

Losing your passion because of unmet expectations –

Do you / did you ?

Expect your job to be stress free and very lucrative? Started a company and 20% fail in the first 2 years, 45% in 5 yrs, and 65% in 10 years fail. Only 25 % succeed.

Expect your spouse to be prince / princess charming and live happily ever after?

Expect Christ to fix everything, heal everything, wave a supernatural wand? Make everyone get along with you?

friendships that don't last - ave person meets 2,000 people in a lifetime, only 29 are real friends only 6 last a lifetime.

Dreams to be fulfilled with no struggles, perfect answers to all lifes questions?

1849 gold rush -

approximately 300,000 people who came to California during the Gold Rush, about half arrived by sea and half came overland. San Francisco grew from a small settlement of about 200 residents in 1846 to a boomtown of about 36,000 by 1852. While most of the newly arrived were Americans, the gold rush attracted thousands from Latin America, Europe, Australia and China. At the beginning of the Gold Rush, there was no law regarding property rights in the goldfields and a system of "staking claims" was developed. Gold worth tens of billions of today's US dollars was recovered, which led to great wealth for a few, though most who participated in the California Gold Rush earned little more than they had started with. Within 20 years, more than 100,000 would be dead. Most died from disease or mining-related accidents, but more than 4,000 were murdered by enraged miners.

Along the Oregon trail in 1846, a 2,000 mile wagon route, 1 out of 4 would die in this famous migration to settle the west. 400,000 people set off in search of rich farmlands and a dream of a better homeland. Cholera, accidental gun discharges, wagon accidents, freezing, drowning and attacks took the lives of many passionate travelers.