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WHAT MAKES SOMEONE A PROVEN WINNER?

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Nehemiah was intentional and deliberate. He said, we gotta work to do. We got something to build. Hallelujah.

And I have been building with God. And let me tell you something, we off in the twenty twenty seven, y'all. We ain't even. I promise y'all, we not even just planning for twenty twenty six.

We off in the twenty twenty seven and God's getting ready to do some stuff. And can I tell you something? One of the things that I've learned in this fifty two reset, what I've learned is God is telling me, we gotta rebuild you in the area of fitness. Can I tell y'all what's so crazy?

Let me tell y'all something. I had my best run day after two days of rest. Y'all not hearing what I'm saying? No, y'all not hearing what I'm saying.

You hear what I'm saying? No, listen to me very closely. I don't even want to rest like I like. I don't want to rest, y'all.

I promise you, in the name of Jesus, I do not want to rest. Amen. But God is saying, just follow me. There's a reason why I had this rhythm work, work, work, work, work, rest.

There's a reason why I did it, son. And I'm telling y'all, it's crazy. I rested from running two days, I just rested. I don't know what I was doing, but I didn't.

I, you know, I walked one day. I didn't do nothing for a day. And then my body was like, you ready? And I was like, ready to do what?

The body was like, yo, I'm ready. I'm ready to push this thing. Amen. You you gave me rest.

You gave me rest. And I'm trying to tell y'all God is doing rest not to hurt us. God is telling you to stop doing some of the stuff you were doing before. God is telling you to pause on that.

God is telling you to give that up. He's saying reset not to hurt you, but to actually answer some of your prayers. Amen. So.

Fifty two fifty two fifty two I can't wait for August twenty second. I do have to say this. I do have to say this. I do have to say this.

Some of y'all want to hear you may not want to hear, but I gotta say it. August twenty ninth. We resting y'all. We resting.

Amen. Whether you want to rest or not. We resting and we going to bless your soul. So if you come from Ohio, if you come from different parts of Michigan, if you drive from Indiana, if you know, wherever you come from Illinois, we will not be in the building physically August twenty ninth, but we still will be praising the Lord online.

Amen. So you going to catch the service? You going to catch it online? But if you show up here, like on this campus, August twenty ninth, the door will be closed.

And so you'll be praising the Lord in your car and walking around. Amen. Now, I can't stop you from doing that. I'm just telling you, we're going to rest and everybody's going to get an opportunity.

If you children's ministry, you're going to get to rest. If you, uh, whatever ministry, music ministry, like we won't be here. We will be resting. Everybody will be.

If you usher, you will not be usher. If you're on the back, you will not. So again, I get this message to everybody because there are some people in your circle who may not have caught this. So make sure you take a picture, take a picture of it right now.

Get get the screen. You at home, you're watching, take a pic and then send it to everybody you know that physically comes in the body or just follows us. They don't want to be here on August twenty ninth cause we're not going to be here. Amen.

Praise God. Alright, so, so can I, can I go backwards, y'all? I know we're supposed to go forward. Amen.

But can I go back to last week? I just want to show you a scripture in Isaiah from last week, because what I was able to do, y'all, I was able to actually walk in this, right? We were talking about the fact that we were born to win. Right?

And, and, and, and, and oh, y'all, y'all hear y'all gotta see this. This thing is crazy. God told me, don't just preach this. I want you to walk in this from Sabbath to Sabbath.

I want you to walk in since that were precious in my sight. Hallelujah. God said, do me a favor. Don't make that a scripture.

I want you to. I want you to embrace that. So when you're driving, drive like you're precious. Precious.

Hallelujah. When you get in my word, get into my word like you precious. Forget the past. Forget the former things.

There is no condemnation. All I want you to know this week is you're precious. Can I tell y'all something? I spoke different this week because I realized I was precious, I spoke different, I was like, yo, E, you ain't gotta talk like that.

You ain't. You don't gotta defend yourself. You ain't gotta do this. You ain't gotta do that, you precious.

Relax God, because God is saying, you precious and all his babies are precious. You, you, you live different when you know you're precious. Praise God you live different. Amen.

Praise God you live different. Amen. Praise God. I got somewhere to go and I was getting a hotel and God was like, do me a favor.

Don't, don't, don't don't, don't get that one. I was like, okay, God, but this is the one I'm accustomed to. This is the one I know the people and we gotta deal. This is the one I can see the from the.

He said, don't do that. My daughter, who's also precious, wants. She said she won't be in that hotel. Amen.

Oh, y'all missed what I just said? He said, do me a favor. Don't. Don't get that hotel, I said, but God, he said, we're not doing what we're not doing that we're doing precious.

We're not doing deals right now. We're doing precious. We're not doing what you're used to. We're doing precious right now.

Amen. And my daughter is precious in my sight. And so I've made her honorable. And she told you where she wanted to stay.

So what I don't need you to do is be trying to figure stuff out. I just need you to get where? Because you prayed about your marriage, too. So when you take her there, you may not know, but I'm telling you, it's going to bless her.

So do me a huge favor. Oh, y'all not hearing what I'm saying. God said don't spend like spend like you, precious. Praise God.

God said, why? Why did you work all these years? Why did you save all this money so you could just pass it? No, this is a precious moment, okay?

I'm by myself. God said, this is a precious moment. Amen. I'm just telling you, for those of you who didn't do it last week, because I ain't say it, I apologize.

But do me a favor. From this Sabbath to next Sabbath, I want you to move like you're precious. I want you to move like you're precious in his sight. Oh praise God, if you knew you were precious in God's sight, you wouldn't have entertained that conversation.

You wouldn't even be connected to that person. Are y'all not hearing what I'm saying? Can I show you what God showed me? He said, son, you're so precious.

I need you to act like it. I said, okay, God, what does that mean? Specifically? He says, in a lot of your relationships, what's yours is theirs.

But what's theirs is theirs. Okay, I'm by myself. Amen. God said to me, you got a lot of relationships that everything that's yours, every resource you have, you extend it to others.

But some folk, they keep all their stuff for them and they don't use none of their stuff for you. You need to move away from those relationships. You're precious son. Oh, okay.

That's not that's not precious behavior. Amen. Y'all miss what I said. God says you got the first part right.

Where everything that I've blessed you with, you bless another folk. But the part you got wrong is you just accept anything for them. Because y'all in relationship don't do that no more. You're precious.

Act like it. So the same way that you give, it shall be given unto you. Son. Hallelujah.

Amen. I just want somebody to walk different this week. I don't know what that's going to mean for you. I ain't my precious.

Ain't got nothing to do with your precious, you precious. That's something totally different. I'm just telling you what the Lord told me. Don't forget last week he said, since thou art precious meaning before today, I just want to remind somebody God said before today, since thou art precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee.

Therefore I will give men for thee and people for their life. So we're going to we're going to break that down. God, says I, I didn't even pay attention. What what Nehemiah is experiencing and what Nehemiah is going through is the fact that he's precious in God's sight.

And God is saying, because you're precious in my sight, I'm going to honor you and I love you. And guess what I'm going to do? I'm going to give. Are we going?

You going? If y'all ready before Nehemiah chapter two, I don't know if you're ready, go back and read it? But he, God is literally for Nehemiah. He's literally, literally giving men for thee and people for his life.

Alright, alright. Come on, let's go, let's go, let's go, let's go, let's go forward now. We're going to go forward now. We're going to go forward.

Now. Let's just go Jamie. Straight to let's go straight to Hallelujah. Let's go straight to uh.

You were born to win. Let's go straight to. You were born to win. Hallelujah.

I'm I'm I'm somebody. Yeah. You going to. Yeah.

You going to learn today. Listen to what God told me. God says not. Are you born to win?

You are a proven winner. No, no, no, I promise y'all, I wasn't even on that. I was just saying, we born to win. We are.

We were designed to win. I just was saying that. And then I went to Horrocks and it was about twenty, uh, flower pots. And it didn't say you were born to win on the flower pots.

It says proven winner. Come on, come on, come on. No I'm not. I, I, I went to Horrocks.

I wasn't even to read my Bible, y'all. Y'all. I wasn't even listening to no gospel music. Amen.

I was just going to the store to buy some kale and some cabbage. Amen. That's all I was doing. And before I could get in, it was twenty flower pots that said proven winner.

God said, go back and tell em they're not just born to win. They're proven winners. Come on. I may be talking to myself today, but God told me to tell somebody.

Not only were you born to win, not only were you designed to win, you are a proven winner. Praise God. Hallelujah. I just need somebody in the office.

Uh, the audience on three. Somebody at home. Just say it with me. One.

Two. Three. Proven winner. Oh, that's different than a winner.

Praise God. A winner might have won in the past, but they ain't winning right now. Ha! A proven winner, huh?

A proven winner. Amen. Hallelujah. I know, I know, yeah, that's what, that's what I saw Jamie.

That's what it was proven. Winner. Hallelujah. Amen.

And so if we're going to talk basketball right now in this season, I have to just be honest and say LeBron is not just a winner, but all of his career he's been a pro. That's how I want you to see yourself. After twenty some years, he's still winning. That's what God is saying to you, that that I don't want you to win for one decade, or I don't want you to win for two decades, and I don't want you to win for three decades.

I want you to win the span of your life. And then when your life is over and you come home, ah, you will win throughout eternity. I said, I said proven winner. Come on, I said proven winner.

Come on, I said proven winner. Amen. At some point when you get it, I just want you to. Yep, yep, a proven winner.

Yep. Come on. Y'all not saying it like y'all believe it. Maybe I don't need to preach it a proven winner.

Yep. Come on. One two three. Come on.

One two three. Yep yep. I'm gonna wait for you. Yep, I see you.

I'm gonna wait on you. Yep. I'm gonna wait on you. Yep.

I'm gonna wait on you. Yep. I ain't gotta go nowhere. Imma wait on you.

Yep. I'm gonna wait on you. I'm gonna wait for you to. Yep.

Proven winner. Yep. One two three. Yep.

One. Two. Three. Yep.

I'm gonna wait. Some of y'all still don't know who you are. I got time, I'm gonna wait on you. I'm gonna wait on you.

Imma. Imma wait on you. I'm gonna wait on you. Yep.

I'm gonna wait on you. Amen. If you want me to preach. You better tell em next to you.

Except I'm gonna wait on you. You're a proven winner. You're not just a winner. You are a proven winner.

Imma wait on you. Imma wait on you. I'm gonna wait on you. Amen.

I'm not telling you what I want to tell you. I'm telling you. I went to the grocery store and God put you on my mind. And he said, tell my babies they're not just born winners.

Yeah, they're not just born with it. That's a time frame. Some people who win, you win for somebody. My boy Steve was like, E well, what y'all somebody call me what you think about Isaiah Thomas?

I said, yeah, he was a winner. But it was a short time span. It was eighty nine, ninety nine. It was a short yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah.

But there are others that are considered great cause? Three. Pete. Three Pete.

Yup. And there's some. From the time they came in, they took their team to the playoffs and they still taking that I told I said, you are a winner. Not for a season.

Amen. You are not a winner for a season. You are. You are a proven winner.

And it's time for us to act like it. And I'm going to show you why that's so important. When we read Nehemiah, you may be seated in the presence of the Lord, a proven winner. Yeah, faith over fear is a proven winner.

Yup, a proven winner. Preparation over excuses. Yeah. Yup, a proven winner.

Yup. Perseverance over quitting. Yeah. Yup.

A proven winner. Obedience over compromise. A proven winner consistently responds to challenges in a way that produces victories and glorifies God. Praise God, praise God.

Oh, hallelujah. One more time. A proven winner consistently responds to chat. This is okay.

So. So the reason why I told you to show up a certain way. Because what I noticed about those of us who are titled Christian, we, we, we, we handle challenges differently proven winners. They approach challenges differently.

That's right. Okay. So we are Christians, right? We they were all Israelites.

But Nehemiah approached it differently. Yeah. Okay. All right.

Let me read it. Okay. I'm sorry. Let me read it.

I'm sorry, I'm sorry. A proven winner doesn't run from impossible problems. They run toward them with unwavering faith. Watch your mouth.

This. I just want you to be aware of the words coming out of your mouth. And I want you to ask yourself. AM I talking like a winner?

AM I talking like a proven winner? They run toward them with unwavering faith. Careful preparation. That's what we've been on all year.

That's what we've been focusing on. We started in December and it's like, nope, we're not just doing programs. We're preparing now. Okay, I'm sorry.

I'm by myself. I do. I knew most of you weren't going to get excited. I wasn't excited at first.

I feel you, I ain't mad at you. It's going to come. It's going to get you. Going to get it.

Hallelujah. Amen. In in Genesis before man he prepared. And let there be light and let the firmament of the.

Okay, y'all. Y'all didn't. And then he stepped back and said it was good. What was he doing?

He wasn't creating man. First. He was preparing. Oh, hallelujah.

He was preparing for man. He didn't have man dangling in the air until he created air. He created H2O before man because he knew man would need. Yeah.

That's right. He created oxygen first because he knew he would need. He had vegetation. Oh, come.

somebody ought to say Amen. A born winner, a proven winner prepares. That's what the Bible says, what the Bible says. And he says, and God.

And has God given vision. Nehemiah stood before a one hundred and forty year problem that generations had accepted as permanent. Yet he refused to inherit their excuses. He prayed before he spoke.

My my my. He. Oh come on, am I talking to anybody? That's what's wrong with us now.

We do a lot of talking before we pray. We talking in the flesh, and then we're getting fleshly outcomes. Oh, y'all not hearing me. We get overwhelmed.

We get emotional. We see things. We just start talking. God says, okay, do me a favor.

Don't you know that I let you see the wall? But before you go attacking the wall, can you come and ask me? Or am I in the name of Jesus? Somebody said, Eric, you keep saying what we just praying and we need to stop.

Stop and do what? Like what is stand still and see. The salvation of the Lord means. It means don't move before you have direction.

I told you before, most GPS systems are designed that you can't drive and put the address in the car will tell you we in motion right now, not even your car. If you texting

your phone will tell you you driving right now? We can't. Oh, y'all not hear what I'm saying.

God is saying do me a favor, stop driving and then put in the direction. Stop moving and then come consult me. I need you to get the directions first, I need you. You didn't just made a move.

You didn't even ask God about. The Bible says, and before Nehemiah spoke, he prayed, Hallelujah! Praise God, he planned before he moved. Hallelujah.

They go that thing before again. He planned before he moved. He prepared before he asked. And he trusted God before he took the first step.

He expected favor. He proven winner. He expected favor. LeBron be expecting them calls.

Jordan. Jordan. Jordan. They didn't even see the push.

I don't know if it was a foul, but it wasn't called if it was Jordan. Jordan as Jordan saw himself shooting his shot. And he moved my man out the way he knew he wasn't going to get no foul. He knew it was just between him.

And I'm talking about they move with favor. Yes. Oh I'm sorry. Expected favor.

Okay. They welcome responsibilities and wasn't shaken by opposition. That's the mindset of a proven winner. They don't measure the size or the age of the problem, they measure the greatness of God.

Alright, I want to do that one more time. I want to do that sentence one more time. Because when you go, oh, this is that, and you get overwhelmed and you it means you're not looking at God no more. You're looking at the wall now.

No, no, no, listen, what I'm saying, when you start talking in the flesh and it's all overwhelm and anxiety and stress and all that, that mean you're looking at the wall, you're not looking at God. Because if you was looking at God, I will bless the Lord at all times, and his praise shall continually be in my mouth. If we're focusing on God, we're not even focusing on the wall. If we're focusing on God, we're not focused on the devastation.

If we focus on God, we don't care. If they burn it with fire. We don't care if they knocked it down with a dragon. We don't care if they took cannonballs and knocked it down.

It doesn't matter because we're not focused on it. We focus on God and we focus on God. I can do all things. Watch this.

They measure the greatness of God, the God who called them. So some of us are overwhelmed because you're doing stuff God didn't call you to do. You're overwhelmed because God never told you to do that. And what you're trying to do now is you're trying to pay your bills instead of doing what God called you to do.

Now you're trying to pay your mortgage. You're not doing what God called. Can I tell y'all when you do what God calls? Okay, alright alright alright alright, alright.

What others call impossible. A proven winner sees an opportunity for God to make history. Yeah. Wow.

Alright. Come on, come on, come on, come on. We ain't got a lot of time. Come on, come on, come on, let's go.

Alright, alright, alright. Let's go real quick. Alright, alright. And it.

And. And in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King, our test is when wine was brought for him. I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before.

My my, my. So the king asked me, why does your face look so sad when you're not ill? Okay, okay okay okay okay okay okay okay okay, okay. Y'all gotta catch this one.

I'm out. Y'all gotta. If we don't do. If y'all don't hear nothing else.

I'm telling you what God told me when pastor preached that last message. God told me, hey, you gotta get off the wall and you gotta go back to the man who. Alright, I'm gonna say it one more time. Imma say it slower.

God says they not ready for the wall yet. They gotta go back to the man who God used to build a wall. Because they gotta figure out who he was and how he was able to. How did he become a proven winner?

Okay, so here's what's so funny, y'all. And we've been talking about on the podcast, right? Here's what's so funny. And I'm not listen to me.

I never talk about anything on the podcast because I'm trying to humiliate. I'm actually trying to let people know you gotta challenge. And for whatever reason, God is giving you a vision and you can't get to the vision. And so one of the things I'm starting to realize is that the people of God want the reward, but they don't want the character that comes with the reward and the formation that comes with the reward.

That's what I'm starting to see. And here's the deal. You could just take your eyes off the reward. Don't ever put your eyes on the reward again.

If you have the character and the formation, you never need the reward because the character and the formation are going to produce the reward. No, I'm just trying to help somebody. You don't never gotta go. I want to be a millionaire.

A millionaire is not money. A millionaire is a certain. It's a certain behavior. It's a certain formation.

It's people who are millionaires look at money differently. Most of the people who are not millionaires are consumers. So it's a different mindset. You'll never be a millionaire and you have touched millions.

Listen to me. Most of you in this room, you work for a living. If you work for a living, you will you will have accumulated a million dollars. The reason why you don't see it is because you spent it, not because you didn't have it.

Oh no no no no, I'm gonna say it again because some of y'all looking at me like I'm crazy. If the very first time somebody gave you money up until now, you probably millions have probably run through your pockets. Millions have probably run through your bank account. If you take the first gift that somebody ever gave you and you take the first check you ever got, and you every check you've ever seen in the middle, I guarantee you that was millions.

If you go back and you start doing the calculations, it wasn't that the money wasn't there, the mindset wasn't there. Yeah, yeah. And so I'm about to show y'all something. You gotta catch it.

You gotta catch this. You gotta catch why Nehemiah was a proven leader, why he was a proven winner, why he knew when he went out to rebuild a wall, why he knew it was going to happen. My my my catch this, catch this. The king said, what's wrong with you?

It's right here. Did y'all not see it? The king said, what's wrong with you? Like I know you like.

You've been doing this work your whole life. You've always had a positive mindset. What's wrong with you? Something is wrong.

Oh, hallelujah. We ought to be so Christ like. We ought to know God so much. We ought to move in the anointing so much that when something is wrong, your your boss knows something is wrong.

Everybody knew some. What's wrong? Nehemiah ain't being Nehemiah. Something's wrong.

Nehemiah, I know you. I see you not sick. That's good. The king said, I, I, I, I had not been sad in his presence before.

So the king asked me, why does your face look so sad when you're not ill? This is why he's a proven winner. Yeah. Wow.

This can be nothing but sadness of heart. This is why this man is a proven winner. He said. And the king said, hold up.

You got your. Do we not pay you well enough? Are you not in the palace? Do you not have access to everything that belongs to the King?

Have we not blessed you? Then why are you sad? If you good economically, why would you be sad? If you live in a palace?

Why should you be sad if you are almost a right hand to the King? I don't drink it before you drink it. Before I drink it. Yeah, everything I drink and everything I eat.

You eat before. Why could you be sad? No, we did a lot of slides. Carl.

Jamie, I might not be able to get to him today because I gotta tell you. I gotta tell you why. He was a proven winner. And he said I was very much afraid.

So he's sad and he's scared, but. Oh come on. My my my my my. He's sad.

It's something on his heart. But he's afraid to say it because he knows if he says it, that there might be repercussions for saying it. But his heart is in it. Oh praise God, let me tell y'all something.

Let me tell y'all something. If y'all want to know the difference between Nehemiah and most of us as Christians, Hallelujah. Here's what's so crazy. This is where the king was like, okay, something wrong?

The boy, he's sad. What's going on? Listen to me, y'all. Y'all have to understand that Nehemiah ain't a dude that have do stuff.

He's not a dude that's worried about money. Okay, can I put this down? I just want to talk for a minute. He not worried about money.

He not trying to get money out the situation. You gotta understand his job. He is a cup bearer, meaning that he going to die instead of the king. He got one of them jobs, y'all.

Where he all in? Please don't miss who Nehemiah is. The reason why some of us are not where we want to be and where God wants us to be. Because everything God gives you, you're not all in.

You're doing five different things, and you ain't in one of them. You got five things going on in your life, six things going on in your life. And you ain't. You ain't giving.

Not one of them all. Nehemiah was all in. Nehemiah said, I drink it first. So if somebody's going to die, I'm going to die.

He was willing to. His job required death. Don't be stupid. I don't know if y'all grew up in this era, but the King or anytime you are a king, anytime you sit on the throne, you automatically have enemies.

Anytime you blessed. Anytime you bless. Anytime God is blessing you, you're going to always have enemies. It's going to always be somebody who think they should be sitting on the throne.

Nehemiah's job was I drink it before you drink it. So if it's got poison in it, you watch me first. And if I die? Listen to me, y'all.

One of the reasons why Nehemiah is Nehemiah, the reason why it only took him fifty two days to build the wall. I was going on a wall. I apologize, I shouldn't have been doing the wall first pastor, when he preached, I saw it. He was talking about who is Nehemiah?

And I was like, oh, he's a cup bearer, meaning that every time he does his job, he could die. He all in. We don't read about him being nothing else. Just a cupbearer just possibly drinking poison every day.

And I imagine he drinking. I'm not imagining I. Maybe the king is doing a gallon a day, I don't know, but I guarantee you, he's just not drinking once. But the fifty two took fifty two because he was used to not doing five or six things at once.

Okay. All right. I'm by myself. All right.

Here. Go. Here. Go.

Okay. Here. Go to one one though. He go to one one.

He go. He said don't forget the all in. But he go to one one. He said may the king live forever.

Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins. And its gates have been destroyed by fire? That's the missing piece with most of us. Nehemiah wasn't even sad for Nehemiah.

You missed it. You missed it. Nehemiah was sad because of his people. Nehemiah didn't even live over there.

Nehemiah wasn't even affected by the stuff that was going. Oh, y'all missed what I just said. Nehemiah wasn't even affected by it. It ain't had nothing to do with Nehemiah.

I'm telling you, there's a way that God blesses you. There's a way that God anoints you when you're not looking after yourself, when you're not looking after your own family, I promise you. Nehemiah went before the king and was scared because he knew if he told the king he wanted to bless Israel, he already knew where Israel was in the grand scope

of things. They ain't been able to fight in one hundred and forty years.

They had no honor in one hundred and forty years. They had been the laughing stock of that region for one hundred and forty years. Ain't nobody scared of them. Don't nobody believe that they are precious in God's sight.

But Nehemiah, are you miss what I just said? You praying for more and God ain't going to give you no more. Because your heart ain't sad for nobody but you and yours. God say y'all got enough.

Y'all don't need no more. Trophy. I woke up the other day and I saw somebody needed me to cash app him and I cash app him. And one of the things when you cash app is it shows you your balance.

I had thousands and thousands of dollars in my Cash app. I was like, bro, where did this come from? I don't even know where it came from. And the guy said, it don't matter where it came from.

I know you exclusively use Cash App to be a blessing to people. You have never transferred the money that's in here to your bank. So we going to make sure. That the Cash App keep thousands of dollars.

Y'all not hearing what I'm saying. AM I talking to anybody? I didn't notice it at first until pastor preached. And I went back and I started studying Nehemiah and I said, Nehemiah about to lose his life, possibly to the king.

He's bringing up something that does not benefit the king. He's talking about something that does not mean he's out of line. From a human research standpoint, this has nothing to do with your job. This has nothing to do with why we pay you.

Right, right right, right. But Nehemiah was a proven winner. He said I could shut up and do what the king told me to do, or I could do what God told me to do. Though he slay me.

Though he slay me, yet will I trust him. Nehemiah had. I'm just being real. Nehemiah was all out.

He was all in. He was a proven winner. He was all in. He was like, look at my people and what my people going through.

I shouldn't even be in here. Right? And the king did not put me here. God put me here.

So I better represent God. There's going to come a time where you going to have to decide if you're going to rep what this person want you to do, or you going to rep what God tell you to do. I'm telling you, if you going to go down, go down fighting with what God told you to do. Watch this y'all.

This is crazy. Watch this, watch this. Y'all. This is crazy.

This is crazy. Y'all watch this. Watch this, watch this. Philippians two three through four.

I saw it. This is why he was a proven winner. This is why he knew for a fact that he was going to rebuild the walls, and he was going to be quick. He says, do nothing O not Nehemiah, I'm sorry, Jesus, God.

Philippians two three through four, do nothing out of selfish ambition. No, I'm gonna tell you something. Anything you put your hands on. If you do it and it ain't about you, it's going to blow up.

You, put you in it. I don't know, I'm not God. His grace is sufficient, so God might still bless it. I don't know, but I'm trying to tell you if you want to be a proven winner.

He says, do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourself, not looking to your own interests, but each of you to the interest of others. I promise you, in the name of Jesus Christ, one of the things that will destroy a marriage or will destroy a family, will destroy a business, will destroy a. That's good.

It's self-interest. No, no, no, I'm trying to tell you, I've seen businesses and I, you know, and I say something to them and they get mad at me, like, who do you think you are? I said, listen to me. Listen to me.

I'm not trying to dog you out. As a matter of fact, I didn't even want to say nothing to you because I knew if I said something to you, it could mess up our relationship, right? I already knew that. You think I'm stupid?

You think you think I don't know if I if I if I be a yes man, we ain't going to keep our relationship. Come on, come on. You think I said, bro? Here go the problem.

Okay, let me just say this. Let me say it this way. Alright? So I don't get in trouble.

Let me just say it this way. I don't know if y'all been watching online lately, but online lately there's this new phenomenon going on where it's like you say some deep stuff on the internet. You know, you say you sit down in your chair and you say some deep stuff. And then the people have been saying this deep stuff.

They numbers is going crazy. But what I've been noticing is the the person who does it. Now, I'm starting to see that everybody that works for them is also doing it now. And I call like, look, I ain't trying to get on your nerve, but if everybody going to be a social media influencer, y'all, y'all going to have to split up because now my man don't want to do videos no more.

And now home girl don't want to be an administrative no more. Now everybody want to be an influencer. And I'm just trying to tell you you can't have five influence. People don't know the reason why me and CJ blow up because we ain't doing the same thing.

We're not competing right, wrong or indifferent. However you look at it, I'm not tripping on what nobody does. I'm just telling you the secret to success is the father, son and the Holy Spirit. They didn't all come and die.

They not all bringing back remembrance. They. Not all. They are three, but they don't have the exact.

They not competing against each other. It's the father. It's the son. It's the Holy Spirit.

They not all on the cross. One of them was on the cross. One of them said, I'm sorry, but I gotta depart from you. Even though you are my son, it does not change my role.

I'm not going to switch up because you're my son. You got sin on you right now. And if you got sin on me right now, on you, right now, I have to depart myself from you. And then Jesus says, I thought we never would depart.

Why hast thou forsaken me? It was three. I'm like, bro, I know you going to get mad at me for saying this, but about five people now, everybody, when I turn on everybody, influencers. Now here's the deal.

It's nothing wrong with that. But they can't. You didn't pay people to do that. Come on, come on, come on now.

You didn't paid them and blew them up and now they're using their time. That's cool. But just quit. Come on.

Okay. Y'all not hearing what I'm saying. Y'all not hear what I'm saying? I told y'all I wasn't paying attention to the wall.

TJ preached about Nehemiah and then I saw it. He did nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. He. King, why are you sad like I see it on you.

This boy was so. He lived in a palace, y'all. He had money. He had a good job.

He had a good life. He wasn't dealing with the ruins. But the king was like, yo, something wrong? You mean to tell me that you feel such.

You feel that way about your people? That is showing up in your countenance. And there are those of us that we don't care about any. Okay, let me say it this way.

Let me say it this way. Let me say it this way because I gotta learn how to talk. I have to say it in the right way. Let me tell you something.

In this body and in my circle of influence, I have been blessed to see people take care of their families and make their family a priority like I've never seen in the world. What I've seen, though, is very few of those same people take care of other people the way they take care of theirs. Let me say it right. Let me say it positively.

And you know what's so crazy though, y'all? What's so crazy? And I don't know how we miss it. We will talk that talk.

We will say, I promise y'all, I said it. I, I remember like making a transition here and not really being where we were used to being financially. I remember God blessing the arrington's we. TJ just talked about chucking money.

They would just come up and give you. I remember I'm sorry, I don't want to upset nobody because now people are like, well, I never okay, that ain't that ain't got nothing to do with me. I'm not the some blessings you got that I didn't get. Okay, alright.

That part I promise you when they gave us the money d d and I would always thank the Lord and say, we can't wait till we can do this ourselves? No, I'm telling you, a lot of you will say it was a blessing, but you never. You never start doing it. You loved it, but you never got to a point where you was like, God, I want to do that.

That's good. This is not this is not this has nothing to do with me. Do nothing out of selfish ambition. So I was like, God, yes, that felt good when they gave it to me.

That felt good. Me and DD cashed that. I was hoping that money was good. I was hoping that check wasn't Postdated somebody know some of y'all young?

You don't. You don't know. You don't know if post dated me. That's a foreign term to you.

Amen. I know y'all don't cash that, but I was hoping it wasn't post dated. I was hoping they wrote it for the day they gave it to me because as soon as Monday morning At nine a m I was at the bank. Hallelujah.

And I remember me and d d cash in the cheque. And I remember her saying, God, it feels good. But the word says it is better to give. Than to receive.

Y'all not hear what I'm saying. My flesh was grateful for the blessing. And God says I did not bless y'all for y'all to keep looking for more money. I wanted you to say, God make us responsible like that.

That's good, that's good. Yeah, I'm going to show y'all these pictures of these kids. God said, don't I know Jaylen and Jada? They grown.

I know, I know, they grown, they gone. But you're still you're still a father figure. No no no no no. God said, son, I didn't give you no gigs the month of I, I didn't give you no gigs this month for a reason.

Oh, y'all. Okay. Y'all missed what I said. Y'all missed what I said.

I'm. AM I talking to anybody? God said, son, okay, we gotta stop doing this, y'all. We gotta stop doing this.

We gotta stop serving God when he just overflow. And then when he stop overflowing, we act like he still ain't overflowing. I'm not. Hear what I'm saying.

When God stop blessing you one way. We just so immature that. Oh, God, stop. No!

God said, son, I just freed up your schedule. Not for you, but I need you to be with these kids. Come on, come on, come on, come on. Amen.

What y'all may not know is that as a pastor, I do know when parents are struggling and they're having specific challenges with their kids. And I also know that that's what I do in the world. And God says, son, you gotta bring that home. Listen to me.

We love me. Candice. Nate, coach. Mason.

Danita, sister Pam, Listen to me. We loved on these kids like they were ours. Some of you, I'm telling you. Listen to me.

You better hear me in the spirit. God has blessed you to take care of your kids. And your kids. Can't never say you weren't present.

But what God is saying is you don't just get to use your gifts for yours. Come on, come on, come on, come on. That's right, that's good, that's good. You didn't.

I got four books before we did the. You. Oh, you. I wish I would have had them in front of me, I promise you, I remember I almost fixed my mouth.

Pray, Lord. I'm sorry. Years afterwards, I almost fixed my mouth. Once I went to the bank and I looked at what was in our account and I promise you, I was looking like God, did I mess up?

He said, what does that mean? I said, well, you know, when all the books I wrote, I didn't take none of the money I gave. He said, did I tell you every gift I gave you was for you? Wow.

Did I tell you because that was your story you wrote in the book, by the way, it wouldn't have been a story if I didn't stop some of the things that happened in your life, you would have been dead, son. You would have been in jail. So what are you asking me again about your gift that I gave you from birth that you didn't even study for? You didn't even work for the gift I gave you.

You didn't even take care of it. I gave you a gift, and you were so rebellious and defiant to your mind. You were so. Your brain was so messed up, son, that you had the gift and couldn't do nothing with it.

So which part? Which part of your gift is for you? Again? Run that back to me.

I want to hear you say that again. Which book were you referring to exactly? That was supposed to be yours? No.

I'm talking. I'm telling you, the conversations I had with God, I'm like God. And you know what's so crazy? It.

I'm going to tell you what happens. What happens is it wasn't even that I wanted to question God, but somebody was like, you should have had more money. Some financial person was like, nah, you didn't make I did all this. We're looking at the books.

According to the books you should have. God says you have exactly what I wanted you to have. And that's Grace. Oh, y'all not hearing what I'm saying.

AM I? AM I talking to myself? God said. And that's grace.

Okay. I'm sorry. Carl. Forgive me.

We ain't get to none of the slides. We'll get there. We'll get. We'll get there in a minute.

I'm sorry. We'll get there in a minute. So watch what happens immediately after you do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourself.

Yeah. No. All I'm telling you to do when you go home today is write down all the things you do for your kids. Yeah.

All the sacrifices you make for your babies financially, time wise. And then I want you to say, God, show me who else I'm supposed to do this for. Y'all. Not y'all not listening.

Y'all not listening. Listen to me. Very close. We just had a situation where players got.

Aisha was like, hey, I gotta do some. I gotta take care of some medical I love it. She's like the doctor told me I had to take care of my body. There was some stuff that I needed to

do.

I love it as a mother. We talked about this last week and she was like, But I'm going to take care of myself after my baby, after Dallas is taken care of. But she was like, but when I do it, it's going to be on bed rest and I'm going to have to I can't do this and I can't do that. And I said to my wife on the way home, like, I know, sweetheart, I know, I know we're going to pray about it, but I know, I know we're not.

We're trying to get good night's sleep. I know, I know we are, I know we are, we we we. I actually got my tubes tied so I would never have so I could get some sleep. Amen.

After Jayda was born, DeeDee was like, what? I said, DeeDee, don't even worry about it. This little girl that kept me up all night. You ain't got to do nothing else.

You had two. I'm going to go. Where do I sign up? I got this, I'm going to get me some sleep.

Hallelujah. After we left with Aisha. God, I said, God, just tell me what you want me to do. It's not about if I want to get sleep or not.

Listen to me. I'm trying to tell you. The day it becomes about you, you put God in a very strange position because that's not his character. And now he gotta do grace.

But if you keep my commandments, I will. And this is one of the commandments. Watch what happens right after. Do not do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.

Rather meaning don't make everything about you and your bills and your responsibilities and your family. Watch what he says. Rather, in humility and humility, value others above yourself, not looking to your own interest. I need to get some sleep.

But each of you, the interest of others. What does she need in that time frame? And God, if we are available. You didn't bless us with these homes just for us, right?

Watch what happens immediately after he does that. It's because a lot of us fighting and scrapping and scraping and try to get to the next level immediately after he does that, the king said to him, what is it that you want? Did y'all say that? What's he proved to God?

It wasn't about. He wasn't about to build a. He wasn't about to go build a wall so he could be safe. He was going to build a wall for his people.

Once he did that, the king was like, man, I. I knew something was wrong. I knew you wasn't sick. I didn't know what it was, but I knew something was wrong.

What you. What do you need? What's the next thing he does? Genius.

Nehemiah. Then I prayed to the God of heaven. He didn't even let the King get out of order. Okay, y'all might have missed that.

They missed it. Jamie, I don't know if I didn't say it right. I don't know if I need to slow down. I need to say it another way.

Immediately after the king knew his heart, the king asked. He said, what do you want? And he said, well, before I can consult with you. Yeah, yeah, I gotta talk to my daddy first.

I gotta talk to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords and make sure he's okay with what I'm about to do. The king said to me, what is it that you want? Then I prayed, I just want to help y'all out. I okay, alright, can I say this?

Praise God. Okay, so so so twenty twenty six has been the year of God. It's like you've been too emotional, you've been emotional and, and you're a leader. So now you need to add to the emotion.

You need to add the structure, you need to add the principles, you need to add whatever. Can I tell y'all what's so crazy? Nehemiah was emotional. He is.

Did y'all hear what he said? He was sad, but he did not respond emotionally. Okay, y'all missed it. This is what I want y'all to do for me because I've been doing it all kind of stuff.

Been coming to me lately. And somebody was like, why are you so blessed this year? I was like, yo, I'm just staying in the pocket. Y'all like, I'm, I'm the game is slowed down.

I'm not rushing no more. I'm praying. And when I pray, I say, God, this challenge has come to me. Is it for me to handle or should I give it away?

No, no no no. People come to me with stuff that's emergency. I'm like, God, should it be an emergency for me or is it just an emergency for them? No, we gotta do this right now.

I'm like, God, they said they gotta do it right now. Maybe they do. Do I have to do it right now? No you don't, son.

Matter of fact, let me let them come to me. This is about me and them. This don't got nothing to do with you. And every time somebody call your name, it don't mean it had nothing to do with you.

You're the leader. So of course they're going to come to you. It makes sense. But in this one, go tell them you need to go talk to God.

Why? Because you going to mess it up. So I just need you to do me a favor. Everything that comes to you you don't need to handle.

But everything that comes to you, you need to pray about. Okay. I'm okay. Imma let y'all go.

So that's what he did. So so Matthew six and thirty three. What did he do? Lisa?

But seek ye first the kingdom of God. Yeah, not the king, but the King. The King of kings and his righteousness. And guess what?

Then all these things shall be added. Meaning what? Verse four the king said to me, what do you want? And I answered the king.

Come on somebody. I thought you was going to get excited. Listen to me. You are a proven winner.

If you are not selfish, if you're not narcissistic, if you're not all about you and yours, if you are about what God is about. That's what Nehemiah was about. Nehemiah don't even have to sit the spiritual sense to look after Israel after one hundred and forty years. Nehemiah was only a conduit of what God.

God was tired that day was doing. God was like one hundred and forty. What are y'all doing? Y'all are my children.

What's going on? Why are y'all living like that? He put it in Nehemiah's heart to do it. So when we do God's will, we ain't even that deep.

We're only listening to God, and then we're doing what he told us to do. And so guess what? We should. We.

We deserve everything that we ask. We deserve everything that God wants us to have. Why? Because God so loved the world that he gave his own.

God put us in a situation to be the head and not the tail. I don't care what you've done wrong. I don't care how you feel about yourself. I don't care how other people feel about you.

It has nothing to do with nothing. God says, I love you and I want you to have the best. I may I remind you, you are the head and not the tail. May I remind you that you are above and not beneath?

May I remind you that you lend. You don't borrow. And so guess what he asked. He.

The key, he said, and I answered. The king. The king asked, and I answered the king, you better stop. I heard somebody tell me the other day.

I almost jumped through the phone and choked him out. I heard some Christian tell me, well, pastor, I don't know if I deserve. I said, you don't deserve. But you do, because Jesus paid it all.

Yes. No. Are we talking about flesh? None of us deserve nothing but death.

But if we talk about the grace of God, where there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus. So Nehemiah, he knew who he was. He said he. He asked and I answered.

Watch what he asked for. He said, if it pleases the king, and if the servant has found favor in your sight. Yes. Now I want y'all to do me a favor.

I know, I know, we live amongst each other, and I promise y'all, y'all know I'm relational all day, every day. I believe in healthy relationships. I, I can't live without them. Listen to me.

And I don't, and I'm not looking for no new friends. I'm just looking for health in my friendship. Listen to me very closely. Listen to me very closely.

I promise you, in the name of Jesus Christ, the person you want favor from is God. If don't nobody else give it to you. It doesn't matter if God favors you, it only what he thinks about

you matters. It don't matter if somebody else think you're a good leader, not a good leader, a good spouse, not a good spouse.

God says, If God is for you, I will make even your enemies be at peace. So you know what he going to do to your spouse. You know what he going to do with your kids? You know what he going to do with your friends that's really going to be blessed.

So listen to me. Number three, he found favor in his sight. Why? Because he wasn't asking for personal stuff.

He said, let him send me to the city of Judah, where my ancestors are buried, so I can rebuild it. One, two. Then the King with his queen sitting beside. I love the Bible.

Don't miss this. The king is like, you know. You know what I'm about to give you? It's.

It's good because I'm not only saying it, but my boo sitting next to me and she she co-signing this. Ask me, how long will your journey take and when will you get back? Meaning I know you going to miss. I know that you're not going to be on your post, and my life is going to be in jeopardy when you're gone, because you do what you do so well that I don't even know if I could if I could trust the next joker to drink.

He said, bro, it's good. I know you gotta go. How long are you going to be gone? Not.

You can only be gone for. We ought to find favor with our supervisors. We ought to find favor with our. We.

What we do, we should do it so well that we going to be missed if we're not on post. Right? Yeah. Give me an extra five.

Listen to me. I won't stay right here for a second. Listen to me very closely. We're not talking about.

We're not talking about if you're a sinner or not a sinner. We're not talking about if you're going through it and not going through it. Listen, what I'm trying to tell you, I'm saying that your gift should be so anointed that you're missed when you're not there. And if you're not missed, you need to have a conversation with God.

Imma say it one more time. Imma say it this way so you can get what I'm trying to tell you. Listen to me. There are individuals I promise you like me who have messed up.

But there still wasn't the same when somebody else covered it. I'm telling you, if you're on a job and all you're worried about is money, you confused. You ought to be so good at what you do that they want you back the next year and the year after next. Nate, we were just talking to, um, your principal.

Was that your principal you had me talking to? he said. Twelve years ago, he remembers me coming to the school. Was he a principal then?

He was an assistant principal. He the principal now. And Nate, he said what he wanted me to do. What?

Why did he want me to work with him again? And twelve years ago. You know how many speakers have come since then. And he still remembers the impact that God.

Yeah. Amen. Amen. Watch this.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you. Matthew seven seven through eight seek and ye shall find. Knock and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

When your interest is the same interest as God's, you got an unlimited credit. You got unlimited access. I also said to him, if it pleased the king, he got the first thing he asked for. I need time off And I'm gonna be gone for a minute.

What else do you want? If it pleases the king. May I have a letter to the governors of trans. Euphrates so that they would provide me safe conduct until I arrive in Judah.

So first you ask for days off. Now you need a letter so you can get through safely. He not finished. And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the Royal Park, so he can give me timber to make beams for the gate of the citadel by the temple, and for the city wall for where the residents I will occupy.

I need some wood, bro, for the crib I'm gonna build while I'm there. Trying to build the wall back up. And you scared to ask God for one thing. Are we finished?

And because the gracious hand of God was on me. The king granted me access and so I went. He ain't finished. I'm about to go.

He not finished yet. So I went to the governor of Trans Euphrates and gave the kings, gave them the king's letter, and the king had also sent army officials in a cavalry for me. Okay. All right, all right.

This boy went to go see King and gave him all the stuff. This don't got nothing to do with the king and the king, and he. This is what happens when you don't focus on you and yours only. Come on.

Don't. Don't forsake your own. Don't. Don't abandon your own.

Whatever you're doing for your own. You keep doing it. But but, but add to it. If you would go to the hospital when your babies are sick, go to the hospital.

When God calls somebody else sick and he needs you to be there. Yeah, right. That's good. Now, y'all saw that.

Y'all saw that. I'm telling y'all, we these I, I knew I got Jesse in here. I'm sorry I got Jordan in here. I already knew, I knew.

Uh. Oh, God. This is what we could do to help Jordan, I got it. MJ was in there.

Me. I promise you. Me. Me and MJ have talked.

Me. Me and his father Marcus have talked. He was in there. I'm like, God, he's here.

Boom. I got DJ was in there. I was like, uh oh, that go that's Trina, that's Trina. People got him.

Oh, y'all not hearing me. J Marie got her. Got Isaiah in here with the basketball. Keith and did the back got him.

I didn't go in there like first of all I can't work. This ain't I'm not getting paid to do this. I went in there like I was getting paid. Right.

They had the house next door. Pam was teaching. Are y'all hearing what I'm saying? I'm saying that there is a component.

When you start blessing others the way you like when people bless you. Yeah. Come on. Okay.

Here go the last one. Okay. I want to say this one again. Here go.

The last one. He had an army and the cavalry. My man on the horse like. Why, when Sanballat and the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite officials heard about this, they were very much disturbed.

Anytime you build, somebody's going to be disturbed. That's right. Anytime you rebuild. Hey, people ain't going to just.

Okay, I'm out of here. Amen. I got I got God talking to my son. He just took this new appointment and and he was blessed to do something.

And when he came back to work, he was like, dad, what did I do wrong? I was like, what happened, son? He was like, I took off. And there was some people that was I was like, welcome to the Serengeti, son.

Welcome to the jungle. You've been blessed with a pack. You've been blessed. You thought this is how life was.

You've been blessed, son. You've been blessed to work with e t a you just thought everybody. In the real world now, son. You're in the real world now.

You're in a world where, yeah, there are gazelles, but you ain't the only one going after it. And even when you go after it and kill it, there's some people waiting for you to kill it, to go get it. And so Nehemiah knew just everybody ain't going to be happy that this everybody's not going to benefit from this wall being rebuilt. I'm talking to somebody right now.

I'm telling you, you, you, you, you, you've been struggling because you're like, well, they're not going to like me if I. Okay. Absolutely not. But he told you to rebuild anyway.

And he's going to have the timber for you. He going to get had a letter from the king for you. He going to have he going to have the army and the cavalry. That's two different ones.

The army do one thing. The Calgary do something else. God said we going to do it. We going.

We going to take care of you. And you go build for the fifty two. And then you come back here and you get your post again. But but but go.

And so I just want to give you the fruits of the spirit again. I want to give you the character again. One he was all in. I dare you.

Whatever God, whatever assignment he gives you. Forgive me for this word, Lord, I should have. I wanted a different one, but I, I, um, this is the only one that would come up. But whatever it is you're doing, I promise you, if you do it in the name of the Lord, it's going to be sexy.

You don't have to do what they're doing for it to be honorable. God says, whatever work you're doing is, I will make it honorable work. Listen to me. You could be you and blow up on the internet.

Or God may never blow you up on the internet, and what you do is still honorable. Are you hearing what I'm trying to tell you? I'm telling you, don't let humans make you think that what you're doing is not honorable. And now you're trying to do four or five things to make humans think you're somebody.

You better do that one thing God called you to do, and you better be all in. Because if your ways, please the Lord. So I leave you as we pray. Y'all, y'all heard me say a couple, maybe a year and some change ago.

I spoke for this company, a hundred thousand dollar gig. It was my first one of the sorts. And I was in Vancouver and I did it and I it it was d d said it was terrible. It's like this is the first time d d ever corrected me right after the speech, like we're leaving the backstage and d d is walking with me, correcting me.

We walk out and she's still correcting me. I'm like, d d the people are coming. Give me something. She's like, oh, absolutely not.

No, you you messed up here. We going to talk about it right here. It's where you bombed. And she said, I'm not telling you this because I hate you.

I'm telling you this because I want another one hundred thousand dollars gig. And if you don't make the corrections. And she said a part of the correction is you weren't all in. You didn't study the way you were supposed to study.

You didn't spend time in the culture long enough to know what was going on. You weren't all in. I'm just going to say this to you all as we be as as I call those of you. Number one, you're like, I need to be all in number two.

You need to stop making it just about you and yours. Number three, you need to pray to God before you start talking to man. And number four, you need to ask like you are the child of God, that God call you. Any one of those relate to you.

I need you to come and talk to daddy. Listen to me. Let me just say this to you guys in October of this year. I have an opportunity to go back to Vancouver, Canada to speak to the same type organization again.

I promise you, when I do it this time, I promise you when I do it this time, we're going to have a different conversation in the back and not for DeeDee, for God, because I didn't go all in. So that's you, you're saying? Yup. I see how he built it in fifty two days.

He was all in. He wasn't doing multiple things. He said, I'm not coming down from the wall. If that's you like God, I don't be all in.

I need to be all in on what you call me to do. Not all in on what they want me to do. You have blessed me to do for my hands to do something. And I need to do that thing you call me to do.

Come come come come come, come. You can bring him. Bring. You can bring him.

Yeah, you can bring him. Yup. Come, come come, come. Number two, number two, number two.

Sometimes I get, you know, it's life is real. Bills, responsibilities. Sometimes I get caught on my own. Come on Dallas.

Sometimes I get caught on my own.