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Let's consider some of the amazing things that some people have accomplished with human abilities alone, and without the help of extraordinary technology enhancing their senses.

**Ernie Jimenez, Makes the Impossible Shot:** In May 2015, Ernie Jimenez lay prone in the Utah desert, peering through the iron sights of an unmodified Swiss K31 rifle. This was a surplus standard-issue bolt-action service rifle of the Swiss armed forces from 1933 until 1958 - not a specially made target weapon of any kind.

His target stood 2,240 yards away, about 1.25 miles, was barely a whisper on the horizon. With no scope, and only the naked eye, instinct and calculation, Jimenez fired. Spotters who were equipped with magnification found that the target was so far away they were not even able to spot his shots from the same distance from which Jimenez was shooting. Four times, he struck the mark. According to the *Guinness Book of World Records* it was the longest confirmed rifle shot ever made that hit the target with simple iron sights and no magnification - a feat of vision, discipline, and ballistic mastery.

**Matt Stutzman, the Armless Archer:** Across another field of precision, Matt Stutzman, born without arms, drew a bow with his feet and released an arrow that flew 310 yards to strike its target. His record-breaking shot wasn't just a triumph of adaptation - it was a testament to the human capacity for spatial awareness and control under extreme constraints.

**Ma Long, Chinese professional table tennis player:** He is a two-time Olympic champion, three-time World Champion, and three-time World Cup champion in men's singles. Widely regarded as the greatest table tennis player of all time, he is also the only table tennis athlete to win 6 gold medals in summer Olympics. In the blur of a table tennis match, the elite competitors at the level at which Ma Long plays react to balls traveling over 60 miles per hour with reflexes as fast as 0.2 seconds. Their eyes track spin, speed, and angle in fractions of time most of us can't consciously register. The game is won not just by skill, but by the ability to see and respond faster than thought.

These are the outer edges of human sensory performance - where perception is honed to a fine blade's edge. But that same blade also

cuts the other way.

Every day, drivers with dulled senses climb behind the wheel. They miss a pedestrian in the shadows. They misjudge the speed of an oncoming car. They fail to hear the siren or notice the stop sign until it's too late.

In the United States, over 40,000 people die in vehicle accidents each year. To get some perspective on that number, the highest number of American deaths in a single year during the Vietnam War occurred in 1968, with approximately 16,899 U.S. military fatalities, substantially less than half the number of deaths on American roads each year. Now factor this in: more than 90% of those deaths on the road are attributed to human error. Not mechanical failure. Not weather. Human failure - often sensory failure.

Unlike Jimenez's distant target or Stutzman's distant target, these missed cues aren't feats - they're tragedies. They happen not because the senses are absent, but because they are misused, neglected, or overwhelmed. A moment's distraction. A fading peripheral edge. A glance at a phone. These are the lapses that turn ordinary roads into slaughter arenas.

The contrast is stark. On one end, perception enables record-breaking shots and split-second victories. On the other, it falters in the mundane - where a missed cue can mean the difference between life and death. This is the reality of life in this world, and Scripture warns us about it. Consider this:

"I returned, and saw under the sun, that **the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong**, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but **time and chance happen to them all**. For man also doesn't know his time. As the fish that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare, even so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falls suddenly on them." (Ecclesiastes 9:11-12)

**Femke Bol** - The fastest runner does not always win the race. For example, in 2023, Dutch sprinter Femke Bol - one of the fastest runners in the world - fell just meters from the finish line while leading a championship relay, turning near-certain victory into defeat.

Her stumble was not due to lack of speed, but an instantaneous lapse in balance and spatial awareness. A reminder that the same senses that enable record-setting feats can fall short for a host of reasons, and become the source of irreversible loss. Precision and peril live side by side, and the difference between them is often only a matter of time and chance.

**Mike Tyson** - The strongest does not always win the battle. This is proven by the loss of the famed heavyweight champion of the world, Mike Tyson. The date: February 11, 1990. The place: Tokyo Dome, Japan. The fighters: Mike Tyson (37-0, 33 KO's) vs. James "Buster" Douglas (29-4-1). Tyson was a 42-to-1 favorite. The outcome: Douglas knocked Tyson out in the 10th round.



Tyson was widely considered unbeatable at that time - ferocious, fast, and feared - and his record proved it. The upset was so unexpected that many initially believed it must have been a mistake. Tyson had reportedly been dealing with distractions, a lack of training discipline, and underestimated his opponent. Tyson had grown overconfident.

The result was a catastrophic unraveling of one of the most dominant reigns in boxing history.

Like Mike Tyson, it is easy for any of us to become overconfident in our own abilities and advantages. Tyson reminds me of another warrior who was expected by everyone to be able to beat any and all challengers. Now, that same fighter is known for being one of the biggest losers of all time.

“On this side of the arena we have Goliath of Gath, standing ten to 12 feet high (no one can get close enough to measure his exact height and weight), fully armed and armored. And on the other side of the arena we have some shepherd kid ... from somewhere out there. Somebody said his name is ‘David’. He’s got a few stones in his hand and a look of determination on his face. Poor kid – this is going to be painful to watch.”

We all know the outcome, and it wasn’t pretty - for Goliath. So what did David show us here? You know. He showed us that faith with courage can do what ordinary human abilities and advantage cannot.

“What more shall I say [about faith]? For the time would fail me if I told of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets; who, through faith subdued kingdoms, worked out righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, grew mighty in war, and caused foreign armies to flee.” Hebrews 11:32-34

So what did that life of faith look like for David? We don’t have to guess. This is what he said:

“YHWH is **my shepherd**: I shall lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He **leads me** beside still waters. He restores my soul. He **guides me** in the **paths** of righteousness for his name’s sake. Even though **I walk**

through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,  
for You are with me." Psalms 23:1-4

Notice those words: leads, guides, paths, walk – David was talking about his faith-walk with YHWH. David was not depending on his own considerable abilities to guide him. No, YHWH was his Shepherd. YHWH was guiding him, a step at a time. Even thru “the valley of the shadow of death” he was not afraid to follow YHWH. Wherever YHWH led him, guided him – that’s where he went – even thru the hard stuff – he did not turn away.

His faithfulness in following YHWH was the reason for his great success. Did he ever mess up? Have you? Of course he did, and he repented of it. However, his overwhelming course of life was his faith-walk in trust and without fear.

David was a believer. He said:

“Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all  
the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of YHWH  
forever.” Psalm 23:6

"Let's all say "Amen to that!"

*Tsiyon Dudes Rising* have some worthy input on walking the walk. Tonight on our Tsiyon live stream they will be bringing us a panel discussion on the theme: *Walk It Out: Step By Step*. It always makes me happy to see young people like the Dudes walking with Yeshua. You might be surprised to hear how much these young people know about this, with much they have to share with all of us. That's tonight at 8 Central, at Tsiyon.Net and other video platforms. See this with the entire family!

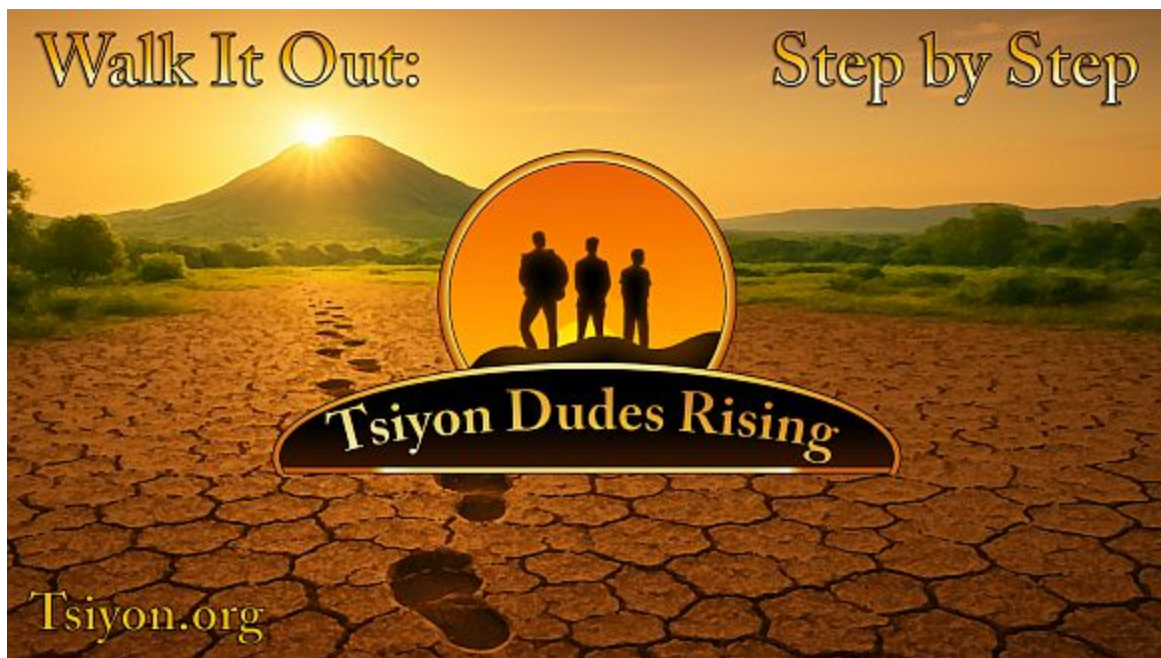
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