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Catalyst mentoring and teaching

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# Find the good

Snake game, with 700 people. Doesn't it feel good to stand behind someone and cheer them on?

He was in a teaching job, looking for 2 weeks every day to look for something good in Melissa. As he showed up for copies she was the only one. Too tired to yell, do you think you can make these copies for me. She was shocked because he asked her for help. Yeah you, will you go make some copies. I give you this paper, walk 20ft to the office, copy this for you. Let’s make those copies, this is my moment. I have found something good.

Doesn’t take talent or skill to see what is not good, but it takes the Holy Spirit to see what is good.

Teacher helper award. A piece of paper Microsoft 2003. Teacher and deleted, signed and he said everyone stop everything. Put the knife down. I want to create a moment, something happened that never happened before. Yesterday I desperately needed some copies to be made. Someone was here, no attitude and gave me copies. I want to honor Melissa today, took the word over to her. Not embers them, this was the reverse embarrassment. Okay, everyone go to the computers, moved away and she sat at the table. Can I take it and put it on the wall? She grabbed it and shoved it in her purse. Nobody has ever given me an award for anything, you can't have it!

No more powerful thing than God is doing and appreciating it. There was a fire in him that everyone can be changed by love. Moved to Redding to a high school and he continued on with his work there.

# Divine enablement

We need God to do what is beyond you. Through you what you can’t do on your own! With challenging things happening I don’t blame, but ask God how can I make this great again? Any counselor, stop blaming, you deal with you!

The crazy guy, then this guy wanted to start a Christian club. You can’t start one, the kids need to start it! Javier the most hated kid on campus showed up and went to do it. We have one problem, everyone hates you. He said: "You get the paperwork, I will get the people."

He was a catalyst. A catalyst is something that changes the environment, but not get changed by anyone else. 1/3 of the school meeting in his classroom. One kid!

# Bring more Kids

How can we bring more hope to more kids? A youth center, there was no place where people can encounter mentors to get love and be known. God is doing something with this, He wants to meet these kids and know who they are. Club H2O was founded, he didn't know what the vision looked like but kept moving forward. He got to funding, a Disney CEO that they were talking to. Masters degree in teaching, I am ready. Another high-level church leader. In 5 minutes the dream got done, he barely finished saying his name and the person said: “You’re not ready.” How do you mean? I have all these degrees and stuff. Do you know how much writing I have done!? Dream crushed, walked away so angry and hurt. Discouraged, he thought: I thought I was hearing from the Lord. He let the dream die. Sometimes God will let the dreams die so that He can grow something in you to sustain the dream.

He will show you what is in your heart, believed with all his heart how to see beyond the mess into the destiny, but he got told: No!

# Not ready for the car

God was showing him what is to come, but he won’t show me and not prepare me to sustain it! If I put my kid in the car right now, he can’t touch the pedals and see through the glass at the same time. That doesn't mean Toby is not going to drive a car someday! You may get told no, but that is not the end of the journey, story. Even when you’re told no while being passionate.

If you think you know it all; you’re don’t! You’re not ready, but you will be!

If you trust me and keep on showing up to the game you will be ready! In 10 days they open the doors to a 1000 square foot youth center. He has run with the dream that now died. every single thing ever, out of striving. It is not true! If you don’t do it, someone else will do it!

# Divine opportunity

Divine opportunity! Open doors, God brought things about. He didn't plan a single meeting, but in the middle, he was with the city manager, this is the guy knowing everything about mentoring. What do I do with my hands? I think we should have mentors, how? I don't know but I know we should!

“When God prepares you for something He will put you out to places farther than you feel ready for, but then you look back and not understanding what was going on. If God hadn’t done this I wouldn't be here!”

# But before that…

Something happened before something else. Before you showed up in your city you encountered love in such a way that you just give it away. We literally mirror one another, that is truth. Scientific truth: Dave Grousman. Military man and police officers study in the 90's voice of command, you don't need a real gun. Stop right there, put your hands up or I will shoot. The problem is you play the way you practice, under pressure police officers would get into real situations and stop right there put your hands up or I will shoot. Under extreme stress, they play the way they practiced.

Qualify with your gun, pick up the shells in their bullets. 1000 of times, who would train like this got into a firefight. The investigator came out and said I was standing right here, I got to shoot. Okay, where were the shells? In his pocket, in the middle of a firefight picking up shells. Both the problem for the youth of our cities and the opportunity.

Self-sufficient I need to go to college! He gets highly involved that there was an issue in the city, empowered that he called the mayor so many times that the mayor called him back on Christmas Day! He was sitting on the toilet when he was on the phone. Hey, this is the mayor, I am calling because you called me 800 times. Can I call you back? That is his son Jerry!

Churches sometimes are the places where people believe the least what is possible! God is fueling you to overflow so you can believe that the impossible can happen!

We need mentors! When kids encounter hope it changes everything! When they encounter love anything is possible! 25 mentoring projects in Redding, took him forever to find them! Incredible, but not people who show off what they did. Not websites, Facebook or Instagram. Listen: a rising tide lifts all ships. Not one mentoring project grows, but everything changes!

Greatest export isn't finances, business, but our children!

# Legacy

Legacy or an inheritance is what you leave behind or what comes after you when you are gone.

When you die your pile will not show up to your funeral, your couch will not show up: we had a lot of fun time cuddling. When you die your legacy, what you leave in people there is potential in them to create something new! Stuff is going to sit there, go away and die. If what you have is left behind in people there is something we leave behind! A different part of who God is. He can show up and change everything!

# Not in stuff, but in people

That would affect how we live in the present, Redding: how did we get here? 10 second Tom’s, everybody forgets and asks how did we get here? 30-year journey, it has doubled in size. 2008-2011 2011-2015 even greater? It took 30 years to get here. Big town problems with a small town mindsets. People are looking for silver bullets, show up. It is not a program problem, but a legacy problem. Lack of seeing the long haul. Serve for a few moments and not here. Fills me up more and has better worship, that pastor preaches more biblically than you. You can’t have a legacy if you keep uprooting yourself!

My legacy directly impacts the people today. At the end of his day, he already has imagined his funeral: he wasn't perfect, but man he loved me, he believed in me! When does that matter? Matters today! How do you leave a legacy? Don't wait for 20 years later, but show up today!

# Legacy

Legacy doesn't start when you die, but today! An hour invested in a young person has the same impact of 10 hours! One hour a week is less than one-half of a percent of your time in a week and it is equal to ten hours!

The body of believers, followers of Jesus, grow up! Give half a percent!

63% of kids in Redding is not in a natural setting. Mom and dad that parent has to work, they are on their own. Whose stories are they repeating? Hey, you don't have to repeat that story! You shouldn't climb up on that building and do a back flip of it? That makes sense!

Your car won’t remember you, your couch will not give you a story, but the people who you impacted will!

Wedding church full of people, funeral way 4 times bigger!

If you want to be powerful, love someone on purpose. If you want to leave a great legacy, love them when it doesn't benefit you!