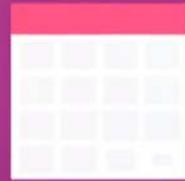


You're doing too much.



You need more cash!



You were told, "live for today."

What were you really told?



[Pastor Bob Bateman]

All right, here we go. One of the questions that keeps me going and growing in my faith is this whole issue of the sovereignty of God and my responsibility, man's free will. We as believers who read Scripture and understand God and who He is in His enormity, His immenseness, and yet His desire to care for me, His child, orchestrates events in my life so that I will get to know Him better and better and one day I will see Him face to face. But I often wonder how involved is He really in the day-to-day decisions that I make?

This morning I chose these shoes over the couple of pairs that are there in my closet. Was God involved in that decision? I don't know, but it's a great question for me to struggle through and to wrestle with. What about a slightly bigger decision? The house that we bought and we live in in Coatesville – did God orchestrate that event so it was available at just the right time, for just the right amount of money, for just the right time of loan, and all that? Interesting, I see some of you folks shaking your head. What about a bigger decision than buying a house? College. I went to Philadelphia College of the Bible back in the day; it's changed its name a couple of times, now it's Karen University. Was God involved in my choice of a college because I wasn't; my father made that choice and he said, "I will pay for you to go here. Want to go somewhere else you gotta pay."

A more important decision, what about marriage? Was God involved in Debbie choosing me and me choosing Debbie? I think that decision is big enough that I would say definitely God was in there because we do read in the Scriptures that our children He had in mind in His plan before one of their days even came to be.

Well, there's one more really big decision that I've got to ask: What is God's role in my salvation? Now, before the Calvinists all go to this side [*motions to his right*] and the Arminianists all go to this side [*motions to his left*] and try and argue it out, I need to say this: The guy who says he's got it all figured out, turn and walk the other way because I think God wants that to be a mystery. We know He did it all. His Son, there's nothing we can do the Scriptures say to earn our salvation; for by grace we are saved through faith and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not of works, so that Bill Bateman can't boast, "I earned my salvation." But there is a role that we play. No, I'm not heretical. God wants us involved in this whole process of salvation. Just a couple of verses, they come out of the Scriptures; jump with me to John chapter 6, Jesus Christ Himself says:

*"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them . . ."*

— JOHN 6:44a

There's another verse in Romans where Paul says:

*"There is no one righteous, not even one; <sup>11</sup> there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God."*

— ROMANS 3:10-11

So God even initiates this drawing of us unto Himself. So turn to Mark chapter 4 and maybe we can get a little more or a few more of those questions answered as we go through this parable of the sower or the farmer and the soils. Let me read it for you.

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### **THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER**

Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat

and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. <sup>2</sup>He taught them many things by parables, [Mark 4:1-2]

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If you see after this parable there's another parable and parable and another parable. At the end of the chapter it says:

<sup>33</sup> *With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand.* <sup>34</sup> *He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.*

— MARK 4:33

Picking it back up in Mark chapter 4:

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<sup>2</sup> He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: <sup>3</sup> “Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns,

which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.”

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.” [Mark 4:2-9]

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As His disciples pulled Him aside and they asked Him what the parable meant and He explains it to them, so I really don't have too many questions there about those four different kinds of soils, but I do want to read this. My question comes with regards to that last soil; the soil that was good, the soil that was productive.

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<sup>10</sup> When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. <sup>11</sup> He told them, “The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables <sup>12</sup> so that,

“they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!”

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? <sup>14</sup> The farmer sows the word. <sup>15</sup> Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it,

Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. <sup>16</sup> Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. <sup>17</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>18</sup> Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; <sup>19</sup> but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>20</sup> Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.” [Mark 4:10-20]

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It's interesting when you focus on that last soil there; it produces a crop. It's good soil. And my question of three questions this morning comes out of that last soil. Who does the cultivating of that soil? Typically the farmer would do it. The guy who is sowing the seed would get in there and dig it up. We did some traveling this weekend; we saw lots of farms. The farmer works those fields well, but I think that soil that is very, very productive is cultivated by God and God uses life's situations to get the soil ready to receive the seed. I would think in a group this size this morning that we have all types of those

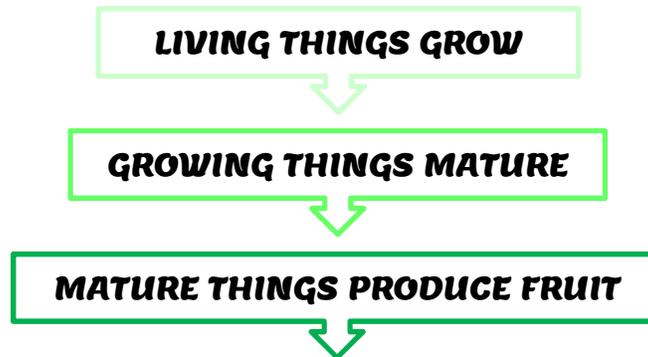
**Soils** - path, rocky places, thorns, good soil - some of each here today!

four soils represented right here, one way or another. And I think those of us who are God's children, who have trusted Jesus' work on the cross as our means for salvation, I think we have the privilege of looking back and seeing

God orchestrate the different events in our lives that lead us to the point where we are productive today. God uses life's stuff to massage our hearts, to cultivate that soil, so that when the seed is sown it takes root, we receive it, and we grow.

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A theologian friend of mine said to me this week when I was talking with him, "Living things grow, and growing things mature, and mature things produce fruit." Living things grow, growing things mature, and mature things produce fruit, and that's our desire this morning is, as pastors on staff, is to see all of us—ourselves included—producing fruit for the kingdom.



But out of this parable I have two other questions. One of those questions is regarding the Word. Christ answers that very clearly. He says the seed that is sown is the Word of God. What was the word that Christ was preaching? Let's go back a little bit further, John the Baptist. Remember, the cross has not taken place yet so what was the word that John the Baptist was sowing? He was saying confess, repent for the forgiveness of sins. What was the word that Jesus Christ was proclaiming? What was He selling? All the time He kept talking about the Kingdom of Heaven, it is at hand, meaning the King has come and yet the Kingdom is yet to come. It's at hand and is yet to come. And He keeps talking about the Kingdom of Heaven is like... a mustard seed; the Kingdom of Heaven is like... a branch that grew up; the Kingdom of Heaven is like—over and over again. Like I said, that's all before the cross.

After the cross takes place, Christ rises from the dead and ascends into Heaven, the Apostle Paul comes on the scene and he preaches the Word. Boy, does he preach the Word! You saw all these books in the New Testament to say just a very few things, and in Romans chapter 1, verses 16 & 17, he says:

*<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. <sup>17</sup> For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."*

**— ROMANS 1:16-17**

First Corinthians chapter 15, verses 3 & 4, he gives the gospel very, very clearly.

*<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time,*

**— 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-5**

So like a fact, proof, fact, proof—this is the Word that is to be sown today: Christ died for your sins. According to the Scriptures, the proof of that is that He was buried. The other fact is that He rose again on the third day. The proof of that is He was seen by many, hundreds of people, before He ascended into Heaven. And then He passes the charge on to us.

So my third and final question this morning is: Who is the farmer? Who is the sower of the seed? And I think Christ gives us a glimpse into that by the parable that immediately follows this. At verse 21 He says:

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<sup>21</sup> He said to them, “Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don’t you put it on its stand? <sup>22</sup> For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. <sup>23</sup> If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.” [Mark 4:21-23]

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If the light of Jesus Christ is in you, you are the farmer. You are to sow the soil because the Light that is in you is not meant to be covered up. It's not meant to be hidden away. That Light that's in you is alive. It's the Word. Jesus is the Word. The first chapter of John, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, the Word was God.” He, Jesus, is that Word, and it's alive and it's inside of each and every one of us. And if we are born again, how can you keep that Word under a bowl? It's our job. It's our privilege. He does all the saving, but He uses us; He allows us to get involved in individuals' lives and watch them—not because of our words, but because of His Spirit—come into the Kingdom of God. Not just now as one of God's creation, everyone in the world is God's creation, but those who trust Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, their only means of salvation, believe in the work that He did on the cross as we just read, they are no longer His creation, they are His children and we are His children.

There's so many other verses that I'd love to share at this time, but I'm going to ask Terri Smith if she would come up here on the platform. I want her to share her story for just a little bit this morning.

Bob: Terri, are you nervous?

Terri: Oh, my butterflies are having butterflies.

Bob: They do do that, yes. All right. Microphone is on, butterfly thyself.

[Laughter]

All right. We had the privilege of going to Senegal this summer and—

or actually it was more, it wasn't this summer, it was February and March. Pastor Lee went with me. The team was already there and on the very final night they meet in the Beacon of Hope and Terri shared a little bit of her experience this week. How many times have you been to, uh,

Terri: So I've been to Senegal four times.

Bob: This was your fourth time?

Terri: This was my fourth time.

Bob: This was your fourth time. All right. The testimony that she shared, while I want to restate it, I've gotta let you share it. All right? Tell us what made this time different than the other three times?

Terri: Okay. I've always had a desire to go to Africa and I love serving. When I started attending Calvary I did a gift class that you would learn the gifts that the Lord gives you when you become saved, and mercy and service was right up my alley and it fit right in with nursing. So



when I heard we were going to Senegal and that we could do a clinic, uhm, I was there. And that's the way I always looked at going out into the fields is, like, I'm a nurse so I can help in clinic. I have the gift of service, I can help you carry the suitcases in. If you need Tylenol, I've got it for you. You need somebody to set up for dinner, I have that for you. And my orientation was more just going out of my occupation. I'm a nurse, I'm a nurse, I'll just do trips.



So I went for three years and then I went back to school and during that time the focus of the mission trips kind of changed. It was always relational, but it turned to where they were having more and more clinics to where we were just really investing and loving on the people and we were sharing the gospel at any opportunity that we can in making great use of the time, and that was not in my comfort zone. Uhm, Pastor Mike's there, he's the someone else that can do the sharing of the gospel.

Bob: Hit pause for a second. Anybody identifying with this? If sharing the gospel is not your comfort zone, go ahead put your hand up. [People in audience raise their hands; Bob then turns to Terri and says] You're not alone. This is great—but you did.

Terri: And so it, uhm, and it always bothered me. Those three trips I came back and I had the privilege of watching people that just have God in their hearts stepped out and just talked. Pastor Mike is phenomenal. He just has a conversation and every conversation just turns right back to the Lord and he just softens their heart for the Lord. So every time I came back I would be really upset with myself that I didn't step out. I never got out of that comfort zone—but I'm just a nurse... someone else can do that part.

So when we went back this time I knew the focus was that they weren't doing the Talibé Boy Clinic and they may or may not do a clinic in the village, but I really loved the people there and I wanted so bad to go back. So this year I stepped out of my comfort zone and it was phenomenal and God taught me that that's really my first role as a child of God. I may be a nurse, but as a child of God I'm His child that should be bringing other children home with Him to Heaven, uhm, so it was a little discomfoting stepping out but I did it.

Bob: You did it! You did it! That's great.

Terri: I survived it.

Bob: How many times did you share your testimony with others?

Terri: Oh, this year we got to hit every hut in the village and I think there's about three thousand people in our village, around there, and we delivered soap and we shared at every single hut that we went to. I can't even begin to tell you how many times that would be. And then on clinic day they didn't really need the nurse. They had a nursing job that I would be assigned to was just hitting a button and the machine reading the blood pressure. So, once again, I stepped out of my comfort zone and went with Pastor Mike and a few others that were just praying for people. They would come in and tell us a little bit about their life and we would pray for them and, uhm, that was definitely not up my alley and that was definitely something in past trips somebody else could do, uhm, but I'm glad that I did do it.



Bob: You know, when I think of my own spiritual gifts, I don't have the gift of evangelism but I don't think the Lord lets me off that hook so easily. I don't have the gift of giving; that doesn't mean I don't give. I don't have the gift of helps, necessarily, but that doesn't mean I don't help. And because I don't have the gift of evangelism it doesn't mean I don't share my faith. That is the job of all of you.

Farmer Terri, let me ask you this question: Why is it easier to share your faith in a setting where you really don't know people, or why is—same question worded differently—why is it harder to share your faith with family, friends, relatives, neighbors?

Terri: I think for me, um, you know, I still had to get over comfort and there was fear and I think of Peter when he stepped out of the boat, uhm, as long as he had his focus on God and his faith it overrode his fear. And I think a lot of times like a verse, over there [Senegal], like, it's fear I had to overcome it to come out. But I also knew in the back of my head that I was going home and these guys weren't going to see me again for at least a year or maybe never and so I felt fear for *What do they think of me?* and it's easier; and there's also a preconceived notion in my head, whether it's true or not I don't know, is that they don't know the Lord at all and this is the opportunity to bring it, so it's a little bit easier than here back in the States. I go home, they forget me, and I can get over that fear until next year.

Bob: You know, I would agree with Terri. I think many of you would identify with her as well. It's so much easier to share with people you don't know, but when your faith is alive and genuine and maybe that's our prayer this morning is that God's Spirit would take our faith to the next level where we're not concerned about ourselves. We have more concern about the person we're talking to than our own reputation, or than saying the right words, or than living a life that backs up our testimony and that one's really hard.

Thank you, Terri. I appreciate you going to Senegal and sharing [applause] this morning.

A couple of verses that I do want to read in closing. We had Del Tackett here a couple of weeks ago and he pointed to Psalm chapter 19 with the idea of if we don't give the message out, creation will, and creation does.

<sup>1</sup> *The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

<sup>2</sup> *Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.*

<sup>3</sup> *They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.*

<sup>4</sup> *Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.*

— PSALM 19:1-4

Jesus Christ said:

<sup>18</sup> *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore*

— all, y'all —

*go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

— MATTHEW 28:18-20

You guys make disciples as you go, baptizing people in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and teaching them to obey everything that I've given you, and wait for the Holy Spirit. When He comes, you will receive power and you will be—this is prophetic in nature—Christ is saying you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem right here where we are, in Judea and Samaria cross-culturally, and the uttermost ends of the world.

I want to close this time with a word of prayer. I want us to pray for our offering. I'm going to invite our team back up but I also want to invite up Philippe and Laurie Sadio. I'll tell you who they are in a moment. So let's pray and we'll take our offering. The buckets are on the left-hand side of each row; just grab them and pass them to the left. Team, come on up. Philippe and Laurie, when I open my eyes I can't see you but I hope you're here, come on up on the platform.

*Heavenly Father,*

*We thank You for today. We continue to give You glory in all that we think, all that we do, all that we say.*

*We pray for Jewel, but pray that You continue to heal her body, heal her mind, heal her spirit and may she sense your presence in her life more than she's ever felt before. We thank you that she claims you to be her Heavenly Father through the work that your Son did.*

*And as we take our offering this morning and we think about missions, we think about sharing our faith, we think about our global outreach partners around the world, many of them have already had their church services, some of them it's yet to come. We pray for our global partners that they would be sowing the Word of God as You have called them in their particular area of ministry.*

*Thank You for who You are and how much You love us; the role that You play in salvation, our salvation—You have done it all. Thank You for inviting us to play a part in it by giving out the Word.*

*In Christ's Name we pray. Amen.*

Look who's here! Wow, it's been a while. Now I saw you in February, but when was the last time you were here?

Laurie: I was actually here two years ago with the kids, but for Philippe it's been four years.

Bob: Well, let me introduce these guys. This is Philippe Sadio, Elliott [being held by Philippe], and Heidi [daughter] and Laurie, was Fenicle, now Sadio.

Now if I got the history facts right, you went on this Senegal trip as a single gal back in 2008?

Laurie: 9

Bob: 2009. And we had a conversation at a restaurant not too long ago when I said something about going to this mission field as a single. Do you remember that conversation? We were over at Hoss's.

Laurie: Okay.



(L to R): Pastor Bob, Laurie, Heidi, Philippe, and Elliott Sadio.

- Bob: There was a whole missions team and before you know it, she's raising her hand saying, "I feel the Lord's calling me to Senegal." So you went as a missionary full-time to Senegal when?
- Laurie: Yeah, in 2009 I went full-time, yeah, and I met Philippe there a year later and then a year after that we actually got married here in Calvary, and then we returned as a couple with Heidi in 2013 to serve with SIM and Sports Friends.
- Bob: Sports Friends. Our work in Senegal stands on several platforms. The one platform led by Pastor Mike is this village that we've adopted in Baback. We support the Sadios. We've sponsored as a church over 400 children through World Vision. We've sponsored some guys to go to the Beer-Sheba Project to learn how to farm. Carl Green and Gary Rock are planning trips right now to go to Senegal and teach pastors. And you guys, you're back. You just arrived—for a whole year?
- Laurie: Yeah, we arrived a week ago Friday so we're still busy kind of filling in and adjusting. Yeah, we'll be here for a whole year for a home assignment so we're looking forward to just reconnecting with lots of people and the supporters. And then just connecting with a lot of you that we don't know and just sharing what God is doing in Senegal through Sports Friends and through us and, uhm, yeah, just taking time with family and friends and getting some rest and, yeah, we're excited to be here so.
- Bob: Does this guy talk at all? [*points to Philippe*]
- Laurie: He does, yeah.
- Bob: Hand him the microphone. Philippe,
- Philippe: Yeah,
- Bob: how you doing?
- Philippe: Doing good.
- Bob: He's in the perfect ministry. You need to see this guy in action. He's going to help us with our sports program the time that he's here. Philippe was the former Senegalese national soccer player until the Lord grabbed his heart and the ground grabbed his ankle and broke it, or something like that. Right?
- [Laughter]
- Philippe: Yeah.
- Bob: But, uh, you guys are back for one year.  
[To audience] If you're not familiar with missions, we support them as a church quite a bit, but that's—they need more support than that; especially for their ministry, not so much for personal needs, but more so for their ministry Sports Friends. We've sponsored kids to go to their camps and things like that, but because we sponsor them it is their duty as we see in the book of Acts to report back to their sending church what God is blessing, how God is blessing in Senegal. So as you see them this year there should not be one meal that they have to cook and eat on their own. You guys need to be inviting them into your houses.  
Now, you moved into the apartments in Downingtown just this week. We're working on a car situation, right? Philippe, what other needs do you guys have?
- Philippe: [Exhales] Uh... good question. I mean, we

Bob: [Laughs] If this was an American, he'd be ripping off all the needs. "We need a flat screen TV. We need Netflix, SkyTrak. We need . . ." Philippe, in your Senegalese mindset, what is it you guys need?

Philippe: I can share about things—

Bob: Here.

Philippe: Here, uhm, like you said, we need a car and to be able to visit some friends and families and do our own thing, too, for the kids. And, yeah, I think, uhm,

Bob: How's the apartment? Everything set up?

Philippe: Yeah, well, not everything but we have couple things set up and then we'll praise God for that.

Bob: All right.

[To audience] So you guys after this service need to come up meet them and say, "What do you need?"

[To Philippe] Maybe you want to ask Laurie, she might [*Bob points at the kids*] **[INAUDIBLE 06:42.6]** kids. Your winters over there get as low as like 85 degrees, so there might be some clothing they need because as hot as it is now the cold is coming so.

Well, we are glad that you guys are back. We pray that you have a wonderful year catching up on some of the things that you missed. Well, we realized this is no longer home. Home is over there.

Philippe: Yeah.

Bob: [To audience] So don't go up to them and say, "So glad you're home." Home is Senegal and [to Laurie and Philippe] you're doing a great job in a great ministry there and we want to hear more and more about that ministry, so let's welcome them home with a Calvary round of applause.

[Applause]

Philippe: And we want to say, we just want to say thank you for you guys for what you are doing for us, praying, not only supporting the ministry were doing but praying for us and that's meant a lot to us. Prayer is very important and sometimes we struggle there because for those that **[INAUDIBLE 05:41.8]** we are 95% Muslim in the country and there's a lot more to do, but the Lord is moving. He's moving. He's making it happen and praise God for that.

[Applause]

Bob: Amen. Thank you so much.

Many of you have heard by way of email from the church that Brandon and Jessica, his lovely wife, are headed to Florida. This is their last Sunday here with us. We're going to miss them—greatly.

[To Brandon] Maybe give us, uh, just the name of the church that you're going to, Brandon.

Brandon: The name of the church is South Shore Community Church in Sarasota, Florida.

Bob: In Sarasota, Florida. They've been here for a little over a year. They came in an incredibly crucial time for Calvary Fellowship. The roof had just collapsed, we needed someone who was really good with portable church, although I don't think he knew that was going to be his job, and he has brought us through a whole year of worship in the gymnasium and then helped us set this place up.

[To Brandon] And we're going to miss you. I got a text message from Pastor Lee this morning who's on vacation, wishes he was here to say goodbye. I've got Pastor Mike and Pastor John, we're going to miss you. We are really going to miss you.

[To audience] So not only do you have to say hello to the Sadios, but after the service gotta come up and say goodbye to Brandon.

When do you guys leave?

Brandon: We move on August 2nd, so a week and a half.

Bob: [To audience] Not one meal by themselves.

[Brandon laughs]

Bob: Come on, you guys, take them out breakfast, lunch, and dinner. I'm going to ask John and Mike if they would all pray and then I'll close. All right? Let's lay hands on these guys.

[Pastor John Lawley]

*Father God,*

*We just thank You for this couple. Lord, they meant so much to me and my family and I thank you for their heart for You; their service to not only our church but to all the individuals' souls in our worship and creative arts and music and tech and audio. Lord, they've just meant so much. And I thank You for the faithfulness of them coming early and all the hours spent in the evenings when no one was watching, setting up the gym, and just doing it for You and for this church that they love.*

*And so, Father, we pray for their transition. Lord, be with them as they just bring all of their gifts to this new body and, Lord, I know this body will be blessed to have them. Lord, pray for safe travels as they just go to a new community. Lord, I pray for good connections and relationships to happen, Father; but let's pray right now, Lord, that they feel our love for them and our prayers, Lord, that they would be steadfast as they leave knowing that it's for one Kingdom and one God. So Lord we unite with them on their call and we just ask that You bless it.*

*In Jesus' Name we pray.*

[Pastor Mike Edelman]

*Lord,*

*As we just sang, that it—You—would be their vision. You are what they have. You don't change. You are already their vision with their hearts be so attuned to yours, their eyes opened, the eyes of their heart opened to see where You're leading, where You're guiding, giving boldness. Thank You for what Brandon has brought here as just from a worship perspective, a sensitivity, kind of breaking down program and allowing Your Spirit. Thank you, Holy Spirit, to move through him and the worship team here and what You've been doing here on Sunday mornings and throughout the week even in our church and we don't take that for granted. We thank You.*



(L to R): Pastor Bob, Pastor John, Brandon and Jessica, Pastor Mike.

*Thank You for the work of your Holy Spirit. Would You continue to work through them as a couple; they fall more in love with You and each other, their marriage would be a witness to the world of the gospel and we pray for that.*

*I just seen on Facebook their new church home, their new church family just welcoming them excited about that, so prepare us for whatever you have next. We just trust in You completely.*

*In Jesus' Name.*

[Pastor Bob Bateman]

*Father,*

*I'm reminded of a phrase that Pastor John used in his message two weeks ago: God doesn't do random. It was not by random that Brandon was here this last year; wasn't by random that Brandon and Jessica got married this past year and together as a couple they want to serve You. They want to follow the lead of Your Spirit and they're doing that.*

*I pray that You would continue to pour out your blessings on their lives; that Your Spirit would lead, guide, bring joy, peace and comfort in all of life's situations that are ahead of them. And we thank you, Heavenly Father, most of all that You are growing your Kingdom around this world and we are getting to know more and more people that call You Heavenly Father; that You call your children. And right now we focus on Brandon and Jessica and we thank You for them. We pray your blessings on them. We ask they would go in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ in whose Name we pray all these things. Amen and amen.*

Thank you for coming this morning. We ask you to have a wonderful week and come and give these guys a hug.

[Applause]

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