Choosing Wonder

Uncertainty is certain but one thing remains: our desire for wonder. Wonder is imbedded in the core of our soul. Very few seek a boring life, with so-so relationships, a mediocre romance and a take-it-or-leave-it career. We ***yearn*** for wonder. But how do we get wonder? Is *wonder* something we can capture like a trout at the end of a fly reel? Is *wonder* a formula? Is it a myth like the legends of Middle Earth, Sasquatch, or honest politics?

Time and time again in the Bible we get a view of wonder- how to lose it and how to seize it today. We see heroes who struggle- just like us. We see ordinary people who doubt- just like we do. And we see God compelling them to be all they never thought they could be. It all begins with preparation.

Chances are, this season of your life is all about preparing you for the next season of life. If you are anything like me and my church, you have big dreams and little budgets. Like a slingshot, you are being stretched to the limit in order to propel you into all the other phases of your life. This stretching time can determine your career, your lifelong friends, your financial future and ultimately, your spiritual direction. (No pressure.) While so many celebrate with a series of mind-numbing parties and shallow, surface-thin relationships based on all the wrong things, God wants to lead you through the threshold of wonder, bliss and amazement that will last for eternity.

Here are Six Ways to Choose Wonder

1. Seek out **private worship.** Having a daily time of worship and Bible reading places you in the zone of the supernatural. Shoot for seven days a week but hit at least five. See what God begins to show you.
2. **Connect** with one other person who is in agreement with

you to follow God and seek Him daily. Meet once a week with that friend.

3. **Make a difference** in one person's life. Pastor Andy Stanley says it like this: Do for one person what you wish you could do for everybody.

4. **Set boundaries** on frivolous spending and activities that disrupt your spiritual journey.

5. **Give up trying to control people.** Simply love them and work on yourself. It's amazing what happens when we allow people to experience the consequences of their actions. Instead of trying to fix people, just love them and let them see you live with integrity.

Look for God's hand and you'll be amazed! There are miracles and unexplained mysteries all around us. Once you find them, you'll bolster your faith to **ask God for big things.**