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Last Remarks

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# Asked to do this

I was doing my worship thing, staying in my lane and the Lord snuck up on me. There haven’t been many more surprises that I have been this blown away by. It has been an incredible honor.

Wherever you're going there are going to be people in your lives you didn't know you were going to love. The Lord plops you down in a school where you don’t know anyone and the Lord changes your heart.

# Love and honor

Before I do anything else I want to honor 5 women. They served 3 mentors this year and have gone through the ups and downs unlike any other intern team. On October 30th, they came to my house. Gabe asked me and I said no, but then I changed my mind. I only met one of them. They showed up and we had hurdles to cross.

I didn’t choose them, they didn’t choose me. Somehow the Lord orchestrated this together. I was sitting in my living room and having dinner together. In that moment, I chose them. Sometimes we don’t have a choice and sometimes the Lord gives you a better choice! They were like are we going to be your second stepchildren?

No that is not how I roll! I chose them! Over and over again they have covered me, lifted me up. Regardless of where you’re going, love! It will radically change everything! I get to see how much I was loved and in turn I get to love them back! Never underestimate the power of love!

Preach the Kingdom, not Bethel! I love Bethel! Lived here for 6 years, but if I go out and preach Bethel it falls flat. But if I preach the Kingdom it set everything ablaze! Take our heartbeat and values, but don’t take our name!

Take the Kingdom of God because He is so much bigger than Bethel!

# Humility

Humility, die to yourself and trust Him to raise you! Just die guys! Let go and die. A seed has to die and open up. All you're trying to figure it out your fist closes tighter, but if I can let go and let it die it will grow. You will never know what your sacrifice will do.

You don’t know what anything will do, you only have today! So, die today! He is going to raise you! He loves resurrection! It is in His veins.

Serve and go low not looking for advancement. How can you out serve? The stage can be the ultimate thing, but if you serve and go low that is what it is about. If we’re not careful the crucified life becomes pale in comparison to the stage but it won’t fill you! The stage will not fill you at all!

The mom that changes diapers compared to the international speaker. What are you faithful with in front of you?

# A quick story

About 3 months ago Jordan told a story about working in sound. Something like 4 years ago. It was late at night with a bucket and a mop. They both came from ministry backgrounds, the person everybody knew and we are mopping the floor. What are we doing with our lives? Both of us were frustrated. Serve and go low! My goal really was not being a revival group pastor because I am not mopping the floors anymore. I still kind of do.

I found Jesus in the soap, in the dirt. I didn’t need a mic or an album but I found Him in the beautiful simplicity of the cross! You need to love people and die a little more. When you die a little more it comes to life a little more.

I started pastoring people around me. I actually believed that the Jesus I knew was going to save them and set them free! Find Him in the sun, the cup of coffee, find Him in the diapers! Sometimes we look for conferences while He is here all around you! Find Me as you clean the stage!

# Worship

Worship is the sustaining breath that gives us life. When you don’t know, you worship! When everything is dark and you fall apart you have to worship! I need the diabetic pump to keep me alive. Everything will change if I am not connected. When you’re stuck you worship. You’re putting in pennies in the piggy bank.

Emotions are a gift, but allows them to lead you to the face of Jesus. I don’t have time for disappointment. There is too much to do, I legitimately owe the world an encounter with God!

# Thankfulness

Thanksgiving is the ability to receive. If you hold on tight things slip through your fingers.

He wastes nothing, He gets you ready! Your story and where you’re at, everything is to make you ready.  Cultivation and process is the destination! You guys thought you were done with process. No you’re not! It is life! It is worth living! Jesus had an idea and dream that it was to live! His great joy to put on skin! Finding the extraordinary in the ordinary!

Just fall, just die and watch Him raise you over and over and over again.

# Whole

You are whole! And you got what you came for, even if you don’t know it yet. You're not broken, or waiting for something to come and fix you. He came in fully! He is not waiting for you to do more, write this certain thing down. I am all about process, but if you go in there about trying to get fixed and being healed. It is a lie! You are whole!

Yes you are becoming more whole, yourself and renewing your mind. But you press on towards the goal! You’re not done, you have a race to run!

# Finally:

Your need for Jesus is your honor, not your shame! We grow into needing Jesus. I need Jesus so much more than in October. If I don’t meet Jesus in the morning I literally don’t make it through the day. I need to be reminded of who I am. I have to have His Voice!

I need Him more than yesterday. I want to position myself to need Jesus more than yesterday!

I am going to pray the most profound prayer I know:

Numbers 6:23-27 (ESV) “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

That you would leave this place not marked by what you read, heard but overwhelmed and overcome by the Name of Jesus that you can’t do anything else than go out and love people!

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Yahweh we’ll kneel before you

Presenting you with gifts

He will guard you with the hedge of protection.

Yahweh will illuminate the wholeness of His being toward you

Bringing order and He will beautify you

He will set in place all you need to be whole and completes