



Mary and Bob often find themselves sharing common ground when it comes to philosophy and ministry. When approaching ministerial concerns from different angles, *He Said - She Said* is a venue to share differing perspectives. *WE Said* reflects some mutual food for thought. (And then again, sometimes we're exactly on the same page – just sayin' – Bob)

The Wealthiest Place in the World

Bob and Mary's Perspective:

It's been said that cemeteries are the wealthiest places in the world, because they contain so many buried treasures: unwritten books, unrealized ideas, undeveloped inventions, and other such valuable riches. We have just celebrated Easter – the Resurrection of our Lord – and the start of spring, where we see new life growing from that which was dormant. In [our last blog](#), we talked about spring cleaning, or being intentional about evaluating what is life-giving and what is holding us back from becoming the best version of ourselves. If we have taken the time to empty our cups – or sock drawer, or whatever clutter is taking up valuable real estate in our brains – then we may have discovered room for new growth to blossom.

For years, Mary had a motivational quote from Arthur Ashe hung prominently in her office:

Start where you are.
Use what you have.
Do what you can.

When life shut down due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many discovered new passions or hobbies, and they took time to dream. Near the point when life's fast pace was ramping back up, we remember chatting with each other about what we would accomplish if/when there was another shut-down. Mary said the gift of another block of time would provide the perfect opportunity for us to publish our books. Does it really take a global pandemic to motivate action?

Maybe NOW it's time to dream.

God doesn't give us dreams and goals without giving us the "stuff" with which to accomplish those dreams and goals. Now, with the buds popping out, the weather turning sunnier, and the last push of the school year in sight, we are challenged to do our part in the process. In this time of rebirth or regrowth, take some inventory of where you are. What are the dormant or unrealized potentials that you've been putting off?



When we were researching some upcoming [Two for Tuesday](#) inspirations, we came across a quote from George Herbert: "Do not wait; the time will never be just right..." We (not just Bob and Mary – but we all) can be guilty of postponing whatever action because we are waiting for the time to be right – be it life circumstances, financial status, or checking a few things off some list. The reality is that, if we allow ourselves to get distracted or waylaid from growth because the time isn't perfect, then that growth will never happen. The time will never be perfect. But if we take the next small step toward a dream or a goal, even if the setting isn't perfect, we will at least move forward a little bit. And how often do we find that one little step leads to the next, and as God graces us on the journey, somehow we have the resources and talent and time to take the next few steps? Before we know it, we've made a giant leap forward!

Here's the part where "*He Said – She Said*" comes in... we were discussing the approach. Bob dreams big. He looks at the whole life picture, without limitations, and asks, "in your perfect world, what would make it the perfect world?" It seems like people who sit around with a lot of unrealized goals find contentment in mediocrity. If your world is mediocre, then it's making the lives of people around you the same, because you are offering nothing to help raise them up. If it's better for you, it's better for everyone, so when you just sit on your goals and dreams, it's taking away more than just *your* potential. It's taking away from the potential turning point in someone else's life – whether it's the book you write that sparks someone's idea, or the invention you create that makes another's life better, or the song you haven't written that could bring joy or solace to someone, or the project you haven't undertaken that would make a difference to others down the road.

Mary is overwhelmed by the vast possibilities, and prefers to segment things a bit. Go back to the spokes on the bicycle tire – looking at each of life's components, where do we intentionally grow? We keep referring to our unpublished book, so maybe that's one spoke that needs some attention. Career or financial growth is another untapped potential for many, so maybe that's the area on which to focus. Is starting an LLC in your realm of possibilities? Would the next rung of the corporate ladder more reachable with some continuing education or certification?

Whether you dissect the dream into "topics," or take a big-picture approach, the reality is we all have potentials that are unrealized or not fully realized. If you want to make a difference in your life, or in the life of others, where do you start? What's holding you back? Why are you letting it?

Back to the wealthiest places in the world, we are all headed there. What treasure will be buried with you?