you to be, to live life with purpose every day? God is not limited, and as His children, we don't have to be limited either. No one knows this better than Zoro, a world-renowned drummer, author, and Christian motivational speaker. In emerging from a challenging background to success on the world stage, Zoro has learned how to soar above life's difficulties and press into the Father for purpose every day. In the following interview, he talks with us about what inspires him and gives us keys to discovering purpose and reaching our full potential in God.

# 1. You have been called "The Minister of Groove" and "a motivating force for this generation." How did you discover your life's mission and message?

My mission and message were prewired into my spiritual DNA. I simply learned to tune into the frequency in which God speaks and paid close attention to my heart—that secret place where He communes and communicates with us. He gave me vital clues to my calling through my natural predisposition toward music, writing, speaking, and teaching. Through curiosity, courage, hard work, and faith, I partnered with the Lord to refine those talents to bring them to the world platform as an instrument in His hands. I'm the instrument He plays and I give Him free rein to play me as He pleases. This grants me the distinct honor of playing a small part in the Master's great symphony.

#### 2. What is the most fulfilling part of your work?

Making a difference in the lives of others with every gift, talent, experience, and platform I've been given. It fills my heart with unspeakable joy to know something I said, wrote, played, or prayed about has impacted someone in a positive way. There are only two ways to live life. We either live a life of self or service. If we choose to serve, we will discover a life of great significance. If we live a life of self, we will meet with grave disappointment and dissatisfaction. God created us to serve. When we're not serving, we cease to be fulfilled inwardly because to live is to serve. Our talents are merely the backdrop to the specific arena we will serve in, giving us access to a particular demographic of people we are ordained to reach. So the question to repeatedly ask is, "Whose life got better because I lived?"

#### 3. What inspires you every day?

Music is a powerful medium that inspires unlike any other art form, so every day I listen to music that touches my soul and invigorates my spirit. I read books that keep me dreaming and believing, and that cultivate a higher sense of hope and expectation within me. I watch inspirational movies and documentaries that strengthen my resolve to continue pursuing the visions God has entrusted unto me. An uplifting conversation or prayer with a friend can inspire me greatly, as well. These initiatives fill my heart with possibility and equip me with the spiritual arrows to fight through the opposition and experience victory. Inspiration is all around us, but we must seize it for ourselves and embrace the endless streams God has provided. Remember, we develop an appetite for whatever we feed ourselves. So we must be intentional about what we import into our hard drives, which are our souls.

## 4. In your new book, *Soar!*, you lay out nine life principles to unlocking limitless potential. What is the key to discovering purpose?

Our universal purpose is the same—to know and love God intimately, to walk in His ways, and to make a positive contribution to our world. The key to discovering our personal purpose—which is how we carry out that universal purpose—is to develop an earnest desire to do so. You must long after and pursue it in the same manner you would a hidden treasure. When you covet God's call on your life with the same vigor as you do other things, you will discover it.

### 5. The first principle in your book is surrender. Why start there?

We tend to think of surrender as losing, but in God's economy it makes you a winner. The kingdom of God is an upside down one. To come to life, you must be willing to die. To go higher, you must go lower. To be first, you must be last. To be a king, you must first be a slave. To experi-

ence victory, you must surrender. It's the polar opposite of how our self-serving flesh operates. This is why you must be led by your spirit man, for only the spirit can discern and embrace the ways of God.

I don't believe you can fulfill God's perfect will for your life without actually knowing Him. He gives us free will and won't force anyone to surrender. If you should choose to, however, He will lead you step by step to all He has planned for you and a great adventure will begin. God is Spirit, and He looks to dwell inside you and me. Through our participation by faith, we're given the privilege of partaking in some extraordinary exploits in His name.

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## 6. You've seen the top and the bottom of life. Out of all your experiences, what is the most important thing you have learned?

I discovered that our accomplishments mean nothing to God if we haven't learned to love. God is love and we are most like Him when we walk by the fruit of the Spirit and demonstrate love to others. Choosing to forgive, living by faith, and walking in love are the cornerstones of our faith and crucial to our spiritual maturity. Our final days are numbered but our good deeds are not. That final count is left up to us.

### 7. What advice do you have for those who aspire to reach their full potential?

Life's potential is unlimited. It can be thought of as an ascending staircase that reaches to infinity and "Understand that you are loved and adored by God and created by Him for His good pleasure. He delights in you and wants you to know Him as a loving Father. He also has an amazing plan for your life that will make use of every gift, talent, and experience He's given you. You're here on purpose, at this time in history, to make a positive difference wherever you go."

beyond. There is no off-ramp for those seeking to reach their full potential. Doing so will cost you everything you have, but the cost of not fulfilling your potential will be unbearable. That cost is paid by a life of insignificance and regret.

Being all God created you to be necessitates your full and active participation by faith. It requires vision, desire, courage, and intense labor—equally demanding your patience, persistence, and perseverance. Thomas Edison put it this way: "If we all did the things we are capable of doing we would literally astound ourselves." To become the fullness of the person God wants you to be, you must begin to see yourself as He sees you—with no limits. This requires a paradigm shift in your thinking. Once armed with that revelation, you can affect multitudes of future generations and become an asset to God, instead of a liability.

### 8. If you could leave us with one thing, what would that be?

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purpose and carrying out your godly assignment with courage, confidence, and clarity, and thus live a life of intention, adventure, and significance—the very thing you were created for!

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