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***There is More – What is Next?***

**Prayer** – Adoration - Call for Mercy – Wisdom – Revelation

**Introduction**

* Personal Info

* EVERY SINGLE one of you have been gifted and called to do EXTRA-ordinary things to build the Kingdom of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.
* My purpose for being here is to STIR UP your imagination so you can personally SEEK the LORD to be ALL YOU CAN BE during your short time on this earth.

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

1 John 4:17

**I – Building a Foundation That Will Last**

***The Most Effective Illustration of My Youth***

The Coin – Your life is like a coin. Most likely, once that coin passes in and out of your possession, you will never see it again.

***Solomon Requests Wisdom*** – Imagine trying to be David’s son … 1 Kings 3:4-14

1. Be thankful for those who have gone before us.
2. Don’t be intimidated by their successes
3. God has even bigger plans for you if you ask Him to show you.
4. You will learn a lot of you study the lives of those who have gone before us
5. Honor your elders and God will transfer their mantle to you.

***3 Foundational Verses in My Life***

REVERENCE - “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,  
But fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

Proverbs 1:7

ASK HIM - “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

James 1:5

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU FAIL – “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9

***Solomon’s Fall*** – 1 Kings 11:1-13 – His foreign wives turned his heart away from God.

* Solomon’s Son Rehoboam becomes king (1 Kings 11:43)
* Jeroboam was one of Solomon’s officers. He led a rebellion against Rehoboam in 1 Kings 12
* King Rehoboam consults the elders who stood before his father Solomon
* But REJECTED their counsel and embraced the counsel of his friends his age.

1. Wisdom and understanding come from the Father
2. Revelation for NEW IDEAS comes from the Father
3. Opposition and DISTRACTIONS come from Satan.

**II - Dreaming with the Father**

***What has the Father put in your heart?***

* The Father is constantly speaking to us as He did to Jesus when He was a man on earth.

“I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.”

John 5:30

“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”

John 6:38

Jesus answered them and said, “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.”

John 7:16-17

***Are you building His Kingdom or your own?***

* The American Dream is not God’s Way
* Never forget that your personal appearance at the Bema Seat is coming (2 Corinthians 5:9-11). Will regret mark your time spent in this short time on earth?

***What are some of your interests?***  
  
***What are you good at?*** God uses our life experience – even when it doesn’t appear to have anything to do with building the Kingdom.

***How do your spiritual gifts affect your usefulness in establishing a new work?***

***What are some of the pitfalls you can expect?***

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