

## **Failure to Launch!** **Part 1: The Vavoom Declaration!**

**The Comedy...** About taking “next steps” in life... Always “another reason” why he can’t leave the safety and comfort of his parents house... “He’s 35 yrs. old/still living at home!” “Lived upstairs since I was three!” “Sleeping on a twin bed with Superman sheets that you’ve had since you were 6”

**Real Life FTL...** Not so funny... when after reasonable time... We should be able to step out/step up responsibility/ circumstances in faith... We push the faith button and nothing happens... Give excuses for why we can’t move ahead... End up retreating...

***Fail to launch in your day of trial and the enemy will bring the fight to you wherever you are the rest of your life!***

**Real Life FTL...**

Old Testament: Israel at the borders of Jordan... time to “go in!” **Numbers 13** 40 days surveying the promised land: “surely it flows with milk and honey...” **v27** But “the people are strong, the cities are big and defended, and there are giants in the land!” **v28-33 FTL!** 40 years of *life-grinding repetition and boredom in the desert!* **14.33,34**

New Testament: The Anointed Church told to “go out!” **Acts 1** Waited fifty days for the power to be witnesses *in all the world...* **A2** Spent years off track, building the *Church of “Jerusalem...” FTL!* Didn’t get moving until *life threatening persecution/hardships!* **A7/8**

**The Pattern...**

God has a plan, a bold plan, a faith plan! And if it doesn’t exactly fit our plan... We resist, even turn away... Resistance always works against us! **How about Jonah?** But if respond rightly... faith building! Israel came back, got the promised land! Church got the plan, and prospered!

**What do you do...**

***When the diagnosis comes back, CANCER, DIABETES, ARTHRITIS, ATHEROSCLEROSIS...?*** Do you launch your offensive? Do you make excuses? Do you run to your bed and cry yourself to sleep?

***When the forecast is hyper-inflation, job lay-offs, retirement devaluations?*** Do you launch your offensive? Do you accept the forecast? Do you begin operating in fear?

***If you hear, I don’t love you anymore, I’m leaving, there’s someone else?*** Do you launch your offensive? Do you heat up with anger and jealousy? Do you concede to life being over?

***When hear, kid is in trouble, drugs, alcohol, anger, pregnancy, drop out?*** Do you launch your offensive? Do you make excuses for them? Do you cave in to their abuses/problems/ behavior?

***When find out you’re called to live to a much higher standard?*** Do you launch your offensive? Do you look for ways around it? Do you give in and give up because it’s too hard or too much to give?

***What do you do... When the nation is turning from God? When anger is filling your heart? When fear is running over you? When hopelessness assaults you? When responsibilities are piling up? When you feel like running away? When you feel like giving up?***

“In the world you will have tribulations... but be of good cheer because I have overcome the world!”  
**John 16.33** “Count it all joy when you fall into diverse *peirasmos*; adversarial tests!” **James 1.2** “Don’t think it’s strange when *purosis*; fiery trials come to prove you, as though some foreign thing is happening!” **1Peter 4.12** Really?

But I don't always feel like an overcomer... and where is that "cheer?" "I'm not feeling really joy-full in the twists and turns of life!" If these things are natural then why do I keep asking, "why is this happening to me?" ***Because you're not winning! In the face of "tribulations, adversarial testings and fiery trials" launch your offensive!***

### **The Vavoom!**

You "make & take" your stand on God's Word... You make your case on the word that carries power to perform/deliver/create! You "speak" His word to your mountain!

"Have faith in God! Whoever will say to this mountain, be removed and thrown into the sea and will not doubt in his heart but believes what he says will have it..." **Mk 11.22-24**

"This is the word of the Lord... not by might or power but by My spirit says the Lord. Who are you great mountain? You will become a plain and you will be brought down to become the headstone of your own grave by shoutings, crying grace, grace unto it!" **Zechariah 4.6,7**

### **The Vavoom!**

You "make & take" your stand on God's Word... State your condition, but end w/His word! Start in the natural, but end in the Spirit! Speak what you feel, but show what you know! See what's there and call the things that are not yet, as though they are!

### **The Vavoom!**

When do we use it? When everyday faith is not getting the job done... Need a boost of focus and energy!

Sickness that hangs on... Financial problems don't clear up... Relationship problems... Emotional flood needs containment! When it really is a mountain and not a molehill! We use it to break thru what stands in the way or to contain something that threatens to wash us away!

***By what we say, we choose hardship, persecution, life grinding repetition and boredom... or... Peace in tribulations, joy in diverse challenges and purification in the fires of life!***