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THE PLAN...

What do these men from the Bible, Noah, Moses, Solomon, and Jesus, have in common? ... As I, James, was preparing for my turn to lead a devotional in Spanish School, God was imparting to me this fun loving message. Well all these great men had their part in building something for God. Noah, we all know, built the ark for The Flood. Moses built the Ark of the Covenant. Solomon, together with David, built the Temple of God. And lastly but certainly not least, Jesus built the New Temple.

Each of these men built something amazing but prior to that, God laid out a plan. The plan consisted of great attention to details. It covered from measurements to materials and designs. Quite simply, God dotted His i's and crossed His t's. These men spent time with God and through their relationship, the entire plan was laid out. This was not only a display of how God's instructions are detailed, but it also displayed the character of the men who were entrusted with His plan.

Character, I discovered, is a measure of how much God can entrust you with for a period of time. Don't get me wrong. I believe we all have a course set out before us, and I am not diminishing the plan. What I would like to bring attention to, however, is how much of the plan one can handle at a time. The men mentioned had great character, and through this, God was able to give them a plan, from start to finish, and their character allowed for them to complete the task.

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Let's look at Moses, for example. We didn't learn of him receiving the plans for the ark of the covenant right away. God and he spent time together, and Moses developed his character. As we read the chapters in the pages of the bible, we must remember that pages took years to write. Moses started in the wilderness, and God, through a burning bush, laid out a few steps of the plan to free the Israelites. Relationship is the key to growing in the Lord. Moses grew in character as he spent more time with God. Let me remind you that we are no different from Moses. We can not only focus on who Moses was at the end of his tale, but remember that even he, like us, went through a process.

Over the years, at times I wondered why God only gave me a piece of the plan at a time. I felt that having more of His plan would have been easier and helpful. I would pray fervently to get more of His plan so it could enable me to do more for the kingdom. At times, I have even felt stuck. Stuck in thought about my future and distracted about being in the present. That all changed once He gently guided me to put all my effort in the “now”.

God showed me that “now” is the most important piece to developing character. “Now” could be a season of planning, working, or reaping the benefits. “Now” also has something for us to do in the moment. Each step requires some kind of action, even being called to be patient for a moment, requires one to stop and let God for awhile.

God has a plan for each of us (Jeremiah 29:11) and we each have our own road to walk out. Let me encourage you with my story. Over the 20+ years of my professional life, I have held and developed many positions. When looking back, I realized that God through my career development, kept me within two categories, teaching and customer service. Over the many positions I have held, each had something to do with either or both categories. At times, I do have to admit, it was quite a bumpy ride, especially with having a family to provide for, but something that always remained firm in my life was trusting in Him. Trusting Him always got me through the rough times, but more importantly, it was how my character was and is being developed.

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Instead of losing sight on the path He laid for me, I embraced every opportunity that presented itself to grow and learn from. There were times of uncertainty, like the times I would start a new job and learn some new skills while brushing up on some old skills, and just when things were looking up there was a shift and I was off to my new assignment. As a young believer this was an area in my life where I needed to grow deeper in His love and not allow myself to seek out the things of this world. As time went on and my relationship with God grew deeper, every job I held I dedicated to the Lord. While shifting my focus on Him, the job didn’t appear to be as important as to what He had for me to do while working where He placed me. God set up divine appointments for me to meet all kinds of people, speak to them about His love, and share and spend time with them.

After 20+ years of walking with the Lord, He has led me to meet amazing people, learn a ton of skills, and most importantly, have a solid relationship with Him. I would like to encourage you all with my journey, though it appeared to be unstable and uncertain, it was all not in vein. This past month, my wife and I had a taste of what our new careers at the Roca Blanca Base would be like. We hosted and coordinated a team from Rock City Church, and we had an amazing time. I needed to use just about every life/career skill I have learned up to now to make sure everything went well. The skills needed to plan, organize, and direct the team was something God had been working in my life. If I didn’t trust the Lord through the refining process, I wouldn’t have been able to complete the task. As the team was leaving and expressing how my wife and I have impacted their trip and joining along side them to impact the Kingdom, all I could do is thank the Lord for enabling me to do this.

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Studying the lives of the great men of the bible, we can, first, learn the faithfulness of God- He was always with them; second, we learn that each of the men had their own process and share of work to do; third, we see what the results may look like when we walk along side God; most importantly, we recognize, just like them, we have our own path to walk out. God is the only one who knows what and where our paths lie. Spend time with the Father and get the next step of your plan. If you feel stuck, ask Him to show you and guide you through what held you up. And trust he's working everything out no matter what you think it looks like. He is faithful to the end, "Be confident in this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Phil.1:6)

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Join Us In Praying For the Following:

- We will be wrapping up Spanish school by the middle of August.
- We will be starting Bible School in September.
- We will developing our new roles as coordinators by building relationships with the leaders and pastors of the area.
- In thanking our Lord for our 2% increase of monthly support.
- For wisdom over our finances, it can be distracting but we know God is faithful.
- We are planning some future team visit and ask for wisdom and discernment, for where to go and how to minister effectively.

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