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6 things you need to tell everyone on your team.

1 - Make up your mind.

What do you want to do? Do you want to serve? Do you want to preach? Do you want to be a campus pastor? Do you want to do a big outlet even? I don't know what you want to do, but I do know what you need to do. You need to make up your mind! For God's sake and for the sake of those around you, stop vacillating between, I do and I don't, God called me, but now's not a good time. There is a community full of people that need help, need love, and need hope. Are you in or out? Make up your mind. What do you want to do?

2 - Go get it.

What do you want? Go get it! We live in America. You can do almost anything you want to do. You can accomplish almost anything you want to accomplish. You can get almost anything you want to get. But no one is going to give it to you. Let me say that again, no one is going to give it to you! If you want something, you are going to have to go get it.

3 - Know it's not going to be easy.

Leading a group of people, starting a ministry, finishing a project, or making a difference will never be easy. More often than not, it will be a tough, depressing, and hard. If anyone tells you differently they are lying to you! To accomplish anything you are going to have to push through pain, have faith in the midst of failure, and get used to disappointment. It won't be easy, but it will always be worth it.

4 - Forget about being the next big thing.

Sorry to burst your bubble but you are not the next big thing. Steven Furtick is not going to call you. Relevant magazine is not going to do an article. You won't be hitting the speaking circuit and sharing the stage with the likes of Craig Groeschel, Andy Stanley, and Matt Chandler. When you get into ministry, you are going to be a good leader, in possibly a great organization that's making an eternal impact in the lives of people. That's it. That's what's going to happen. Welcome to the ministry.

5 - Stop making excuses.

I'm too busy. I've been hurt by other leaders. I just don't feel like it's a good time. Enough already! Has God called you or not? Moses was a murderer who could not speak well, Paul was basically a well educated terrorist, and Peter was a fisherman with no formal training in ministry. Yet when God called them, they followed. It's never going to be a good time, people will consistently disappoint you, and there will never be a day in your life where you're not busy. But none of those things change the fact that God saved you from your sin to fulfill His purpose. Stop making excuses and start making a difference.

6 - Never think you can't do it.

You are selling yourself short. You think you are not ready, but you are. You think you don't have what it takes, but you do. You think because you have failed before, you are going to fail again. No! The same power that raised Christ from the dead, now dwells in you. It's not your calling, it's His. It's not your talent, it's His. It's not your will power, it's His. You can do this, not because of who you are, but because of who He is!

Thanks for listening!

Take these notes and teach them to your team!

If I can serve you in anyway, just let me know.

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