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Lamb in a lion’s army

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# The next step

You should never be around Bill Johnson if you don’t have anything to type on or write on.

How many excited and how many disappointed?

Today is the day God will tell you what you’re going to do! Tulsa, Oklahoma everywhere you go there are people that stay around the Bible college. Death of Stephen directed directly to the church not wanting to get out of Jerusalem. Before God scatters us we really need to just go. Be ready to go!

# Everything rises and falls on leadership

An army of lambs led by a Lion will defeat an army of lions led by a lamb!

Leadership is everything! People don’t realize the power of leadership. Leadership is why the coaches in college football get paid crazy amounts of money. Ability of a leader to take a group of people they never imagined they could ever go to is the most powerful gift there is.

Why do you know you’re not going to fail in the future? Your leader! Jesus is called the captain of us. Got up early to listen to the speech Desert Storm. You have the best weapons in the world. You have received the greatest military training in the world. The strategy that we have has been devised by the geniuses and the greatest military minds on earth. You are the best soldiers that America has ever known. He knew that after that speech what he instilled in those people.

# Desire to quit

90% of your future is determined by your ability not to quit. The Bible gives you the honor to want to quit. David described how he didn't want to quit anymore. One day he quit! Invited as a teenager in Chico California in a small church. A Christian conference ground 4 miles outside of Chico. He felt called by God to save people through his life. First, second and third day nobody got saved. In the final morning, he said if a soul isn’t saved tonight I quit! He showed God the job; I got options! The night arrived and it started pouring down rain. 17 people showed up, 8 ex missionaries. There wasn't a sinner in the house, somebody had to be backsliding to get saved.

Nobody got saved that night. He knew he was out of the ministry by his own words. Went back to the conference ground 22:00, he knew that at midnight he was working in a restaurant. Then he realized how much he wanted to be in ministry.

#1 rule of being a jerk is not knowing you're not a jerk!

Biggest bully in his high school called him at 23:40 he said: I have been saved. That is when he knew that anybody could get saved! He is fighting a tsunami of emotions. That’s phenomenal, Mario it is 23:50 I didn't call you because I am a Christian, but because I am a chaplain right now. Our speaker couldn't make it for our midnight devotional. We have 35 gang members and drug addicts and no speakers, because the rain has washed out the bridge.

Everything turns into a blur, get me to them he leads 35 souls to the Lord in a moment. Because Christ is your captain there is no version of your story where you don’t get the victory!

# Your future is settled

Ephesians 1:15-21 (ESV) For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

Today is not: What am I to do? But what is God going to do in you that will wipe out your fear of the future, doing the wrong thing with your future, making a mistake? It is what you need to hear!

You need a holy work of God done in you that wipes out the possibility of doubt. That day when I sat there at 23:40 I knew I was preaching to the wrong crowd, that my future wasn’t in my hands. I may not have the physical presence and the joy at Bethel, but I have the power of God and His Presence of the God I met at Bethel over there.

# You’re not the master of your destiny

If you're the master of your own destiny and you're going to get where you need to go by your own power, you believe a lie.

He is the best teacher, best coach. Not only going before you, but standing behind You. With Him You will never fail!

3 television stations called to be on 150. He was calculating how many more speaking engagements he needed. If you abide in Me and I in you then I will give you abundantly more than you can even think off or imagine.

Not worrying about how to get there, or what you need to do. I didn't know who I was and what God had in store for me. I was wasting energy trying to make it happen. You have a Father who never will leaver of forsake you.

# You are connected to the Power of God

The most important lesson you can learn is know how **connected** you are to the power of God.

Hebrews 2:10-11 (ESV) For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source.

Seeing the Power of God at work, but not seeing it flow through you. You need to realize how connected you are to Him and His Holy Spirit. You are one and wherever you go He goes with you!

# This war ain’t yours!

You didn't pick this fight! No soldier goes to war on his own expense! You go into the marines, into the army of God. It breaks down individuality, and makes you feel like a unit. Celebrating each other’s victories and taking another’s defeat as if it is your own. Jesus picked this fight and He put you into your unit.

The battle is the Lord’s, we’re not playing games here! If you’re being shot at and feel isolated and alone and you’re thinking it’s because: “I am just one soldier in a muddy foxhole.” Then all of a sudden it hits you! “I am part of an army! Minds greater than mine lead me in this great offence. the general is in control, the weapons are the best.”

**The Bible is the greatest book on earth ever!**

We as believers belong in the halls of congress, in the places of power. We have something important to bring!

# How to deal with persecution

How to handle discouragement, to feel the honor (not to be there, but to share in the suffering of Jesus Christ)

**Somebody is mad at Jesus and they’re taking it out on me!**

The honor is to be persecuted for the Name of Christ. Somebody else declared war on satan. I am in BSSM by assignment of God. I am not going to fail! It is going to be the way He wants to.

The battle really is not yours in any way shape or form!

When someone else gets visibility and you don’t. That is not a military thing, no good or bad calling. But an almighty God at work in this room forging original expressions of His glory! You’re held by the greatest force in the universe to walk in Power.

# God will back up His words

God is in the battlefield with you! Down from heaven to fight with you. Do you want to know why you want to get rid of your reputation? Because God’s honor is in this project! It is not your name at stake, but God’s!!

God said I will kill you and make another one like you. Moses stopped Him, what was in Him? What you're going to need before you leave today are rock solid convictions. **God is with me no matter what**, doesn't matter how fast it is revealed. Everything is important. All I need to know is that what I am doing is what God wants me to do!

What will the Egyptians say, you can take them out, but can’t bring them in. He can see God smile. Moses felt original, but God was helping Moses to understand.

I finish what I start, you're indestructible!!! You will finish this race in power!

Leaders need to be **essential**, irreplaceable. If you stay right with God you will be desperately needed everywhere you go. The only way you will stay out of a job is if you demand a certain celebrity to be associated with your job.

God is going to finish what He has started in you!

# Revelation is birth out of circumstances

If you follow His call there will never be a time where you can say it isn't going to be finished. Our problem culturally is when we read the Bible we don’t study the circumstances that generated that verse! When you would say the least; God’s mercies are new every morning, that is when Solomon wrote it!

Letter to the Philippians the day Paul was locked up 7 false teachers came up and divided the congregation. The enemy was shouting in his ears while he was locked up in prison, I told you that wasn't grounded on anything real! Paul couldn't even go there physically, “now you’re reduced to one thing: writing letters!” But he was able to write that letter in that moment, with so much love, tenderness and realness! What a revelation!

# You never want to do either of these

I know my God is faithful! She did something that changed the world. 2 things you never want: self-**promotion** or self-**preservation**. You never want to fight for yourself to be known or for your reputation to be exactly where you want or need it to be. But every day to know God more and more that is what you must desire with your whole heart and that is what you need to pour your energy into!

# An army of lions hidden as lambs

I am sending you out looking inadequate, like you don’t have it. But right at the moment that wolf is pouncing the **lamb turns into a lion**. Both those natures are in you. Something is going to rise up in you when all of a sudden this comes out of you. I feel God in every act that I am doing!

# You are called of God!

Do not get pigeonholed into being a preacher. My son walked out of the passion of the Christ at 12 years old. He said dad I don’t want to break your heart, but I am not going to be a preacher. I am going to make films. I looked at him and said: “Son that is great! If there is any way you can get out of this, do it!”

God will use you in government, journalism, technology. There are a 1000 available places. Do not gauge the value of an opportunity without discernment. You may be called of God like that slave girl to change the world through a completely seemingly inconspicuous and unpromising opportunity, but God is with you so no matter where you start, you're going to end up at the same place. With absolute victory and power and glory.

Let’s give Jesus praise, thank you!