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Terror, economic fluctuations, homelessness, addictions, suicide, the sexualization of children, human trafficking. What is the answer to the world's problems and the malaise, angst, and consternation we live with in today's generation?

The answer is not political. The only solution is our Lord Jesus. We need revival. Imagine if the Holy Spirit of God came in a wave of glory flowing from California to Florida and hit all points in between. I believe this kind of outpouring of the Holy Spirit is on the way.

The question for you and me is, will we participate? Or will we merely be spectators of that revival?

Glen Berteau's book, *A Heart on Fire*, walks readers through what is required to become part of, or even become the start of, this revival. Glen writes, "Revival does not happen outside until it happens inside. Something has got to happen inside you so that it can ultimately happen in our cities and nation."

I couldn't agree more. In Scripture, we read that Elijah found Elisha plowing a field. Elijah went to Elisha and threw his mantle across Elisha's shoulders. In this story, the plow

represents the perseverance of work and sowing seed, and the mantle represents promotion. The subtext is that if you can push the plow, you can carry the mantle.

Elijah and Elisha lived in an era much like ours today. It was a generation marked by two wicked rulers. Ahab was a horrible king, and his wife Jezebel hated and persecuted the prophets of God. Spiritually speaking, Ahab represents forces with access and authority who sacrifice truth on the altar of expediency. Jezebel represents a manipulative, sexually coercive, perverse, corrupt cultural spirit intended to kill the prophetic voices, silence truth and marginalize the oracles of righteousness and justice.

I believe we live in a generation threatened by the same spirit today. Yet, I believe the “roaring twenties” of this millennium will be marked by the same spirit that promoted Elijah and Elisha. This generation of Elijahs and Elishas will be empowered by the Holy Spirit. They will exalt the name of Jesus, and with hands to the plow, they will usher in a fresh move of God’s Spirit.

What is the most powerful spirit alive today? It’s not the spirit of Jezebel. It’s not the spirit of Ahab. The most powerful spirit alive today is still the Holy Spirit of our God. When the Holy Spirit of God revives us personally on the inside, every other spirit is driven out.

Glen writes in this book, “A personal revival is not going to change who you are; it is going to remove who you are not.”

The Holy Spirit removes our issues, our prejudices, our unforgiveness, our cowardice, our hurts and wounds. As we push the plow every day, pressing into Jesus, pursuing passionately the presence of God, God’s mantle will fall on us.

Today’s plow pushers are tomorrow’s mantle carriers. For this reason, we cannot mistake the temporary for the

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permanent. We cannot think the process is the promise. We cannot confuse what we're going through with where we're going to.

Glen starts with the words "You have been chosen to change the world." It's true. You have. So I encourage you to read on, then go do it.

Reverend Samuel Rodriguez

Introduction

I Am Revival

 *Lord, let revival begin in me!* This desire was ignited in me and has been smoldering and burning since the day I was saved—49 years ago.

On November 25, 2019, I had a sudden cardiac arrest and died sitting in the front seat of my car in my church parking lot. Paramedics attempted to resuscitate me for 45 minutes before they found a slight pulse. I died and was revived eight times. It is a supernatural miracle that I am alive today.

Recovery has been the most difficult task that I have had to overcome. I must remind myself daily that God has more for me to accomplish. He wants me to speak into lives, to stir men and women to believe in Him, to develop a deep relationship with Him and to live a revival lifestyle.

The days of Oral Roberts and the old healing evangelists has ended, and we have a younger generation that is void of seeing signs, wonders and miracles. I believe the next revival will not only be souls but biblical miracles. As you read this

book, I believe that you will be set on fire for this next revival. I pray it will remind you that you have been chosen to change the world—your world—right where you are.

Too often we think a solution to our problems lies somewhere beyond us. We often believe new government officials, for example, will be the answer to our problems. Our thoughts are formed from watching the news and surfing the internet rather than from reading our Bibles. All that negativity shapes our opinions and the way we think. The state of the world feels chaotic, and we lose the pulse on God's plans and how He can use even the most unqualified individuals to shape history. It is nothing new. Even in Bible times people struggled with seeing beyond the current state of things.

Oh, what a sinful nation they are—loaded down with a burden of guilt. They are evil people, corrupt children who have rejected the LORD. They have despised the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him. Why do you continue to invite punishment? Must you rebel forever? Your head is injured, and your heart is sick. You are battered from head to foot—covered with bruises, welts, and infected wounds—without any soothing ointments or bandages. Your country lies in ruins, and your towns are burned. Foreigners plunder your fields before your eyes and destroy everything they see.

Isaiah 1:4–7

The good news is that we know the only One who can breathe upon this earth and bring revival, unity and hope. Our answers lie in the Word of God if we will just open it and read it. God's story is one of hope. It is one in which everything formed against you is used for your good. It is one in which you can overcome evil with good.

Can you imagine what you could do with a heart full of fire for Jesus? You may not feel as if you have been chosen, but God has predestined you to be a carrier of revival to the world. In order to fulfill your calling, you must accept that God has chosen you for such a time as this. So, how do you start? Where do you begin?

- Start by acknowledging, out loud, that you have been chosen to change the world, your city and your neighborhood.
- Start by being fed up with what is going on in the world. You are the difference-maker.
- Start by healing your heart through the giving and receiving of forgiveness.

A personal revival is not going to change who you are; it is going to remove who you are not. Your desire to succeed must be greater than your fear of failure. When you give God a heart of fire, you will realize your destiny and purpose. You will understand why you are alive right now.



1 | Chosen to Change the World

You have been chosen to change the world. God ordained you to be a positive influence, an ambassador of the Kingdom of heaven, a carrier of revival to the world. What impact are you making today? Accepting God's call to change the world is a choice only you can make.

In Luke 15, we read a story about a tax collector. Nobody likes to pay their taxes, but tax collectors in Jesus' day were a lot different from our tax collectors. They were nasty people who worked for the Roman Empire. They could tax you two, three or four times more than what you should be taxed. If you did not pay, they could call Roman soldiers to arrest you. That is why Zacchaeus, the tax collector, was considered a snake. Even his "generosity" was made possible by the extortion of others.

Being considered the friend of a tax collector would have cast a negative reflection on you. People thought if you hung

around with crooks and criminals, you must be okay with their behavior. You were implicit in taking food out of children's mouths, leaving widows destitute and burdening families with debts they did not deserve and could not pay.

Tax collectors were lumped in with other notorious sinners of the day: social outcasts, prostitutes, drug addicts and the like. The Bible says it was this crew of unlikable individuals who often came to Jesus and listened to Him teach.

Some Christians act as if they are so spiritual that they can only relate to those who float at angel altitude. Let me tell you, it does not work like that. Jesus-followers have the ability to relate to people of the world. That is what we are called to do! We are called to be the light of the world. We are chosen to change the world.

Some Christians act as if the world has a sin-disease they will catch if they get too close. This is not scriptural. Jesus was perfect and sinless, and yet He welcomed the tax collectors and sinners to come and sit with Him. He wanted them to hear Him preach. He knew He was the antidote to their sin-disease, and He was willing to let people into His circle. Because He was willing, lives were healed and changed.

The other day, I was in a drugstore that I frequent often. I went to the desk to check out. The guy behind the counter had this pull-over hairdo and huge gauges that looked like hubcaps in his ears. He was young, maybe twenty, and just weird looking. I did not have a problem with what I just mentioned, but he had a Satanic symbol tattooed on his arm. I thought, *This kid is probably a Satanist or something. Nothing like me, a Christian Jew.*

I looked at his name tag and deliberately started calling him by name. I did not say anything about the star tattoo on

his arm, but just kept speaking respectfully and nicely to him. While nothing changed immediately, I will keep going back to the drugstore to look for him. I will continue talking to him and will develop a relationship with him. I believe that sooner or later I am going to be the person who is going to change his world through Jesus Christ.

We cannot run from people of the world. We cannot avoid those who look like sinners and tax collectors. We must welcome them into our presence and get into their presence. We have got to be like Jesus.

The Bible tells us the tax collectors and sinners often came to hear Jesus teach. This offended the Pharisees and the teachers of religious law. They complained that they were being associated with such sinful people because they, too, came to hear Jesus teach. Can you imagine how that would sound from Pharisees today?

“How could Pastor Glen hang out with people who are not saved and then hang out with us? We’re Christians!”

“I can’t believe that he is hanging out with somebody in the world. Do you see what that kid is wearing?”

“There he is hanging out with a tax collector again.”

“He and his wife are eating with a prostitute—a known prostitute!”

“That guy just got out of jail! Pastor Glen is eating chimichangas at La Parrilla with a murderer.”

If you saw me around town with a known criminal or bad person, would you think less of me? The religious people thought badly of Jesus because they thought that He should not be hanging around with this sinful crowd.

No, no, no! You have been chosen to change the world. You know who is in the world? Sinners! Sinners are in the world. Bad people.

Parables with a Point

Jesus told the Pharisees and religious leaders a story. He said, “A man had a hundred sheep. One of them got lost. Do

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you know what the man did? He left the 99 others in the wilderness and went to search for the one that was lost. And then do you know what he did? He carried it back home on his shoulders” (see Luke 15:3–5). Could it be that if 99 believers were in a church service, Jesus would

leave the church to find the one who had strayed?

I can almost hear Jesus as He looks over the Sunday morning congregation. “Tell them to keep singing, Glen. We’ve got to go find some sheep. They’re not here today.”

Imagine if I turned to my staff and said, “I have to go find some lost sheep. I heard they hang out at Starbucks now. I am heading downtown to find them.” What if I did not preach because I went to Starbucks to find and bring the lost sheep home? Some members of my church would not like that. They would ask, “Where’s Pastor Glen? He’s supposed to be here. I don’t know what he thinks he’s doing. He is talking to one person when we’ve got thousands here that he needs to talk to. He needs to feed us the Word!” No. You eat too much. You need to start putting your faith into action.

Jesus went on to say that when the man arrived home with his lamb, he called together his friends and neighbors and threw a party (see Luke 15:6). Would we rejoice with the man? What would our response be if someone came to us and said, “Hey, come meet my brother. He has been lost for about ten years, and he has finally come back to the Lord! He’s been on drugs, but now he’s free!”

Or what if a friend said, “I just reunited with my sister after twenty years. I want her to meet you!” We would be thrilled about that, right? So why would we not be equally thrilled—or even more thrilled—about the lost being found? Jesus said there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents and returns to God than over 99 who stay faithful (see Luke 15:7).

He went on to tell the religious leaders another parable. He said, “Suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one” (Luke 15:8). The woman lost something? Not the man? Yes. Oh, we are going to start a fight right now! (Don’t worry. This is going to turn around.) The value of a coin was about a day’s wage. The woman in this story had lost a whole day of pay when she lost that coin. Jesus said, “Won’t she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it?” (verse 8).

Imagine that you lost your keys. What are you going to do? You cannot drive your car. You might freak out a little searching for them, but you will search everywhere until you find them, right?

Jesus said that when the woman finds the coin, “She will call in her friends and neighbors and say, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin’” (verse 9). Would you not do that? He said, “In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents” (verse 10).

Lost in Dallas

Let me tell you a man story. I do not lose things often. If I do, I get mad at myself. You know, *Come on, Glen! Where did you put it? This is stupid! What is wrong with you?*

Deborah and I were in Dallas, Texas, where I would be speaking at a church. The pastor and I have been friends for many years. The next day, we were to fly out so that we could

get back to our church in time for the evening service. We decided to stop at a fashion jewelry store so that my wife could look around. It was not an exciting stop for me as I typically end up holding my wife's purse. Deborah found several inexpensive pieces of nice jewelry (it looked like a bunch of Mardi Gras beads to me), and like a good husband, I paid for it.

Well, the next morning as I got ready to go to the airport, I realized that I could not find my wallet! Because my license was in the wallet, I really needed to find it. Without it, I was not going to be able get on the plane. I panicked a little.

I looked over there. "Do you see my wallet?"

I looked over here. "Where did you put my wallet?"

I went through bags. "You must have lost it because I don't lose my wallet."

I tossed around the blankets and pillows. "Someone touched it. Yeah, you did, Deborah! You touched it! So where did you put it?!"

I looked all over, but I could not find it. Then I remembered the little jewelry shop. I figured that I must have left it at the counter when I paid.

The jewelry shop did not open till ten o'clock, but we got there thirty minutes early. I could see clearly that the staff was fixing up the store, stocking jewelry and such, but the door was locked. I started banging on the door.

"Hey! I left my wallet in your store! I have to catch a plane!" Nobody would look at me because they had not clocked in yet. They did not care about me or my departure time. Then the lady who had checked me out the night before walked by.

I yelled, "It's you! You, lady! You checked me out yesterday! My wallet is in there! Open the door! We've got a plane to catch!"

She stopped and asked, "What do you want?"

“You checked me out yesterday. Remember? I had to hire a U-Haul to carry out our jewelry. Yeah, that was us. Look, let me in. Check and see if you have my wallet.”

She looked in the lockbox, but it was not there. I asked if she had another box. Nope. My wallet was not in the building. It was after ten o’clock at this point, so we headed back to the hotel to look around the room one more time. I was thinking, *Maybe they found it when they cleaned the room. Maybe it is waiting for me at the front desk.* We got to the hotel and learned that they had cleaned our room—but my wallet had not been found.

I called my assistant, Shannen, and said, “We can’t get on the plane. I can’t find my wallet!” I called my friend and said, “Pray for us. I can’t find my wallet!” I called a bunch of people and asked them to pray. Then I opened the trunk and grabbed my briefcase.

There is this one little zipper pocket in my briefcase that I never use. I never put anything in there. Have you done this before? You never put anything in it—except this *one* time? You figure, *If I cannot find it, then whoever breaks into my room will not find it either.* I unzipped this pocket, and there was my wallet, safe and sound.

I took off running to the hotel and told everyone, “I found it! Don’t worry!”

I called my assistant and said, “I found it! Don’t worry!”

I called my friend and said, “I found it! Don’t worry!”

I called everybody.

There is a certain excitement you experience when you find something that you believed was lost. We should have this kind of excitement when somebody walks to the altar to find Jesus. You and I need to shout about it. “They found Him! They found Him! Praise God!”

Charlotte Was Chosen to Change the World

I am glad you are reading this today. I want to tell you about a few people who were lost. All of them decided how they would respond to God's call upon their lives. Some said yes; some said no. Let's see how things turned out for them.

I spoke at a Christian high school years ago. It was not really a Christian school, but it was Christian in name, if you know what I mean. It was a place for everyone, from the Christian student to the student who had been kicked out of public school for misconduct. After I finished speaking, this beautiful student named Charlotte came up to me. She was a talented young lady in many areas, including academics.

From the way she carried herself, you would think she would be the sweetest, nicest person in the world. She came to me and asked if she could meet to talk about something she had been dealing with in her life. Now, normally I would tell someone to go straight to the Lord about whatever he or she is dealing with, but I felt God speak to me about meeting with her. I had her call my office to schedule an appointment. Charlotte came to my office, and what she told me surprised me.

She said, "Four out of five nights a week I wake up with these horrible dreams where I'm dying. I get killed at least four times a week in my dreams. They are violent and horrible dreams."

I asked, "What kind of music do you listen to?" She was not a Christian, so she told me that she listened to death metal. Let me just connect that for you right here: death metal equals death dreams.

I said, "You're listening to horrible people singing about death and demons and hell. They're putting pictures in your mind, and your dreams are coming from the music."

She remarked, “Oh, that’s crazy! No way that happens!”

I said, “Yeah, it does. But Charlotte, when I saw you and found out what you do and who you are in this school, I felt prompted to tell you that you’re chosen to change the world. You’re popular. You’re at the top of your class. You’ve got all these little girls who follow you around. You’re an influencer. You’ve been chosen to change the world. I need to help you understand why you are here. I want to help you understand your purpose.”

She said, “No way. I don’t believe that, and I don’t believe the music has anything to do with my dreams.”

I said, “It does. I can pray for you right now, and when Jesus replaces that, you will totally be free. You won’t have any more nightmares.”

She showed me a sketchbook that held drawings that she had done. The images were quite good, but they were satanic imagery. She said that some were taken from the album art of music that she listened to.

I said, “Wow. Here’s the devil. And here’s Satan with the staff. No wonder you have these nightmares!” I flipped the page, and one specific demonic image jumped out to me. Charlotte told me that it was a representation of who she was on the inside. It is amazing how we can play the game and look put together on the outside, but when we step into the silence, we realize the ugliness of who we really are. We are not who we pretend to be.

I told Charlotte, “You don’t have life in you at all. You have death. You have a spirit of suicide on you.” She agreed. “But Charlotte, you’ve been chosen. You understand what God has done for you? You’ve been chosen to change the world. Let me pray with you. Let me tell you how this can turn around.”

Charlotte said no. She did not believe she was chosen. She left my office, and I did not see her for quite a while. Then one day, she showed up to one of our church meetings.

After the service, she told me, “Hey, you’re pretty good at preaching. I really believe you tell the truth. I just don’t want to accept it. You do tell the truth, and I like hearing the truth, but I don’t want it.” When she said that, the Lord told me three specific things that were going to happen in her life. I shared them with her, but I did not tell another human being. She left resistant to what I had said, defiantly dismissing the series of events the Lord showed me she would experience. Over the next several months, each of the things the Lord showed me happened to her. She reached out to me and reported what happened, but still turned her back on the Lord.

I did everything I could to reach that little girl who was chosen to change the world. And she still said no.

Steven Was Chosen to Change the World

Steven was a guy involved in the occult in school. I was getting ready to start a Christian club at his school when he sought me out. He looked as though he was the head of a gang. He had influence. Gang leaders have influence. They can gather people to do all sorts of harmful things. They can tell people, “You go shoot this one, you stab that one.” People obey and do it. That influence is something God put in them to use for His glory, but it gets used by the devil.

Steven said to me, “If you go around starting Christian clubs, I’ll start satanic clubs in the same school.”

I said, “Have at it! We’ll see which club wins. But you know that you’ve been chosen to change the world.”

He said, “No. I don’t want it.” Steven never did start any satanic clubs. In fact, he ended up coming to our church. He later confessed to me that he only came to the service to shoot me, but he saw an angel behind me during the altar call. It radically changed his life.

Change the World

The rich young ruler met Jesus (see Matthew 19:16–23). Here was a person who had everything, and he was chosen to change the world. He had the funds to underwrite everything Jesus did and every church that would start later. He had an audience with the Son of God. Jesus told the rich young ruler what it was going to cost him to follow and that he could change the world if he did. Matthew tells us, “But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions” (verse 22). He was a man who had the ability to gain wealth, and he had the ability to lead. He led thousands of people, but he could not lead himself.

Judas was chosen, picked by Jesus, to be one of twelve individuals to change the world. He had the opportunity, but you know what? He just could not get himself right. He listened to too much negativity, and he ended up turning Jesus in to the authorities (see Luke 22:3–6). After that, he killed himself.

I think Barabbas would have had a tremendous testimony, don’t you? He was released when Jesus was taken captive. He was a murderer. He deserved his jail time. He deserved the cross, but when asked whether they should release Barabbas or Jesus, the people shouted, “Give us Barabbas!” He walked free (see Matthew 27:15–26). You would think that in that moment, this man would realize that he was chosen to

change the world. He was given a second chance and a platform. He could have gone from a murderer to a minister. But there is not one Scripture passage that tells us he changed.

Lauren Was Chosen to Change the World

I remember a girl named Lauren in one of the high schools I served. She got saved later in her high school years. She was one of those girls who had slept around because she wanted to feel loved and accepted. One day she realized that her behavior was hurting her, and she had an encounter with the Lord. Her life changed dramatically.

Around that same time, I challenged a group of young people that before they left high school, they needed to make a difference. They needed to let people know who they were. They needed to let others know they were believers who would stand with Christ and not bow out. Lauren was a part of this group, and she listened to my challenge. She determined that she was going to take a great stand when she had the chance.

She found the opportunity during an assignment in which the students were to speak about an item that meant a lot to them. She knew that she wanted to talk about her Bible. She stood in front of the class and told them that her item was the most powerful item in the world. “It has the ability to take a life and change it so that the bad things a person does, he or she will not want to continue doing. It can take health issues, like cancer and heart disease, and heal them in an instant. My item has the ability to release alcoholics or drug addicts.”

When she revealed that her item was a Bible, the students vocalized disappointment. “It’s a Bible you’re talking about?

I thought you had some kind of drug—some new thing that could do all that you said.”

She bravely continued, “Hey, you know me. A couple of years ago, I was with most of you doing the things that you did. Then I stopped, but you didn’t know why I changed. It was the Man in this Book who changed me. Everything I told you is exactly the truth.”

The anointing flooded the classroom, and Lauren told the students that the Author of her Book, Jesus, wanted to change their lives just as He had changed hers. She then asked her teacher if she could ask the class if they wanted to know the Author of her Book, Jesus. With the teacher’s approval, Lauren then asked every student to bow their heads and pray. Almost twenty students prayed the sinner’s prayer!

We Were Chosen to Change the World

My wife was chosen to change the world, but for years she did not know it. The devil pointed out her fear, her insecurity and her feelings of rejection. “You can’t do what your husband does! You just need to sit there.” What is she doing now? She stands in front of a thousand prayer warriors and speaks into their lives. She decided she was going to do it even though she was afraid, even though she was insecure and did not want to face rejection.

My son Micah went through a time in his life when he did not want to be in the ministry. The enemy whispered, “Why should you go into the ministry? Your dad’s traveling all over the place. How are you going to be bigger than your dad? You need to find something else to do.” He got a marketing degree in college. Now he has completed a master’s degree in theology—the Bible! He came to the realization that he

was chosen to change the world. He gets calls from all over America, Australia and New Zealand to speak because he said yes.

Where would I be today if I had said no to God, or if I did not have a Bible? I was not raised in a Christian home, but before I was born, I was chosen to change the world. And I had the opportunity to make a decision for Christ forty-plus years ago. I have never been the same. If I would have said no, how many tens of thousands of people would not know the Lord today?

You Were Chosen to Change the World

What about you? Are you underestimating who you really are and what you can be? I mean, come on! Who wants to live eighty years on this planet and then go to heaven and only be able to say to God, “Well, I went to church every once in a while. I went to that men’s thing and got a T-shirt. I gave occasionally.”

You have been chosen. “Many are called, but few are chosen” (Matthew 22:14). Many are called. Many will read this book, but only a few will listen. I pray that you are one of a few who will realize that there is something in your life that you need to do for God. I hope you will realize that there is something that you must accomplish for God.

I did not wait to find the right people before I did something for God. I knew for myself that I was called to do something. God was so real to me that I had to touch people who had not been touched. People were hurting.

What would it be like if I secured a cure for cancer but kept it hidden for ten years? What would you feel if you found out that I had hidden the cure while cancer killed someone

you loved? Your sister would have lived. Your brother would have lived. Your parent would have lived. “What is wrong with him?” you would say.

How about you? You have a cure. It is in your Bible. You have a cure for what you need. You have a cure for what everyone needs, regardless of the need. Your cure can remove sin and give someone purpose who had no purpose before. You have a cure. Would it be wrong to hold on to this cure for eighty years, never saying a word to anyone?

I want you to imagine a funeral. At the funeral, the pastor says, “He loved the Lord for sixty years.” You turn to your neighbor and remark, “He was a Christian?! I didn’t even know!” You have been chosen to change the world. You were not saved to sit in church. You have to go talk to people. The woman at the well was not in church (see John 4). The rich young ruler was not in church (see Mark 10). Nicodemus was not in church (see John 3). None of them were. They were all out there in the city. That is where you need to go!

Who is the lucky person who is going to run into you, the one chosen to change the world? Who is going to be in your path this week so that you can express the love of God to them and breathe life upon the person they are meant to be? Who is finally going to hear the truth because of an encounter with you? Who is going to know what it means for his or her life to change?

God says, “How much time do I need to give you? For how many years have I put you right where you are and given you an opportunity to do something?” Understand that you have been chosen to change the world. Understand that many hear but few believe. I want you to believe God. I want you to believe that you are able to turn a life on for Christ.

Quit waiting for some professional to come in and do what you are called to do. The bottom line is that you are not going to find a professional when you need one. God uses simple people like you and me who love Him and who go to church. He is going to use you—not your neighbor—to touch society. It is you. Wherever you go today, you are supposed to affect somebody. You are supposed to light up someone's day. I am serious!

