

Stay Hungry ! Stay Foolish ! (Graziano Crepaldi)

Since few months the media reported the news of the death of Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple. This man has been one of the most influential person for our generation and has fully given all himself to his business vision. We have been especially impressed from one of his speech given to the Stanford University graduation Ceremony of 2005 (available on youtube). Steve shared in a short time some of the most relevant stories of his life and we believe that in this phase of our life we can identify very well with the message coming from this pioneer. Here are some of the lesson we can learn from Steve...

The first story is about connecting dots: Steve's life has been full of events that didn't flow in the right way. A lot of rejection and pain and wrong choices that on the moment seemed to be a total disaster, but when he look backward saw that all this situations were linked into a big positive picture. As follower of Jesus we believe that God has a plan for our lives and our steps are ordain from the Lord (Psalm 37:23). What a comfort for us to know that we don't have to have control over our lives and work hard to change our destiny! God called us to follow him and as we are looking back we see how many times he has protected us from danger and led us to great adventures that impacted the lives of many people.

The second story is about love and loss: In his speech Steve shared from his heart the hardness of seeing some of his great dreams coming to an end. Specially being fired from the company he has started. As well he shared about powerful new uninspected encounters that were possible only because some doors were closed in front of him. In these last 20 years of ministry in the Kingdom of God we have seen such situations and some visions we have been given birth with pain and joy were suddenly taken away from us. Sometimes in few weeks the people that mostly stand near you turn from friends into enemies. It is very hard to understand these events and protect your heart from bitterness and pain. Jesus had a very hard time when he saw his own disciples and friends turned against him and betrayed him. In Hebrew 12.2 we read as well that our Lord could endure such a death only because of the joy that was waiting after that. The sons and daughters of God have an incredible possibility for turning mourning into dancing as they embrace the path of Jesus and let him transform their future through letting go sins but also dreams and visions that has controlled their lives. Our disciple walk is a continuous path of transformation from glory to glory and the best is laying in front of us. Let's look forward in faith and receive the new fresh vision God has for our lives.

The third story is about death: Steve Jobs explain the shocking experience of being confronted with the death and the need of taking this challenge as something that stirs new motivations in his heart. Our wrong response to personal challenges and problems is probably the most effective killer of our dreams! Many times we have seen people leaving only with goal of protecting themselves and their visions. The consequence of such selfish lifestyle is devastating for ourselves and for those around us. God has given us a life that can be really lived only when we decide to offered it back to Him and to the others. The children of God are unbeatable super heroes in the unseen that go through the small and big death of life every day, bringing the message of the King of Kings and turning tears into joy. The apostle Paul understood that death had not power in his life anymore and in Rom. 8:38-39 is clearly saying that nothing can separate from the love of God. This motivation will turn the most terrible circumstances of your past into a glorious path of amazing experiences with God!

The main message of the life of Steve Jobs was stay hungry and stay foolish. There is nothing that make us more sad than seeing boring Christian that don't know their identity and move like zombie every day waiting religiously for the second coming of Jesus. Our God is an adventure Father that like to see his children exploring new paths and turning deserts into gardens (Isa. 51.3). Therefore in God there is not other way that stay hungry and stay foolish!