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breakthrough

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# A shift in worship

Take the next few weeks to thank the people that have impacted you significantly!

A shift during worship. There was more ownership in the last few weeks. Kalley’s thoughts: people are starting to get really courageous, running after things. Monday last week with less instruments something special happened, a vacuum where it was like anyone who wants it can inhabit it! I loved people rushing in and taking that place.

Here is why I brought it up, I get a change to be in most of your revival groups? What do you want from us in worship? I hear tell me what to do. Your class is great at obedience, but we want to bring you into our thought process, we could have that worship through the whole room.

I can put Haley in the room and legitimately blow up the room whenever we want. But we’re looking for you to step into it. It normally happens after missions, maybe it was the school is ending or just praise.

A statement with a decent amount of truth: “The thing you stepped into that is how you can live all your life!” We could’ve stepped into that in December, February or March. There is an urgency in that to worship Jesus like that!

# Pressing in and see how far you’ve come

Chris Overstreet, I think he lives his life like the last week of school. But I look at how God responds to that, I think that is beautiful and important to see! It is a challenge for all of us to connect and press in. I wouldn't have said this at the beginning of the year because of performance. But it is beautiful to see what God can do!

We’re not looking for a great end to the year, but a great beginning of your life!

We’re not the best at judging our own hearts, but I would encourage you to get back to where you came from. Some of you owe a lot to Jesus :p You know that and it is beautiful to see the growth happening in your life when you say yes to God just in a few years.

But in the worship moments we get to see something that you have access to for the rest of your life, you can have those moments in your own home.

# Breakthrough

You have various options. Wherever you go and whatever you do, no matter where you go, you will face challenges! How you respond to those challenges will decide how you will do out of this environment. We change the world one meeting at a time! Spend today with an alumni and it is beautiful!

We have wonderful stories where alumni are killing it and other students are struggling for whatever reason. The question we always get is how do we prepare you to leave here? That is the big question. I wish I had a great answer to that question.

The best analogy we have is: no matter how old you are, but leaving home with preparation is still a unique journey to what they’re doing. The only thing I can teach them is how to respond There just isn't one way to be successful! God uses so many things to point us to succes but these helped me in finding succes:

# Jesus hidden behind people

Sometimes in my life I could see what God had for me and I could almost reach it.

Mark 5:24-34 (ESV) And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.” And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’” And he looked around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the **whole** truth. And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

We’ve read that a ton of times, let me point out some things to you. In verse 28 she was saying and declaring something to herself, not just thinking something. Another part was this: fearing and trembling and then she shared the whole truth! We’ve all heard messages about this woman before. There are moments in life where what Jesus has for you is just hidden by a few people. I picture this woman walking to where Jesus is and it is just a crowd of people. She says if I can just touch His garments I will be healed. There are moments in life where God hides Himself behind people, sometimes very annoying people!

What am I thinking about? Do they need Him like I need Him? Do they feel the way I feel? Sometimes I think you have to push through people to know where Jesus is at! You have to push through stuff! Fear, jealousy, fences. If you are going to be successful out of this environment and find Jesus in unique places you can’t be afraid to push through! You might go to a church where the only thing that was wrong were the people! ;p

If you can push through that you can find a place where God shows up!

# Commitment 1:

You're going to push through fear! Anytime you're afraid push through! Declare from the beginning what you will do! Decide fear is not going to stop you! Offence can’t stop you! Doubt can’t stop you! You can’t let jealousy stop you! You have to push through!

Take a minute and say Lord the best I can when I leave this place I am going to do my very best to not let that stop me.

# Have faith filled people in your house

Mark 5:22-23 (ESV) Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.”

Mark 5:35-43 (ESV) While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement.

 If you're going to find the thing that Jesus wants to give to you, sometimes you need to ignore the people in your life. Don’t ignore every person or the right persons! The heart of the Father asking Jesus to show up, signs and wonders Jesus, even He goes: I will just take you three, nobody else will come and you two parents you can come too. When Jesus explains to them what’s about to happen they just laugh, so He takes all the people out of the house.

Make sure that the people in your life are with you! The people that are distracted, kick them out of your house! People who live without faith don’t get the opportunity to hang out at your house! Be close to people with faith! If you don’t have that you don’t get to hang out!

Cruz has no problem with this, my kids don’t care about what I say. He was really little and we’re walking down the hallway in a hotel and I am with Bill and Cruz, trying to put on my best dad moment. He is on his way to the swimming pool, our first time in Hawaii. Walking to grandma’s room, that one has a direct connection to the pool. I say; Cruz, and he doesn't even look at me. I lift my voice louder and louder. Internally I am a little bit stressed, because my father in law is with me and my son is not saying anything.

So finally Bill puts his daddy voice on, he says Cruz you dad is talking to you! He keeps walking and says I know I heard him! I thought he was going to be with Jesus! I shouldn’t break his neck, because I am an adult! What just happened? Bill laughed, though it was super funny. Here is what happened, this little boy was on a mission and I am distracting him from his mission in life, which is the swimming pool!

This is his calling as a 4 year old! His mission, I will not be distracted by anything! Some of you have to live life like that sometimes, do the thing God has asked you to do! You’ll end up to people that potentially laugh at you, you have to be able to put everyone else out of your house and go after God.

When we first got married people would come up, if your first yer of marriage was crappy, don’t tell me that ours will be crappy. I think your first one should be the hardest, because it will get better from there. Here is what’s going to happen, when you're married everyone says: babies are difficult, they're lame. Don’t say that to people! Then they go, terrible two’s. Two’s are awesome, everyone is awesome!

We got through every stage! Everyone was saying that to us. But my point is: surround yourself with people that are real and open, but have faith and speak life into you!

# Do it again!

Luke 5:4-11 (ESV) And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

This one is important, he had his nets with him. He was ready to get to work, make sure you are! Jesus says let down your nets, he says I did that already, but here we go again. Sometimes the best thing you can do is the thing that you just stopped doing! I don’t want you to get stuck somewhere out there because you're consistent and faithful. God will show up for you! Do it again! I just did this already! But if that is what you’re telling me to do, I will do it again!

Some people move from the good thing to the next thing, but all they need to do is say yes one more time and just do what God says. God honors obedience

# Success

It’s not always the most gifted person. Not always the most anointed person, most talented person that is successful. Usually it is the one that is most obedient, who continues to say yes the most. To those who endure, say yes and stick it out until the end.

First wealthy person I ever met gave me great advice, he had some airplanes and he would fly Bill to a meeting. I got to go with him at occasion, Bill would go to sleep and I sat at the front. He asked me: What do you want to do with your life?

At the time I was 21, and I thought: I don’t know, money sounds awesome! I mean he had a lot of it and I had never flown somewhere in a private plane. I told him I want to be a millionaire! How long does that take you think? I said hopefully when I am 30! He said alright, do you know when most millionaires become millionaires? I said I dont know, 35? No, most millionaires don’t make their first million until they’re 60 years old!

On average it is like that! I said that is a long time! Doesn't seem as long anymore. He said can I ask you a question? Are you willing to do the same thing for the rest of your life knowing that you might not get it until you’re 60.

If you don’t want to do that, it is not important enough to you! Find something you want to give your life to!

For every person it is different things, but it is vital to commit to what God has called you to do, because faithfulness counts for something. You have to say yes!

If you can say yes to the small mundane things in life the journey will be incredible!

I say yes to the most incredible things in life. Do you want to go hunting? I said yes, but didn't know what it was. The first time I went I thought I was going to die on that mountain. I hunted for 2 hours and couldn't even know why people would do this!

You do it, say yes and keep on going. In the middle of your journey you’re like what the heck is going on, what did God call me to?

# The wilderness

First and second year, it really is vital and important you just say yes to the Lord. When you say yes this is what I want to say: Luke 5:16 (ESV) But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

Sometimes we think our journey would be like unicorns and butterflies. But the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness. We have to be really careful, because when we say yes to God He can take us anywhere. Wanting to grow something in us. If you can’t say yes to what God is doing in you your wilderness season can last 40 years!

Sometimes the wilderness is the place God wants us to be! People leaving the environment dying out here! I don’t know what to do! That is because God has you right there! I don’t know if we always know that. God put you out there to develop you! Sometimes the best place you can be is by yourself.

If you ever go to that wilderness place, I don’t want you to automatically think that the devil has brought you here to die. I want you to have faith and believe the Holy Spirit brought you there! This is the place where I can get anointed. The wilderness is not a bad thing, some amazing things happened in the wilderness!

# Tear the roof off of places!

Luke 5:17-26 (ESV) On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal. And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. And when he saw their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.” And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the man who was paralyzed—“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.” And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, “We have seen extraordinary things today.”

I love this one, because sometimes the way to find breakthrough is not on your own. You just need someone to help. Surround yourself with people who will tear the roofs out of places for you. That will help you get in front of Jesus. That is who I want you to become! Find the hurting, the broken, the sick, the destitute and that we will find the courage and responsibility to set them in front of Jesus!

I will tear the roof off and set you in front of people that can get you saved, healed and delivered. Seen the faith of the people who opened up the roof! I want you to be people that will carry the weak to Jesus! I’m going to get you in front of God!

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