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YOUR BEST DAYS ARE AHEAD

*"Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase."
(Job 8:7 KJV)*

Scripture says we haven't lived our best days yet. Everything starts small. We all start life as a small seed, which grows into something amazing!

ONE TINY SEED

Boston Bruins star defenseman Zdeno Chara stands 6'11" and weighs 255 lbs. He didn't start out this size! He was once a tiny seed in his mother's womb. Now he hulks over other players in the National Hockey League.

Jesus used an illustration of the mustard seed to show small things can grow large and become useful. We shouldn't belittle a small start. *"Then Jesus said, 'What is the Kingdom of God like? ... It is like a tiny mustard seed ... it grows and becomes a tree, and the birds make nests in its branches.'" (Luke 13:18-19 NLT)* Imagine that a tiny seed can become a large tree used by the birds to build their nests.

Everything in creation begins as a tiny seed. It's beginning is unpretentious and insignificant, but it doesn't end that way. You haven't lived your best days yet because God always has something better ahead. The Apostle Paul told the church at Ephesus that God planned a good life for everyone. *"For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) ... that*

we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]." (Ephesians 2:10 AMP)

TAKE YOUR OPPORTUNITY

We all need to expect to live an exciting and good life because God has made this possible for us through Christ. The Apostle Paul always had a positive attitude about his future, even in rough times. From his jail cell he penned these words to the Philippian Church: *"And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News... And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear."* (Philippians 1:12-14 NLT) Paul had an excellent attitude because he believed God and he expected that his best days were before him. So, if you've hit a pot hole in your life, keep driving through, saying, "My best days are ahead of me!"

Abraham Lincoln said, "The best way to create a future is to create it". We need to leave our past behind and move on. Someone once said, "Dear past, thanks for all the lessons, Dear future, I'm ready!" Ancient Chinese Philosopher and poet Lao Tzu said "If you are living in the past you are depressed. If you are anxious you are living in the future. If you are at peace you are living in the present." Be at peace and expect God's plan to unfold before you as you believe.

Our *vision* is to be a voice to our generation imparting truth, instilling hope, and motivating positive change.

Our *objective* is to present God's Word in a practical, relevant way through:

Life-changing teaching.

Inspiring guest interviews.

Distributing newsletters.

Providing resource materials.

Hosting workshops & seminars in First Nations Communities.

You can help by becoming a *monthly partner*. As a partner, you can:

Apply your faith in prayer.

Make financial contributions.

Lend your time and skills to help in program production.

Promote the program by telling others about it.

Encourage us with your letters and praise reports.

BEST DAYS FOR EVERYONE

Scripture promises us that even in our old age we can live productive lives. The Psalmist said, *"But the godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon...even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green."* (Psalms 92:12-14 NLT) There are no age limitations in God's plan! At the age of 80, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, a minister known for positive thinking, was asked what were his best years. He replied, "I haven't lived them yet." Luther Vandross, musician, singer-songwriter said, "The best part is still ahead of me - I haven't experienced my good ole days yet!" We need to adopt this mindset. I believe we can all be people of faith who believe for great things ahead.

DON'T DESPISE A SMALL START

God wants you to appreciate what you have now as you move ahead to a great

future. Trust God to fulfill his promises in your life. King David got off track when he became ungrateful and followed his selfish desires. The prophet Nathan reprimanded him saying, *"I anointed you king of Israel and saved you from the power of Saul... and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. And if that had not been enough, I would have given you much more."* (See 2 Samuel 12:7-9 NLT) God desires to give us much more than we can ask for, but it takes patience. We need to be grateful for what we have. The Scripture warns us not to despise a meager start. *"For who hath despised the day of small things?"* (Zechariah 4:10 CEB) Appreciate the ground you have gained in your life so far. Anything lasting and worthwhile takes time to grow. Believe the plans for your family, work, business, and ministry will be bigger, brighter and better in the days to come!

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GLOBAL Thunder Bay
Sunday 9:30 am EST

NEW!
CKPR Thunder Bay
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Times Vary

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Sunday 5:00 am EST

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Sunday 3:00 pm EST
Bell 591
Rogers 174
Shaw/MTS 11

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SPIRIT ALIVE NEWS

- **Annual Fall Conference & Grand Opening - September 16 - 20, 2015**
 - At our new Ministry Centre, 360 Black Bay Road, Thunder Bay
 - Celebrating 25 Years of Ministry for Pastor Roma and Anita
 - Book Launch of "My Name is Roma (Nindizhinikaaz Roma)"
 - Spirit Alive Night, Friday September 18
- **Annual Spirit Alive Partnership Banquet - Friday, October 16, 2015**
- **Spirit Alive Studio Renovations - Help us Reach our Goal of \$25,000!**

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New Home of Faith City Church & Spirit Alive
Frontage of Building, Sits on 6 acres of land



Front Entrance of Building