

Week of April 15, 2024

Focus: No More Excuses

Theme: No More Business as Usual (ch15)

Scripture Memory: Ephesians 2:10

**Overview:**

I remember the heavy burden of God's call on my life to apply to seminary, and I resisted wholeheartedly for a month until I couldn't anymore. It was terrifying, because it was not my plan. In hindsight, I wouldn't change anything that happened from that point forward. If you would have told me that I would become a community group leader, deacon, ordained pastor, and then revitalize a church, I would have politely asked you to get your head inspected. Yet here I am. God has a call for your life and it may not be full time vocational ministry, but you are called to be a minister of the Gospel within your spheres of influence right now. You cannot be neutral. We are all either denying this call or disobeying the Lord. Take an inventory of your life today. Can you boldly proclaim as Joshua did in Joshua 24:15, "And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

– Chris Hamil

**Daily Devotions (Scripture & Meditation):**

- **Monday:** Exodus 20:1-6
  - How you live your life has an impact on future generations. Where in your life are you prioritizing other things rather than God?
  - In what ways can you see how this might affect those around you and those who will come later?
  - Where do you need God's forgiveness and personal repentance?
  
- **Tuesday:** Proverbs 29:18
  - Is your current vision within your life God's vision or your own vision?
  - What changes can you make to replace your vision with His vision?
  - How will you incorporate your family within this vision?
  
- **Wednesday:** Hebrews 11:1
  - "Any vision that you can accomplish on your own without God's help isn't big enough." (Tony Evans, p238)
  - Is your vision big enough that you must rely on God for it to be accomplished?
  - How much faith does it take to stay on track with your vision? How much faith should it take?
  
- **Thursday:** Hebrews 10:23-25
  - Who can you find to hold you accountable to the vision that God has for you?
  - Are you willing to hold them also accountable for God's vision for their lives?

- **Friday:** Philippians 2:1-8
  - What would it look like to have the mind of Christ in your family, your work, your school, and among your friends?
  - Why is important to have this mindset when crafting out a vision statement for your life?
  
- **Saturday:** Psalm 128:1-6
  - Meditate on v1. Why is fear and obedience the foundation of living a life that has the kind of vision God wants you to have?
  - What vision do you have for yourself, your wife, your children, and your church?
  
- **Sunday** Proverbs 3:5-8
  - How might this passage speak to crafting a vision statement and living it out?
  - What is similar re: Proverbs 3:7 and Psalm 128:1 and why is this important?
  - Ask a brother about the scripture memory for the week to keep each other accountable.

### **Weekly Challenge:**

Don't be a "McChristian" today. Be a "blue collar" Christian. Roll up your sleeves, seek God's vision for your life, write it down, share it within your spheres of influence, and take action for the Kingdom.