



Celebrate Your Crumbs by Simon T. Bailey

Recently, I was being interviewed by *Total Package Women's Network*. A caller asked, "what do you do when your internal picture of future success is the total opposite of your current reality? How do continue to push yourself forward when everything that you are hearing says stop spending, hold on to your job or business and wait for the U. S. Congress to share how they can save the freefalling economy through tax increases and tax cuts?"

In an instant, I said that you have to take the crumbs of your life and realize that there is a loaf of opportunity awaiting you. If that is true, then there must be a bakery where you can scale your brilliance and impact the world.

In a new study by the Barna Group, it states that one out of every three adults in the United States of America say they are not living life to their fullest potential, including those who say they are "not at all" (6%) or "not much" (26%). The study then went on to say that 70 million Americans (31% of adults) feel "held back or defined by something in their past."

If you have settled for the life you have instead of the one you desire, what are you going to do to change it? If you are held back because of "whatever", either you deal with it or you will continue to loathe the crumbs of life. Bring me your crumbs and let me show you how to turn it into something you've never seen before.

The first 22 years of my life were crummy and without a lot of possibilities. But one day I heard about Jesus Christ and became a follower. I am totally cool with Jesus, however, some of the members of his fan club freak me out. I gave him the crumbs of a boring existence, crumbs of rejection, crumbs of dejection, oppression, depression, and suppression. He said "I am the bread of life". WOW... someone that knows what to do with crumbs!

Bring me your crumbs. Some people have settled for the crumbs of an unfulfilling marriage that is holding on by a thread. Why? Either be in it to win it or free the person to a happier life. If you are divorced, pick up the crumbs of brokenness and bake some bread. Don't allow your past to strangle your future.

I was in New York City and decided to witness Occupy Wall St. with my own set of eyes. Though I didn't necessarily agree with the protesters, I clearly understood their perspective. They were tired of pursuing the crumbs of finding a job, owning a home, and building a meaningful life to no avail.

As I am writing this e-newsletter, I sense that some of you don't know what to do with your crumbs. In fact, you settled for the crumbs of limitation as the walls of no hope begin to close in around you.

Stop accepting the behavior crumbs of your bosses. If they don't respect you and you don't respect them, move on. There are too many cool bosses to work for than to work for a total jerk.

Start developing an appetite for the spectacular instead of settling for the crumbs of the ordinary.

Stop accepting a crummy marriage relationship. Sometimes you can be married, but not marriage-minded. It doesn't help anyone in the long run. Start looking at your spouse or significant other through the eyes of brilliance. You can't change them, but you can change how you choose to see them. Once that happens, you begin to change how you talk to them.

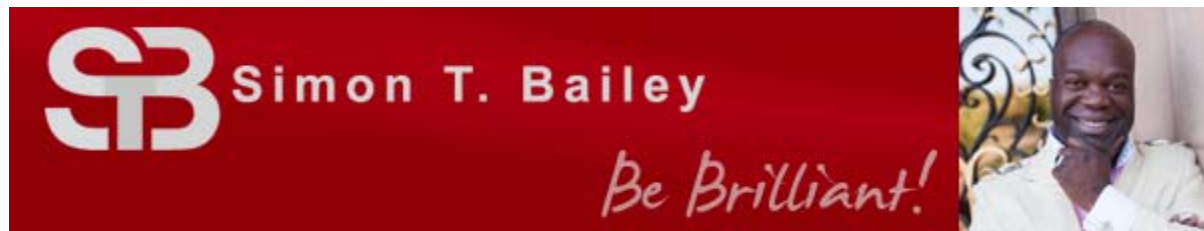
Stop accepting the crumbs of negativity that are fed to you by complainers, whiners, and people that are more negative than an undeveloped piece of film.

Start to gather the crumbs of your existence and roll it into a loaf of bread. This is a new spin that I am putting on making lemonade out of lemons. How do you like it? Send me an e-mail and let me know.

Once you make one loaf of bread, then find the bakery and do it for the rest of your life. That's exactly what I did. I took the crumbs of being a black male in America and all the ingredients that come with it. I rolled together the crumbs of working for six different companies, working ten different jobs in twenty-five years, and living in three different states. This became my loaf of bread which is *Release Your Brilliance*. After selling 17,000 copies of *Release Your Brilliance* out of my trunk, the back of ballrooms and to whoever would want it, I decided to sell the bakery to HarperCollins and they have now distributed my loaf of bread throughout the world in Spanish, Portuguese, in India and soon, China.

As a result of this experience, I am now off to create a new bakery. Just remember ... it all started with a crumb!

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