061: God's Provision Through Capital Campaigns - With Brent Bickel

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"Holy Spirit was so loud in my heart and my ears. I knew that God was getting ready to call me to something that I was scared of."

- Brent

My Day Away with God:

- 1) God, do You want me to be in full time ministry for the rest of my life?
- 2) If You do, where do You want me to go?

"Today is all about me listening to You. It is for You to speak into my life."

"I want you to turn down all other options so that all you have left is Plan A."

"Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, ¹⁶ the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho.

Joshua 3:15-16

"Your stepping into the water is you starting a capital campaign."

There is a difference between us believing that God CAN show up and believing that He WILL show up.

Are you willing to step into the river before I show you what is ahead? - God.

InJoy goes by science and math. They are not going on feeling. They analyze what your church is able to do.

The financial aspect was great but the Spiritually anointed part of what God did and what He is still doing was the best part of the Capital Campaign Journey.

We simply asked our people to say "yes" to whatever God is asking, not worrying about what others are doing or asking you to do – but staying focused on what God is asking.

- 1) Listen to what God is saying.
 - o Spent 21 days on a Spiritual Journey

o Fasting from Food, Items, Hobbies, etc. (Someone fasted from hot showers in the winter) or (fasting from negativity)

"The Capital Campaign raised money, but most importantly, people are getting baptized, marriages have been transformed, kids gave sacrificially, and it changed families, marriages are united in financial decisions – God changed everything!"

- Brent Bickel

It is not about money – it is about listening to what God wants to do and how He wants to transform the people in your midst.

Resources: <u>Brent Bickel</u> <u>Pat McLaughlin and The Timothy Group</u> <u>Injoy Stewardship Solutions</u> <u>When Not to Build by Ray Bowman and Eddy Hall</u>