

# Level Up

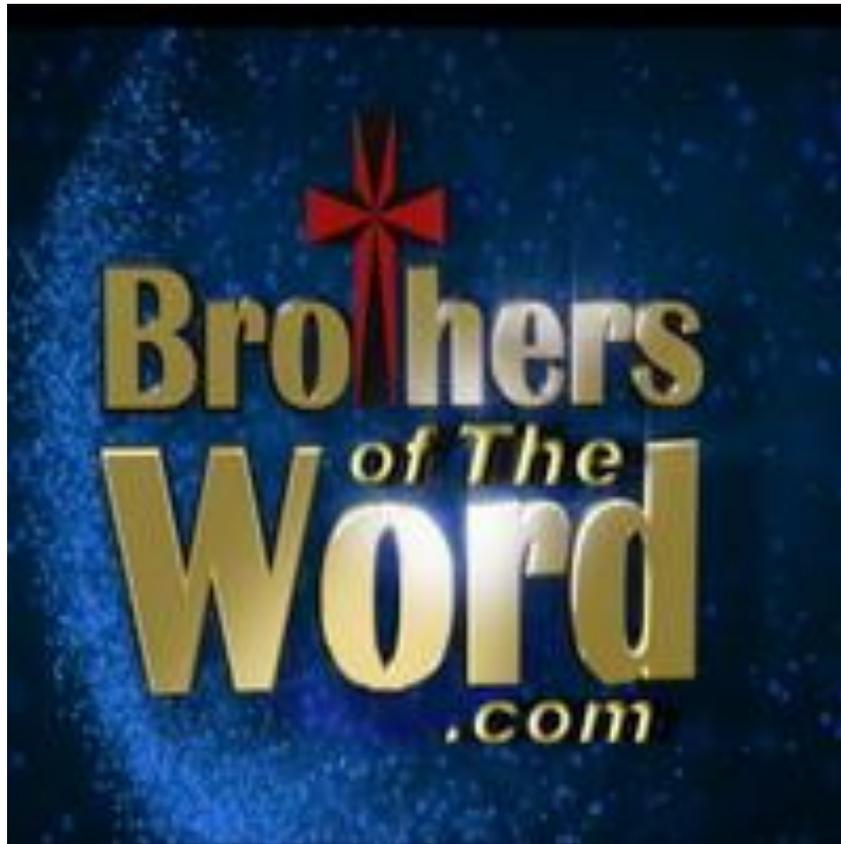
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And now for 6519, "Level Up."

Sydney Guy: Good morning Ark of Salvation. I know we can do better than that. Good morning Ark of Salvation! That's more I like it. Well, I'm Sydney Guy. I attend Deshler High School and I'm in the ninth grade. Can we all give just another a round of applause to our worship leaders and the guy, and the kid. (00:01:20) they did an amazing job. I think they did an amazing job. Thank you. First and foremost, I would just like to start up by saying that I'm so grateful to God for the opportunity to stand before you today. I would like to thank the pastors of this church and their absence for allowing me to take an active part here at the Ark of Salvation. I'm humble by your willingness to allow young person, such as me, to share what is on my heart for the people and the congregation and the online audience. I would like to thank my parents and my sisters, and my entire family for their continuous support and prayers. I would like to thank so many people who make up our village, our servant pastor, Reverend Olu Brown at Impact Church (00:02:10), our youth pastor Sam, our teachers, our friends, parents and anyone else who has prayed for me and my sisters. Now will you please bow your heads as I pray for God to bless our time together.

Dear Heavenly Father, as a representative here on earth, I pray that you will use me as your mouth piece to spread your words on most all of my lovely friends of God. I pray that you will ground me in your words, so that your power flow freely through our lives like rivers of living water. I hope and pray that from my message to day, someone would take home something and use it throughout their lives just as I use it in mine, Lord. We need your strength and your peace, that only you can give us, Lord. Help us behind the hurdles that tripped us up throughout the week. Help

us to remember that you are in control, you are diving our car, you are searing our bow and that you got us, Lord. Keep us safe as we go upon our journeys this week. Help us to face every storm we come across. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

So when my grandmother ask me to talk to you guys and share a message, I didn't really know what to talk about. I mean, God has blessed me with so many things. He has helped me overcome so many obstacles and we breakdown so many barriers and I can really just talk about anything. But lately, I've been experiencing thing where people are getting in my way. They don't want to see me go another level up. They want to just see me down a level. They don't want to see me up in the level above them. The devil has put obstacles that I feel like I need to just give up in life. I feel like that's just not for me and it's time for me to give up. But I don't know how about you guys, but I have had those friends, peers, colleagues, team mates and classmates, they just try to bring me down a level. They don't want to see me succeed. They don't want to see me be great. They don't want to see me get to the finish line. But God put those people in our lives so that we can level up. So that we can overcome the barriers, overcome the obstacles and get over the hurdle.

He wants us to level up. He wants us to get over the hurdle. But sometimes people think that the hurdles are like too hard, they can't overcome them, they can't get over the hurdle, but you can't give up because if you give up, they will not even go. You won't get nowhere. God has so many plans for us. God's plan. He has so many plans for us that we have to get to so many levels, that we have to get to -- I know Mario Kart, you might have like level 100, but God has like level one billion, one trillion. We have so many levels to get to. But if you give up, you can't get to that level, so you can't give up, you have to keep going and keep going on and on to the levels that you have to reach to be successful. But if you give up, you can't go to that level.

Luke Chapter 1:37 says, "For nothing is impossible with God." We have so many levels. All the levels, they get harder and they get harder, you might want to give up but you can't give up, because if you have God by your side, nothing is impossible. You can do everything, nothing is impossible. We have so many levels. The harder the levels get, God is just going to be by your side, He is going to be just holding your hand, every step of the way, every level, there are so many levels.

So, I have a story, a quick story for you guys. I play volleyball. Can I get the slide for the volleyball, please? Thank you. I try out for the volleyball team at seventh grade and some people tell me I wasn't going to make it. I wasn't going to get there and I just feel like giving up. The obstacles I have in my way were conditioning. Conditioning is not that easiest thing for me. It's very hard, that's obstacle, a barrier, but I have to level up. So, in seventh grade, I tried out for the volleyball team and there were so many people that told me I couldn't do it. I just had things that I couldn't do, but I have to level up. I didn't make the team at seventh grade, but over the summer and over the years, leading up to my eighth-grade year, I had to condition more, I didn't give up. I could not give up, I wanted to get somewhere so I had to get there and so I condition and I leveled up and I practice and come eighth grade year, I made the seat because I didn't give up.

So if you don't give up, you will make it somewhere. There are so many levels. We have to level up, level up, level up. We have to level up. Don't let anybody tell you that you can't get to that level. There might somebody right here, somebody right here, somebody right here and somebody right here. You got to go around all those people. You got to get to the next level. A Mario Kart, you got to go around those people. Shoot them with the bombs, you got to get to the next level. Think to yourself that nobody can bring you down, you are what you are. Nobody can bring you down because "with God, nothing is impossible". You might have so many people that don't want to see you succeed but on the other hand, you have a lot of other people that do want to see you succeed. They want to see you get to that next level. So all these haters over here that don't want to see you get to this level, tell them "Bye." We don't want them, we don't want them. Never give up because if you make it to the finish line, you have somewhere to succeed. So I didn't give up playing volleyball, but I could have, but when I made to the team in eighth grade year, greatness is ahead of you.

Jeremiah 29:11 says that "I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord "Plans for welfare and not for evil to give you a future and a hope." So God has plans for us. He had so many plans. God's plan again, but he has so many plans, but if you give up, if you stood down a level, if you don't try to level up, then you won't get to the plans that God has for you. He has so many plans. He has so many plans, but if you just want to see yourself go

down, you want to see yourself just keep going down another level, you won't level up and we're trying to level up. See, says that level up part, so many times in her songs, so we have to level up and we got to keep leveling up. We can't level down, there are so many people that want to see us level down. We can't let us level down. All levels with God can be reached, all levels. So if you have God with you to all levels, they can all be reached. You can all get to them, there are so many levels that you can get to, there are so many.

The David and Goliath story, you heard about that story? Okay, I don't know if you haven't, but David, is like the small person, Goliath is like the giant. So the giant Goliath, he thinks that just because he is on a level up and David is down here on this level, but David can get to his level. But David can get to his because the giant thought that nobody could be him, nobody could be him, everybody in the village was scared, nobody could be him, they all just gave up in trying to be him after like two people or three people tries to be him. But David, he didn't want to give up, he didn't give up. He has to level up above the giant. He has to get to another level above the giant. So, he had to level up and he never gave up. So, he got a sling shot and he shot the level up. He is on another level but he is really not. He was just on the level high. David has to get to that level. David has to get to the level of the giant, he never gave up. So why would you? There are so many levels, you have to level up, level up and level up. There are so many levels that we have to get to. Don't give up. I know in my sin like it's hard right now, these barriers and these obstacles and these hurdles that you can't get over, they might seem so hard right now, but you have to level up, you can't give up. See, I'm not good at hurdles and I know I'm going to fall over at hurdle, I even try one them, but I know I'm going to get back up and I'm never going to give up. You can't give up. I don't know about you all, but I will be following over that hurdle. But God out these barriers and these levels and these obstacles and these hurdles in our life for a reason. He wants to see us get over them because he knows we can, because nothing is impossible with him. He knows we can get to another level.

He knows we can get to another level. He knows we can get to level 100 from 1. We can go from 1 to 100. One is Him. One to a billion. He knows we can get to those levels. We can't give up. If I tripped over that hurdle, and I just fall down, and I just stayed down. Where am I going

to go in life? What am I going to do? What am I going to do? There are so many levels. We have to level up. You got to keep leveling up. We got to keep leveling up. You can't just stop at one level. You can't. Like I said, there are so many levels. I'm going to keep saying that because there are so many levels that we have to get to. There are so many levels. Don't let anybody stop you. Don't let anybody say you can't get to the next level. Don't let anybody tell you that you're not great enough, that you can't get to that level. You go around, like in football. Got to get to that level. You got to get there somehow, someway, you got to get there. You got to keep leveling up. Like my sister. My sister is over there. She was trying to get in my way. And when I try to get to the food in the kitchen, well I'm trying to get to the shower first, well, I got to get around her. I got to level up. I got to level up to go get that food. And I know at work, you have some colleagues, or some teammates, or some people that try to get to that level before you, you can't let them. You got to go around and you can't let them get to that level before you. You got to go level up. You got think to your head at work and we're singing that song, "Level up, level up." You got to sing that song while you're at work as a natural disc. You got to level up. If you don't challenge yourself to get to that level, you're not going to have any challenges. God is putting these barriers and these obstacles on our life for a reason. He wants us to challenge ourselves. He wants us to be better. He wants us to get there. Don't ever quit. If that challenge is too hard that you give yourself, give yourself just an easy little challenge but don't ever quit. Don't ever quit on the challenge that you give yourself. And if the challenge that you give yourself is too easy, give yourself another harder challenge because, "With God, nothing is impossible". All the challenges, you can face. All the challenges, you can get to. Because there's always going to be a good outcome. It might not be as soon as you wanted. It might not be right when you wanted but there's always going to be a good outcome. But you have to get there first. The outcome, it may not be as soon as you wanted. You got to get there. You got to challenge yourself. Challenge after challenge after challenge.

I went to a birthday party the other day. It's for a kid. And it was like stairs on the bouncy houses. And it was slippery. And I just gave up y'all. I was so tired. I went in those stairs so many times. It was like I couldn't get up there, so I just gave up. But then I thought about, I was like you got to think about the challenges that you can't face. And you got to think about like how to get to the next level. So, I thought about -- I sat down, looked at those stairs, So, I'm, "how can I go up to those stairs?" I thought about it. And I really just started back here and I ran for. I went up to level. You go to level up. I have to get up those stairs

to go down that slide. I want to go down that slide so bad. You got to level up. You have to. You have to get up that level. You can't let those stairs, those slippery stairs, you can't let them not let you get to the slide. I can't let my sister get to the food first. I can't let her get in the shower first. No, Sir. No, no. You got to level up.

The work does show work, your colleagues, your teammates. They might be challenging. My mom, her teammates, they put so much work on her. She comes home, "Oh my God, I got to this. I got to do that. This Ma'am put this on me. This Ma'am put that on me." But she got to level up for them people. Those teammates, those colleagues, she got to level up. She got to do that work. She can't give up.

My dad sometimes, he was telling me to go to sleep. I haven't even finished my work. He was telling me to go to sleep though. I didn't finish my work on. I didn't finish anything. I can't give up. That's why I'll be telling him, I've been trying to use that. I know it's time for me to go to sleep. I can't give up. I got to finish my homework. I can't just stop right now and then give up. Like "Come on, Dad! You know I got to finish my homework. You know it's due tomorrow. You know I had a week." I can't give up though. I know it's due tomorrow but I can't give up. I can't. You just can't give up. There are so many levels. If I finish that homework that night, I would get an A, but I got a B instead because it was late. You can't give up. You have to get to 100%. You have to succeed. God wants to see you succeed. He wants to see you be great. He wants to see you get to another level. You got to level up, level up. You got to level up. But once you level enough and you're challenging yourself, don't give up. You can't give up. Like don't give up in those challenges, those obstacles, that hurdle that we just fell over, we got to get up y'all. We got to get up.

You might have went to something this week that challenge you so bad, you just want to give up. You can't. Because look what you made it. You made it past the week. We're in a new week now. You didn't give up so we made it to a new week. If you don't give up, we'll make it to the next week, and the next week, and the next week after that. But we'll have more challenges throughout the week. We'll have challenges to face, and things to do but we can't give up. We're going to have a thousand hurdles throughout the week, a thousand obstacles, a thousand barriers to break, but we can't give up. We have to get at to the end of the week. We got to get to Sunday to praise Jesus. Even though you can praise Him throughout the week, you got to get to Sunday. You can't give up. You got to make it.

Don't look. Nobody see you be down. You got to level up. Just remember this week, when you're sitting at your desk, when a teammate come put some more work on you after you already had a thousand papers to do and you have so much work to do, you got to stacks the papers on your desk. And they come to up another stack., don't give up. Level up. And you come the end of the day, and you put all the stacks back on their paper, and say, "I leveled up and I didn't give up. I did these papers. I did this." You have to level up. Don't give up.

So today, we level enough. Thank you. We're leveling up y'all. Just remember this week that we have to level up. Don't give up. We got to get to the next level. We got to level up.

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