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a son and a servant

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# No goodbyes

You were not created for goodbyes! No goodbyes, only see you laters! If you actually believe you are a spirit first there are no goodbyes! This pulling back and preparing for doom is not okay, it is not the Kingdom. It is not supposed to be like that!

I want to challenge you today to start asking some questions in your own self. Most of my meetings you will leave with more questions than answers. Why? If I give you questions you become addicted to the Holy Spirit in your own life. Not circulate around a leader, but be addicted to His Voice.

What does it mean to be a son that knows what is possible and what it looks like to suffer with Christ?

# Story

Burned by what he thought was the Holy Spirit, but was ultra-charismatic! Friends were inviting him to Bethel, he started manifesting in the back. He knew what it was, he knew it was the Holy Spirit. He was buzzing, and mad because it wasn't part of the agreement they had made. He is a gentleman, until He is not. Sometimes being a gentleman is fight you for yourself! He knew that deep down I really really wanted and craved the real thing Jesus!

He felt the sweetness of the Lord. I am safe, but I am wild! He was visiting so many times people at school asked him where he was. He was falling back into love with the Holy Spirit. A journey of grace and he became a closet mystic, saint John at the Cross, most are catholic people who had become convinced that oneness and unity with God was actually attainable! Jesus flooding into the living room, upstairs wherever He is!

# Tension

It is all grace! Even if I pray for people and they don’t fall out in the Holy Spirit that doesn't mean I am not a good son of Him. I don’t have to strive anymore! But how many of you know there is tension in the Kingdom! The two most tense points on any string instrument are beautiful. You don’t have major chords without minor chords!

Live isn't lived on mountain tops, it is too extreme! You don’t live up there, they make the best picture, but we live in in between moments. The tension, which makes the best music! We’re learning to understand there is beauty in the minors leading us to the majors. There is beauty in the process.

The tensions in between make the music. All is grace, but you don’t get grace and resurrection without dying!

# Phillipians

Philippians Paul was sitting in jail, probably whipped upon occasion, Nero was the emperor and it is believed that at the same time this was happening he was lighting Christian bodies as candle light.

In the middle of this was joy! Thanksgiving and praise are the 2 greatest, then there is joy. When I imagine it in my head I think of one of the blow-up hammers and you come and go and you whack it. It is literally a weapon I choose and pick in those times. Looking at the problem in the face. I am going to own you and take you back to the cross! I use the weapon of joy in my life!

# Reading the Bible

Work with whatever works for you! Find your time and groove, whatever it is! If I am not chewing on something I will read in chapters or sections. I will read until the Holy Spirit breathes. Then I will chew. We don’t know how to chew a lot!

The beginning of revelation is the end of your knowledge. Do you want revelation? Go to the end of your knowledge about something! Language is the key to your heart! I will use different translations, I don’t move past it until it lifts. If it doesn't lift I will speak in tongues. I don’t think we speak in tongues enough, I think we need to do it more.

Turn on your mind and heart on the same time, on top speed!

Don’t preach Bethel, preach the Kingdom! Love Bethel, but preach the Kingdom!

Philippians 2:2-3 (ESV) complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

How do we live then in the tension of I am dreaming with God, pressing in for more of the Lord! Suddenly all things are possible, I am a son and a daughter. In order to encourage someone do you have to bring yourself down? No! Is it possible for both of us to be powerful? Yes! That is the Kingdom!

Philippians 2:4-7 (ESV) Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

# If I was god

If I was God I would send Him as a 30-year-old, but he didn’t. He came as a baby, who pooped, peed and probably smelled. It was His choice to come as a baby. That tells us our life is worth living! Jesus wrapped Himself in flesh and for the joy set before Him He lived and died for us!

Philippians 2:8 (ESV) And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

In order to be called friend you first have to be a slave. You have to consider yourself lower than for a moment and then you’re a friend? (I am not sure about this, I think it is a constant tension rather than a moment)

Philippians 2:9-11 (ESV) Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

How do you bow down? as a servant! Because of the bowing God lifts Him up! Learn to serve really really well! When I am blown away by others serving without expecting anything back over over and over again that is important! Are you replicating or originating out of a value?

# Do you ave all the answers?

Philippians 2:12-13 (ESV) Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do you have all the answers? No! Are you supposed to have all the answers? No! Do you want all the answers? I don’t want them guys! As soon as you have the answers you're responsible to carry them out! You don’t have all the answers, but you’re not supposed to know them! It is better to discover and encounter Jesus in the moment than have Him planned out! Spontaneity is the reward of preparation!

# Healthy plants

The healthiest plant get water from everywhere, not just from one source the roots. God locked up secrets and water from every other side. People speak to plants, and there is a significant difference between the plant you speak death to and life to! Every day there was a difference!

Whose Voice are you listening to? What is the tension in your life? Whatever you leave here, you're going to bloom! You are needing and lacking nothing! The oak seed needs to die before it can grow! Unraveled, cracked open this year. Without that it will never blossom. So, die before you die! I be crucified with Christ. I no longer live, but Christ lives in me! I have been crucified with Christ! But Christ lives breathes within me!

# God in everything

I love Bethel so much, but we can exalt the stage so much! Equality with God, He stooped down and washed the feet of the disciples! It is not fun! Not the best sermon that you hear and think it is amazing, but that is the Christian life guys! This is your true act of ministry, taking in the orphans and the widows! Who get more rewards in heaven? The woman changing diapers or the evangelist preaching the Gospel and seeing thousands saved! You simply do what is in front of you!

We’ve limited God to ministry moments and mountain top highs! But Brother Lawrence was a monk and people would come from all over the countryside, days of travel to watch this monk do dishes! Why? Doing the dishes, he felt the cleansing powers of God coming over him. The Holy Spirit invading his kitchen and washing him. People would come and watch him wash!

The simple love of Jesus! Whatever it is, do it for the glory of Jesus! For the joy set before Him! Pain lasts for a moment, sorrow for a night, but what comes in the morning? JOY! Every single morning, He always comes up!

He is all around you! He is not going anywhere! He is in sermons, Bible, if He can be found in everything you won’t miss Him in anything! He is not everything, but His nature and what He is like is in them!

# Cultivating is dirty!

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Cultivating is dirty guys! It is not as beautiful as it is in the Trader Joes place. Oh, this is dirty! And you put it back. In Indonesia, they buy the fruit that bite the bugs it says that they know it is better and has more nourishment than the one that looks perfect! Why do we go for the perfection one? Because it is easier! You're actually made for perfection! But figuring out your salvation requires you to get dirty and in the night. Those long nights covered with dirt and you feel overlooked, silent. You've been drinking from this well, then push comes to shove in the silence of the dirt you decide, do you trust Me to raise you?

Just let go! You close your eyes, and in the silence, you let go. Holy Spirit you can come back in, I trust you, I don’t want it but I trust You! I give You all of me. In the middle of it you trust and you believe! The sun always rises in your life! Jesus the Son always rises in your life! But we not considering ourselves equal stoop to a place of a servant. That is the true Gospel guys!

# Savor the in between moments

Savoring every moment, the in between moments. Loving the coffee, you have, sitting next to that person, looking at them and saying I love you. It is not glamorous, but that is where life is worth living! 30 years He spent and didn't heal anyone, not any kind of ministry! The only record we have is Him sitting into he temple of God (Wasn’t it teaching/talking and they were impressed?!)

Philippians 2:14-16 (ESV) Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

Shining like bright lights in the world. We need you out beyond Redding! I am more concerned you are out there changing the world than you come here and intern for me! I never needed you to fix them, but to love them!

You don’t need or lack anything, you just need to understand how much of his Name you actually carry!

Slaying giants is not very glorious in the moment, it is when his head is on your stick ;P