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Serving

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# Season at Bethel

Your time and season here at Bethel will be more like a honeymoon than your regular life. That is not completely like that. Some of you don’t have jobs. There is a grieving process that has to happen, an amazing gift and I loved it. I ended up doing 3 years and God was asking me to plant a church in Indiana.

My journey with Indiana hasn't been awesome because they were anti anything charismatic. So now I had a moment of going back and saying yes to God. If God asks you to do anything would you just say yes?

# Servanthood

Been great is awesome, but a part of the Kingdom is servanthood, but there is a process with servanthood.

I thought this year was about me, but it wasn't about me but about the one I was going to serve! You keep talking about how you want to be great in the Kingdom, but you can’t skip servanthood and talk about how great of a son you are! It’s going to be hard and a battle you're going to press into and see what you’re made off.

Luke 17:7-10 (ESV) “Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy **servants**; we have only done what was our duty.’”

I get to be a part of the family! One of the things we love to talk about is what we get, but real sons and daughters do chores! Take care of people, that is what parents do! That’s the Kingdom! I have found the most joy in serving great leaders and serving people. I’ve seen God do unbelievable things through that! If you’re going to go, I will go with you, if you're not going to go I won’t!

# Learn to cook

So I went back to Indiana, what I found out was; 1. We think a little different from the world!

So I would look for what I’ve learned and unpack what I had, then remodel it and showed it to them in that way. 2 of us from Bethel in this tiny town. What are we going to do? Christianity that is socially acceptable or are we going to live different? How much of the Kingdom do I want to carry?

There is a cost with it! There is an unbelievable cost! The authority given to us is good, but then we work and we have to bring it to this culture. We’ve got to learn how to cook! You can follow all the instructions, but if you’re bad at cooking you can still mess it up!

Holy Spirit wants it more than you do! He has been working on their hearts, you're going to go sow and reap where you did not have any hand at all. You're going to be the answer to some amazing people’s prayers!

# Make disciples!

Here is how you change the world: You make disciples!

I did something unbiblical, I planted a church! Planting churches doesn't change the world! Discipling people changes the world! Here I am in a brand new city with people who knew me for who I used to be, then I had to figure out how to change people’s hearts. As soon as you connect people to God your life changes everything!

You get to be the doorway through which it happens! Sometimes it happens really quick in this culture, but it doesn't always happen this fast when you're somewhere else. This revival was stewarded for over 20 years and have grown into. We get to go on that same journey. Wherever we end up!

# Be passionate and faithful

Be passionate and faithful with what you're called to do! If you're called to prophesy, don't stop prophesying! It is how God works through you, in the process of the Kingdom moving! What God has given to me, I want to steward it really well! Do you want to grow? Steward it well!

Our journey wasn’t always easy! Sometimes we like to be uncle Rico. Napoleon Dynamite, but there is something about living in the past that blocks you from living in the future! If you go like this is not like school! Not perfect, warm and nice you can slow down your growth process because you think this was what it was like!

Sometimes it is not always easy, sometimes it is awkward. Keeping connected to Him is really important as well! Have a gameplay for that, who am I going to surround myself with?

It’s amazing what you get to see and take ownership over, the more people you can take with you the better.

# Hard to happen

Sometimes really hard to happen at Bethel, I thought I could prophesy until I met Shawn Bolz, but the thing I want to say is: we all carry something that the community around us needs! Not always easy to happen here, you can kind of feel average in this environment. That thing of not feeling good can be normal.

I was never an M Earl Johnson award winner, but I came to this school to know God. I knew I was going somewhere else so in my second year I found it really hard because I was quite hidden. It was so good for my heart to love the people around me well. Do I need praise to survive or can I be unseen and survive and not grow bitter? :)

But through the pruning, you will be wildly successful on the other side! It's going to be awesome on the other side! (the joy set before me )

# You’ve seen too much!

When you leave here: the world doesn't have what you have. People became Christians and then gave up 18 months of their life to solidify that. You're some of the rarest people on the world to set aside time to develop intimacy with Him. Success is learning to abide, remain. Do you want fruit? Abide! Not strive! Stay connected, guard your heart! Fruit will happen in time!

People are starving! It is crazy! People are scared of prophecy, but the moment you start prophesying they get lit on fire and go crazy! I remember my journey in that, I am not pushing anything on you, but help you walk into this.

Remember we’re to plant and water, but God makes it grow! His fruit happening through our lives! I get so excited about that! God wants it more than we do! You're missing out on God’s heart if you do this. Pray for the harvesters to get raised up, that’s what we do here. When you leave this place you're no longer church attendees, you're leaders! You've seen too much, felt too much!

You're feeling God's invitation to change a culture and bring revival. That journey will take you a little longer than what you think. He wants it more than you do!