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- **Live fearlessly** — “Do not be afraid...”

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God's 8 steps to doing the impossible:

1

Refuse to panic when it looks impossible.

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Learn the facts and motivations. (Ask why)

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He asked Arioch, "Why has the king issued such a harsh decree?" So Arioch told him all that had happened.

3

Take the time to create a solution.

Daniel 2:16 (NLT)

Daniel went at once to see the king and requested more time to tell the king what the dream meant.

How:

- **Ask for permission from your superior or boss.**
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Ask. God is waiting.



Give God my total attention... Worship Him!

Daniel 2:19 (NLT)

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Pray and worship in these 3 ways in every crisis:

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Daniel 2:19b-20 (CEV)

Then he praised the God who rules from heaven: “Our God, your name will be praised forever and forever. You are all-powerful, and you know everything.”

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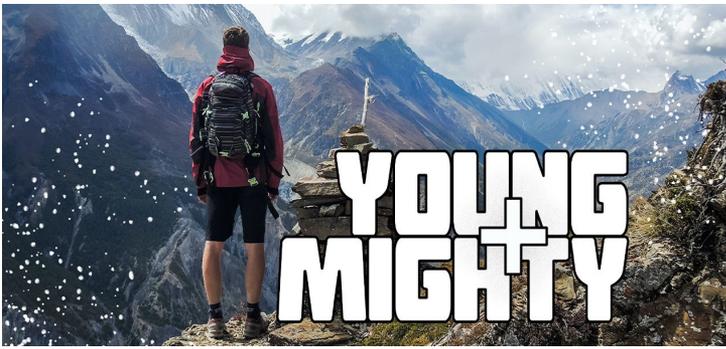
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