

Lifehouse Church

Maximize Christ Potential in You





SUMMER INNING STRETCH



Philippians 4:6 - God will continue a good work within you

IT'S NOT OVER. GOD'S JUST GETTING WARMED UP.

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Part 1 – First Inning Faith



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Part 2 – Mid Game Mindset

Part 3 – Take the Stretch

Part 4 – Batter Up



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Part 5 Bottom of the 9th

Point 1 - Lock in the lead



God's Word

Proverbs 4:25–27 (NLT) - “Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don’t get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.”



God's Word

Nehemiah 6:1–4 (NLT) - Sanballat and Geshem sent a message: “Come, let’s meet together...” But I replied, “I am engaged in a great work, so I can’t come. Why should I stop working to come and meet with you?”

Four times they sent the same message, and each time I gave the same reply.



Four Distractions to Overcome

1. Fake Friendships / False Invitations

Nehemiah 6:2 - “Sanballat and Geshem sent a message asking me to meet them... But I realized they were plotting to harm me.”





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Proverbs 12:26 (NIV) - “The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.”

Trust is earned through established character -
not claimed by instant charisma.



Four Distractions to Overcome

2. Frequent Frustrations – The Power of Repetition

Nehemiah 6:4 - “Four times they sent the same message, and each time I gave the same reply.”



Big Idea

**Sometimes it's not the big attack that breaks us
- it's the constant little fires that drain us.**



Application

Anchor Your Focus, Not Your Feelings.

Colossians 3:2 (NIV) “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”



Four Distractions to Overcome

3. False Accusations / Reputation Attacks

Nehemiah 6:6 “They were saying, ‘It is reported... that you and the Jews are planning to rebel.’”



F.E.A.R.

False Evidence Appearing Real

Studies show - 85% of things we worry about will never actually happen.



God's Word

2 Timothy 1:7 God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.”

Focus on what you can do today
rather than fearing what might happen tomorrow



Four Distractions to Overcome

4. False Prophecy – When the Enemy Misuses God’s Voice

Nehemiah 6:10,13 (NLT) - “Let us meet inside the Temple of God and bolt the doors shut...They were hoping to intimidate me and make me sin. Then they would be able to accuse and discredit me.”



Discern False Prophecy

1. Test the Source - 1 John 4:1 - What character, fruit, humility does the person have?
2. Compare to Scripture - Isaiah 40:8 - Does it align with scripture?
3. Does it Pressure you? - Is this voice trying to control, rush, or manipulate me?
4. Does it bring peace or fear? Holy Spirit is Peace - Enemy brings pressure



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Point 2 - Don't Leave Runners Stranded






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LOB = Left on Base



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Big Idea

**You were not saved for comfort
You were saved for a calling**



God's Word

Colossians 4:17 (NLT) - "Be sure to carry out the ministry the Lord gave you."





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US pastors struggle with post-pandemic burnout. Survey shows half considered quitting since 2020



FILE - Congregants sit in largely empty pews during service at Zion Baptist Church, April 16, 2023, in Columbia, S.C. Post-pandemic burnout is at worrying levels among Christian clergy in the U.S., prompting many to think about abandoning their jobs, according to a new nationwide survey released Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024. (AP Photo/Jessie Wardarski, File)



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James 1:12 (NIV) “Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.”



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Point 3 - Close Like a Champion



Closing Pitcher Video Clip



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2 Timothy 4:7–8 (NLT) “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness...”





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RIVERA

Mariano Rivera Exit Video



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Matthew 25:21, 23 (NLT) - “Well done, my good and faithful servant...You were faithful with a few things...I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master’s happiness!”



God's Word

Revelation 3:21 (NIV) “To the you who is victorious...I will give you the right to sit with me on my throne.”



God's Word

Revelation 2:3 (NIV) “You have persevered...
and have not grown weary.”



God's Word

Revelation 3:11 (NLT) “I am coming soon.
Hold on to what you have, so that no one
will take your crown.”



Big Idea

**Earth may not always recognize your grind —
but heaven will reward your grit.**





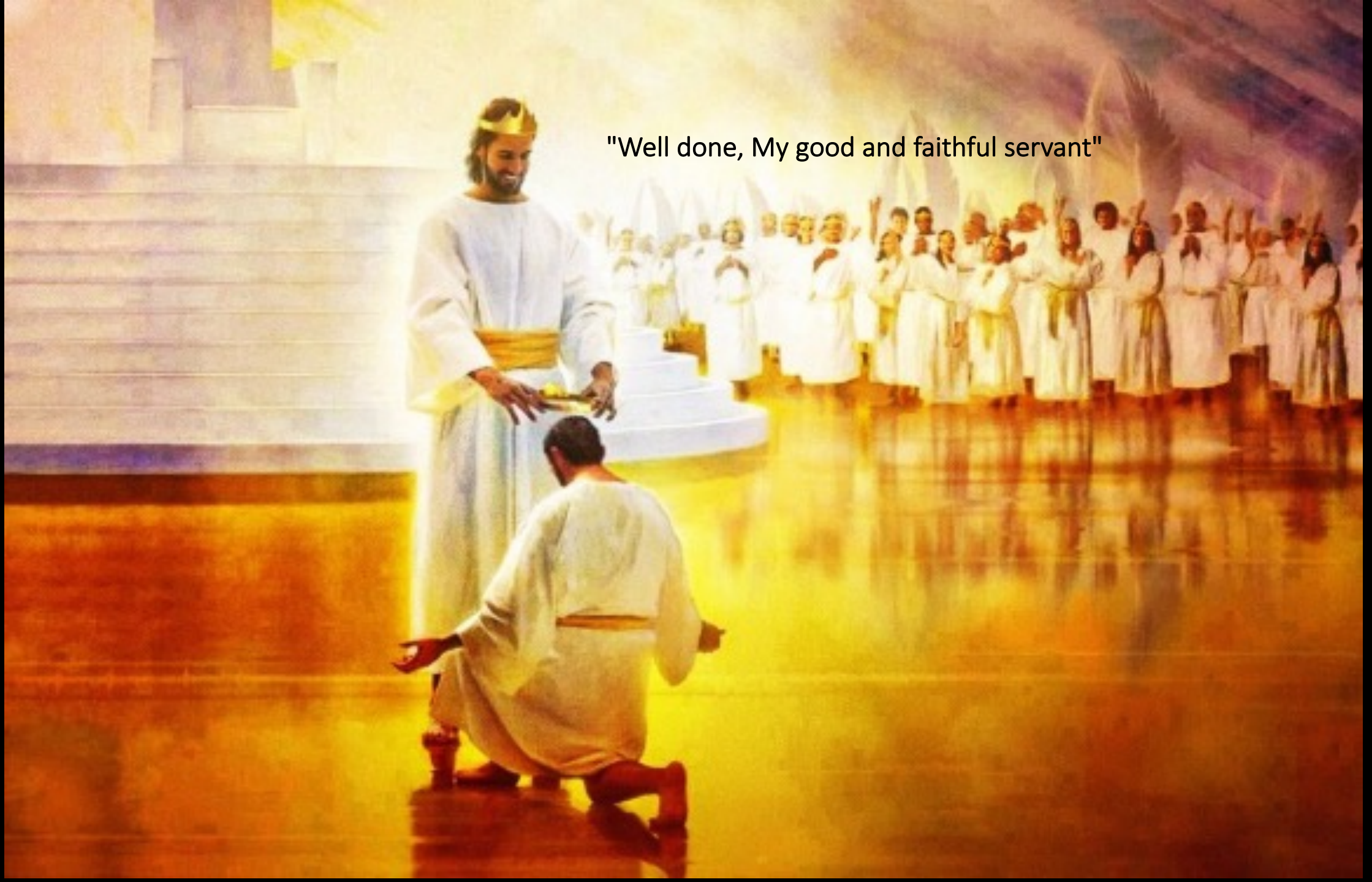
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