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Ready for the next step

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# It takes work

Feel like my whole time of being at BCS I’ve been lied to. They tell me how incredible I am, tell me I am going to change the world, everyone is going to be saved, I can pray for them and they will be healed. I feel like it is a lie! I know it is true, but what they don’t tell you is that it is actually hard work, it won’t always happen the way you think it would. There is a process, but no one actually told me this is what it takes, what real life looks like.

# Healthy habits

Paul and Silos are having revival and everything is awesome they get a dream to Macedonia and then life happens. Thrown into prison, sometimes revival is not exactly what you expect it to be like. Maybe you’re going through a panic, scramble and you can forget about what brought you to this point. The healthy habits that you have in your life we can stop doing because of that. We can become complacent. It is God’s providence for me to speak to you in this season. There is an opportunity to go further than anyone else has gone.

Sometimes we can look at success right now and think it is a validation of the habits and character in right now. It is what you invested in before that got you here. Don't stop investing, you need to keep going! A mining company in California bought an old claim from an old miner and found the largest motherland of gold ever. 10 feet from the end of the shaft the old miner had been digging. He gave up and dropped it left and sold the mine. You're on a vain, mission trips is not the mother load.

Sometimes we think we’ve arrived, but you haven’t gotten there yet.

There is more in the last few days of schools than anywhere else if you choose to go there.

**Character is proven in the moments after the greatest victory.**

# Familiar spirits

Invitation to partner with familiar spirits in the weeks to come: depression, forgetting your identity, compromise, and partner with old spirits on the place of divine purity. Counterfeit of connection: pornography, complacent, intimacy with your girlfriend or boyfriend.

# Too much

We know that there are hardships that you need to persevere and work after something. God is such a great gardener and He loves to prune things in your life. There is a mirror in the spirit and the natural, a flood of amazing outpouring, in the physical and spiritual there was an outpouring. Everything starts to grow, overgrowth and when there is that much favor it actually is a lot of work! More fruit than the tree can bear! It is awesome, just not always healthy!

Smart for you in this season to look and ask God where should I be investing my time? My efforts in what fruit, in particular, should I be pursuing? What things that would bring fruit should I not be doing because it won’t be healthy for me and not sustainable?

This has killed revival in the past because we were too focused on fruit instead of realizing revival should be sustained! Mission trips that are amazing, should be celebrated, anchors for our lives. Memorial stones, but sometimes we have those moments and think that that one week or two week time is the normal Christian life. Then we try and mimic that and make that our normal life and we die!

**We wonder why we break down, burn out and our branches break.**

It is because that is not sustainable, it is there and meant to be there to be a celebration and show what is possible to people. Many times we train those we minister to that this is a normal life and you should try and mimic this schedule. The fruit is normal, it is just we have to realize what is sustainable and not? We could have revival meetings every night of the week, but it would kill us!

Pretty soon the fruit wouldn't taste that good, the weight would break down the branches. If we don't realize that and not do the work in this season for what God wants us to do in the next season. We misrepresent God or we have a wrong idea of God.

I take all the pressure of off you and of the schedule. You can't sustain the schedule, but you can sustain the lifestyle.

# Change of environment

If you don't pay attention to the laws of nature you break down. Your environment is going to change! Doesn't matter where you're going or what you're doing next. But there are things that will happen to you. It is as if we are a plant and you're in a pot. Actual greenhouse is BSSM, pumped with something called miracle grow. The perfect soil in the perfect pot and create an incredible environment for growth.

And you have all this growth, you begin to see it. It is not the fullness of who you are! You got it, you’re getting it, and you’re going to get it! Right about now something happens; the Gardener of our lives grabs the pot you’re in and hits the pot. This pressure is healthy, but scary because it is foreign. Not exactly how I am used to. next thing He does is He pulls the plant out of the pot. You’re going to be transplanted! Some a short season at home, some will be going forever into something new!

# Cut off the roots

The Gardener grabs a knife and it is scary, what is that for? Cutting your roots! Into a larger pot or a ground, graduating into larger portions of identity. He cuts the roots because if He doesn't you will continue to grow in the direction of that pot. It will stay in this small root ball, never reach your fullest potential. Love of God who cuts relationships so you begin to branch out and grow. How nature and relationships I got fed by may change in your environment! If we don't notice that we try and sustain that without roots. Not about an out here season, but an in here season.

# Going deeper

Before you leave, ask yourself something. In my next environment how am I going to get fed? What is my community going to look like? Where will be my relationships that feed my life? Sometimes we exhaust all the resources in one layer. Layers of geological dirt, our roots go down and fills up that layer and sucks all the resources from that place, but when it runs down the tap root goes deeper. We got to get deeper in God in this season! It starts getting dryer up here, not as many nutrients. Means you're graduating, but to go deeper there will also be more pressure, will be darker. I am hidden under the shadow of His wing.

A darkness that is actually good: the mysteries of God. Expand in God to be deeper, may be dense soil, rocks, but once you break through you enter into freedom and you get to feast again!

# Celebrate

Celebrate your life, even in times when your roots are being cut! Many students are feeling an environment of letting go. It is no longer going to be my home, called mourning. Have permission to mourn the change in relationships. If you don't start now saying goodbye then the last week of school you will get really sick. Try to pack everything into one moment.

Should be talking and identifying life long friends that God will release in you a people to be fruitful. Even in environments absolutely different from here. God sends you to places because it is not like the Kingdom! Disciples ready to be taken away, God says: “My prayer for you is this, that God wouldn't take you out of this world!”

God says: You were made for imperfect environments, I will send you into those places! If you don’t prepare for where you're going the environment will happen to you and you will feel like you’ve lost your identity. Lots of people lose their leaves, shock to a plant in transplantation. The shock causes to lose the fruit and the leaves doesn't mean you're not still you! Investing into your next season.

# Sowing into your next season

You should be going and sowing into your next season to be ready to get into that place. The best of the best, not just the general one.

**Prepare yourself for your future at all times.**

You can’t rest on the miracles of your mission trip, they should carry you through the dry season. We love the seasons, spring time for sowing, summer time for strengthening, the harvest season to bring it in all we’ve produced, then the winter season which is about enjoying the labor and enjoying what we’ve gotten.

Winter season is the most celebratory season, everything you’ve invested in for the last 3 seasons. All about community, friendships and celebrating the testimonies. It will be easier to have consistency in what we’re going after.

# Praying into your next season

Become a group of people driven by your future than an immediate return. Bill Wilson, sidewalk Sunday school. He was preaching at their church and invited us as a group to ask God for a city that we would pray into. He didn't say this would be a city for the rest of your life, but that time 22 years ago marked his life. God gave him Chicago IL and Belfast Ireland. For 22 years he prayed for those cities still have to minister in Chicago.

Just recently I got back from Belfast for a prophetic conference. God was inviting us to disciple a nation. Easy for us in this moment to get excited about discipling nations. Something about investing in prayer and intercession into something. In a time where it is: obey your thirst everything is at your fingertips and information we're upset if it takes 2 seconds me long. You may find it very frustrating if it takes 22 years. But his investment of those years brought him so long. There was a level of credibility, insight, and authority that he was able to bring because he had invested into that place for such a long time.

If you really are prophetic you could get and see something that you pray into it could still take years! 370 for Josiah to stand up, didn't look good for years!

Hebrews 10:19-25 (ESV) Therefore, brothers, since we have the confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is **faithful**. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **not** **neglecting** to **meet** together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Small groups and revival groups do it for themselves, don’t have someone else create it for them. Grow and set your own groups up.

# Live from the light!

Hebrews 10:32-33 (ESV) But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated.

Seasons in our life when poop hits the fan and everything goes bad. Then remember the time, what you did, who you were. Remember the moment God called you.

**Never doubt in the darkness that which you believed in the light!**

Live from the light, propels you through the seasons of hardships. Whether I have great fruit or no fruit, my environment will not define my life. I am a man of character and I will pursue God exactly when everything looks hard. I am not sowing for this season, but for that season that no one else sees! I will pay the price in this season that no one else is willing to pay!

Hebrews 10:35-36 (ESV) Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.

Church you need to persevere so that you may receive what is promised!

Hebrews 10:37-39 (ESV) For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

Come on! It is hard to understand the Bible because it says in just a little while you will get this. 22 years later because he didn't push himself, but waited for an invitation. If it really is something God is giving to you, He will give it to you! I waited for Him to actually give me the city. I’ve had dreams, visions of those people, prayed into their successes, in their failures and continually persevered and not given up. Life is not easy; if anything is worthwhile you have to work for it! Something about pursuing it and patiently waiting for Him.

# Paying a price

If your mother and father have paid a price of 30 years for a breakthrough, you may not have to pay that price, but you will have a price to pay for 30 years. What price are you paying so that your next generation will perpetuate and grow? Or it can just stop and we can feast and not do anything for something more and stay at that revelation forever and say: “remember the good old days.”

Months - small season, 1-2 years, 5 years, 20 years, 100 years. These work for any timeframe you plop in there. Many people here think that they will see incredible fruit the moment they hit the ground. What you’re planting and see is greater than just a 1 year season. It is about an oak tree, that takes 25 years to grow! A fruit tree takes 3 to 5 years. Maybe if you have an umbilical chord and invest at home. Celebrate testimonies together, investing in in the summer times. Serving in that environment so you don’t come in a know it all, but worked together in this.

Some of you need to give yourself patience for 3-5 years and take a breath. It will take a little bit of time for my root system to get into the ground of that environment.

**Invest in relationships there before you’re trying to get fruit!**

You’ve done well, I celebrate you, so let's go further and let's go deeper! But if you don't realize this is a greenhouse you think the world is like this. Please don’t loose yourself! Realize: You’re not the problem! Perseverance is the issue! Do not grow weary in doing good, for in due season you will reap a harvest!

# In Heaven He laughs

Lamb of God slain before the foundation of this world.

God paid the price before the earth was ever created because every issue had been defeated. So if God is laughing, maybe you should laugh too! Kings deal with issues, but it doesn't matter. They shine in places of adversity! He wants great people, maybe He shines by offering you a situation that looks impossible so you can show your greatness by bringing His Kingdom into that situation!

Isaiah 59:15-16 (ESV) The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede;

Jesus is the perfect Intercessor! He interceded on our behalf! He did something that brought God’s type of justice to us. The world desperately needs the justice of God to be released. I want to invite you to become a great intercessor. If you want fruit, authority and breakthrough in your life, walking in the prophetic, healing, any of the gifts of the spirit it is all about relationship. Relationship is driven from that deep secret place where we say: “God what is important for you let it be important to me!”

Celebrate the fruit, but don't get distracted from the fruit, it comes from a source! The product of abiding, relationship. Let's display the pure fruit by being fully connected to Him.