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Living with eternity in mind

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# Not a medium

I had to learn as a pastor to pull back. We can become another medium for the world and not lead people to the One who is the source. Our job is not to be the answer, but show people where the answer is!

Today I am not going to talk to you as students but as children. I am here to charge you as my family. I know I can preach very fast like an auctioneer, but today I want to speak from my heart.

# Keep the fire burning!

Leviticus 6:8-13 (ESV) The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering. The burnt offering shall be on the hearth on the altar **all night until the morning**, and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it. And the priest shall put on his linen garment and put his linen undergarment on his body, and he shall take up the ashes to which the fire has reduced the burnt offering on the altar and put them beside the altar. Then he shall take off his garments and put on other garments and carry the ashes outside the camp to a clean place. The fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not go out. The priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and he shall arrange the burnt offering on it and shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings. Fire shall be kept burning on the altar continually; it shall not go out.

I was moved by this, every truth has two opposing truths in it. Receive grace, work out your salvation with fear and trembling. Wait upon the Lord, the violent take it by force. Not by works, but faith without works is dead. Every truth and major core value are two big polar opposites. We are supposed to hold them in tension.

Sometimes we are the priests, sometimes we are the offering. Being poured out like a drink offering to you (Phil) I pour my life out, anything inside of me let it come out. Not trying to take care of myself, pour me out! Sometimes we are the priests tending to the people, sometimes we are the burnt offering.

First, we are the burnt offering, then we are the priests. We can long to cover ourselves with robes that tell us about stature and who we are. Will you stay on all night?

Many times I have climbed on the altar, but haven’t burned through the night, too challenging. Watched myself growing in maturity choosing to be in that place of sacrifice, being opened before the Body and the Lord. Set me ablaze Lord, don’t take me off here before I am done.

On Facebook sometimes it is painful to me to see people in my class and where they are at right now. Test me and know my thoughts.

# Sustainability

Sustainability is not about the days that you feel good when He sits on you and anoints you. Actually, relationship with the Lord is going to the deep places where I don't get off until I am done. Those are moments that qualify you for the powerful moments.

Anointed and powerful moments are just as important as places where I am alone in the dark asking Him questions and letting Him seek my heart out.

Somewhere their connection to God was so challenged that they chose to go away. We are called to burn, not always about burning in the moments of power but choosing to stay in the dark moments. I am committed, regardless of how I feel. The Gospel will cost you your life!

# Do not live by what you see

You are not going to walk into a world that is all about encouragement and prophetic words. Most incredible, but you're not going to be a part of that! In South Africa preaching they are not going to say this is good, they are going to look at me like this.

People getting healed, set free and she talks for 4 minutes, they didn't want it but there was an impartation tunnel. You might feel everything or nothing but when God comes you will see fruit! Just kept going, never seen such a radical outbreak of manifestations of a methodist church. You can’t live by what you see or what feels good.

# Do not live by what you feel

Your feelings are the lowest level of maturity in the Lord

Some of you think I feel really excited all the time. Second year pastoring she felt rocks, nothing, not God, love anything. Just looking at humans and believed I loved them. Affirmation meant nothing, I didn't know what I was doing. There are going to be times where you're faint to feel everything and it will be great.

**But you can’t go on your feelings! That moment when you feel nothing that is where you choose to stay on the altar until the morning comes! I am not a man of feelings, but commitment, integrity! The woman that was is dead! Fully given to Jesus and whatever journey that is.**

# Sin entangles you

Go and listen to Graham Cooke’s podcast, the Goodness of God. His Goodness was going to chase you regardless of what you are doing! It is relentless! Sometimes our own fear, sin. Not any sin God can’t overcome, but our sin can separate us from His revealed goodness. I don’t think favor is contingent whether you walk in purity or not. His favor remains on your life. But sin can separate you from your connection and apprehend the favor from God.

God doesn't want us to stop sinning to pour favor out on us, but so we can reach into it! Stops us from being able to apprehend God’s love! The love of God and the favor is chasing after you in your sin. It comes to untangle you to fully apprehend everything. Sin and small belief will entangle you, but He doesn't stop pouring it out. We withhold ourselves because of sin!

While we were yet sinners Christ came! Sometimes we have to be the offering and He has to be the priest. Sometimes we have to put things down and let the High Priest priest us! Let Him be the one to tend to us!

# Never beyond learning

Some of us think we have to figure it all out and not climb on the altar. Why am I still afraid? You don’t have to have it figured out. Not your job! You don’t have to walk out of BSSM and have it figured out. That is not the goal! My greatest longing is that you would journey it with Him! You are not going to be all sorted out, you're going to reach 100 years and not have it all sorted out.

87-year-old grandma, selfless I do. She is magnificent! Greatest lover of Jesus I know. I just have one thing to tell you, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. Closed his eyes and went to be with the Lord. To live is Christ, to die is gain! Standing up to receive ministry to get more, telling me what she is learning, adapting. 40 and under. You never stop learning! The minute you think learning is failure you will shrink and stay small!

**We are never beyond learning!**

To think you have to leave and know all the answers is not needed! Climb on the altar, don’t be the priest if you don’t know how to keep the fire going! Climb on the altar!

# View of the Father

Don't know any father that is mad at you when you fall on your butt. You know what you do, stand come on, you can do it! Come, baby. Ooh, good job! Okay, with more enthusiasm and more love you keep going!

Some of your fathers are accusing, bummer for you, tomorrow we will try again. Just because you have done 2 years of school doesn't mean you should know it all. You have a lifetime! Get back on the altar, let the Priest tend to you. He knows what to do!

Just about journeying with Him.

# The empowering Presence of God

Romans 5:1-2 (ESV) Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him, we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Grace is kind of like honey quicksand. Don’t like to just read, but see what it looks like. Like to read the Bible with His Voice. It gets straightforward if I just read it. What does justified by faith? What does that all mean? Into the grace, that is where I feel the breath of the Lord. We stand in grace, in grace I stand. Find myself standing in grace when was the last time I was aware I felt like I am standing in grace. The further you stand in grace, the deeper you sink into this Goodness.

You're just stuck and perpetually stuck in a cycle of good things coming toward you. Grace is not unmerited favor, it is powerful and empowering Presence of God that propels you into what you're called to do! No matter how many bad stuff you do or think, His grace is going to propel you into your destiny!

Not a man that lies, but very decided on this fact! Not a debate, you are stuck in the empowering grace that is wanting to launch you. So let go of all the sin that entangles you, so let go! Let go of small thinking, your 3rd-grade teacher said about you. That hot boy in high school said about you! Let it go! You are standing in the empowering Presence of God, you are stuck!

Rather be found in Him than in something else! Forget of your resumes, be found in Him!

Every death in the Kingdom is a resurrection!

# Read your Bible!

School is like a bunch of snacks, this Bible is actual food! In the Bible you get sustained, snacks just get you through the day! Reading the Bible you go through seasons, sometimes you read a few verses and walk with the Lord, another time you devour a whole book!

# Rejoicing in suffering

Romans 5:3-5 (ESV) Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

It’s not just about the glory, faith, good moments. We can find praise and places to give Him an offering in tribulations. You can not find joy in those moments if you don’t know what it will produce! But if you see what it produces you can rejoice! Hope can not disappoint! Why? Because the Love of God that is poured out on us!

Vital to sit in the love of God and His goodness! The most vital in a season where you are pushing through! Not dying for Jesus, but yielding yourself to His love and knowing you are standing in grace right now. I will not get off until the morning!

# Facing hardship

2 options facing hardship, turn away from His love or turn towards His love. I don’t believe you are the generation that shrinks back! You are created to burn for the rest of your lives! Some of you are trying to be priests in times you should be a sacrifice. You will be very exhausted in those times! Sometimes I have to climb on the altar, sometimes you feel so responsible to meet the needs of people, there are times when you feel inside of you I am not fully connected to His goodness and love. Because of going so hard! Let the Priest tend to me, sometimes He burns away my false responsibility!

Very fun outcome, but not a fun process! It’s not easy, but it is always worth it! God is not nearly as much in a hurry as you are.

It’s not about one thing, you are called to be His! He is calling you to be securely found in Him!

# There is no end!

There is no end! Speak that to your spirit! There is no end! You will continue loving Him, serving Him, interceding, crying out, very aware of a present battle going on in the earth. Don’t live life with an end in mind! Solomon wrestled with that in Ecclesiastics. All power and authority and realizing there is an end. Definitely not to build an empire on earth, but the everlasting Kingdom!

Sometimes my humanity wants to be interested in the glamor, but deep inside I just want to be quick to say yes. I want to stay with Him. Sometimes my own insecurity gets me off of there and I jump off. I remember that first time of being on the altar and staying through the night. That feeling of hope and not disappointment, now they feel hopeful and really light.

# In the power of Christ I stand

Why am I so happy all the time? I don’t think my circumstances changed, but it is me! I am stuck in here, nothing I can do can mess it up!

**Here in the power of Christ, I stand!**

The grace of God doesn't feel like what the security of the world feels like! In the grace of God, you can go wherever you want to go. The Lord wants to teach you how to trust yourself. It feels a little slippery, wild. Sometimes God’s grace offends me! Sometimes suspicious, when I watch people walk out of really yucky things, I am free! Are you really? It offends my self-righteousness, just too good sometimes!

Sometimes it wants to offend you! Because it wants to free you! Climb out to see what His grace wants to do in your life!