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Good morning and welcome to Gracelife Church. And those of you who joined us this morning, we're talking about going into some good places that God's already been there. He's already prepared the path. It's a good path. I think one of the greatest chapters in the Bible, when I enjoy a whole lot in the book of Psalms or Psalms, 139 said he knew you before you was in your mother's womb. I don't know how that's possible, but all things are possible with God. Amen. He knew you because you was in him and you was with him before he sent you here, I suppose. Amen. If I'm wrong, he'll figure it. He'll tell me in heaven. But he knew you before. Your parents knew you. He knew you before. They knew you was coming and they said, Oh, it wasn't a oh to him. Your parents might have called you an incident or an accident, but you're a real life. Amen. Amen. You're a real life. That child's a real life. A gift sent from God by the Holy Ghost. Wow. And in that in that psalm, it talks about that God has a plan and a path. He knows the beginning and he knows the end. He knows every chapter of your life. If it was the interstate, he knows every mile marker and what it looks like. And there's things that's going to come into your path to deter you from what you're supposed to do.

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I hate to say this, but I know it's true that some people will live their whole life and never enter into the will of God while they're here. I hate to say this, and I hope I'm wrong, but I think it's the mass majority of humanity come and go from this planet and never, ever really enter into the will of God. I didn't say they weren't Christians. I didn't say they weren't believers. I didn't say they weren't good people who do some good things, but never, ever, ever really take the time to find out the will of God for their lives and then follow that, then fulfill it. That's what we'll talk to Jesus about. That's when you will go to the Bema seat, the reward seat. That's when he'll discuss with you individually, with no one else. Just you and him. Maybe that is the tears that the Bible says. He'll have to wipe away the tears. You're not going there for judgment of sin. He's already dealt with your sin. You'll go there to be rewarded. The judgment will be placed upon what you did with why you was here, with what you were called to do. You know, some people just do what they did. And this may not all be together wrong. And some of you might do this and some of you may never do this, but some people just do what their parents do. Some men do what their dad did.

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Maybe that is the thing to do for them, but possibly it's not. Possibly not. I think sometimes some people and I've heard people say this, you speak in seminars. Some people have spent more time picking out a tie than they did choosing their occupation. They just do something because it came available and somehow they just kept on doing it. Well, we want to be on his plan. Amen. Right. Because there's no one like you. This morning, we're going to start a new series we could keep on doing. We asked about building a strong spirit before that. You know, we entitled to stop opposing yourself. And someone says, well, how do you oppose yourself? Well, the scripture that we use is in Second Timothy chapter two, and it talks about that when we we give place. To what the enemy tries to do against you. And we consider it and all the physical things that come with it, All the things of. Of the five senses. And we let that determine what we believe and what we will do or will not do. Then then we assist with help the enemy who opposes you in the will of God against you. So he uses your senses. He uses your mind, your will, your emotions. He uses your thoughts. Sometimes he uses your body as a weapon against you to oppose the very will of God. And he says he traps you and ensnares you.

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Well, that's strong talk. If that's what he does, we should know about it. We should know how he's working and the way that he works. But, you know, that's not how God works. And so we're going to talk about this morning about we're just going to build on that and we're going to tie this this series called Possessing the Promise. And we're just going to lay a foundation this morning for the teaching. We want to go to Joshua chapter one, which I know you're we all know pretty familiar or familiar with it, Joshua, chapter one. And I don't know why, but it's come up three times, so I better obey it, right? I mean, you shouldn't have to come up three times. He said, Go to your last. I keep hearing without context, I'm just going to give you the last thing I thought I would say today. Without any context. You go to Joshua chapter one, but and we're going to read verses one through nine. But in Second Corinthians chapter ten, verse 12, if you're making notes, Paul talked about the church at Corinth, and he they were boasting among themselves. He was, you might say he's the greatest. And he says, and then they put him in the comparison, apparently. But the second Corinthians 10:12, Paul said they are measuring themselves by themselves and they are comparing themselves among themselves, which is not wise. The Greek word for wise is Sophos.

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So when he says that they measure themselves by their own selves, then they compare themselves among their own selves. He said This is not wise. He looked at the word wise in the Greek word. Paul said, What is Paul saying? This is not wise. He said, They're not sharp. He said they are not bright. Comparing yourself or measuring yourself. Someone wants to know one another is not being very bright. But I think it has a different, even a broader meaning. This is when you measure yourself. Against the things in your life that you're dealing with. Or you look to someone else and see how how well they're doing by that. It's not. Well, when you say was, what good is it going to do for me to believe this when when this prophet was believing this and died? And who am I? That's a that's that's a road you don't want to go down because you don't know their thoughts. You don't know what they decided in their heart to go do. And so it doesn't matter what someone else did. We can we are never called to compare ourselves. And you know when the judgment when you stand before Jesus, he will not allow you to use anybody else. You can't take your spouse with you, you can't take your parents with you. You can't take your pastor with you. You can't take the prophet with you. It'll just be you and Jesus.

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You can't say, Well, you know, I was going to do this, but and he said, But this is what I kept dealing with you. This was this was what was in your heart. This was the tug. This is he'll show you all the time. Yeah, but Ralph, he didn't do that. Well, Ralph won't be in the equation. So we can't compare ourselves and measure ourselves against anyone. Now, sometimes what the way this is preached is because people have sometimes a low self esteem and so they're measuring self. I mean, what am I going to do? I've heard I've heard ministers, you know, that they're going to speak with a quorum of speakers. And they were intimidated because they were some big names, you know, around. And they said, I mean, who am I to do that? I mean, well, this was the opposite at the church in Corinth. They were all puffed up. They said, We got it going on. I wonder what Paul Paul's going to say. And Paul Paul said, well, first off, I'm not thinking about you. He said, I know. I know who I am. I know the grace of God in me. And he said, I know my boundaries and I'll stay. We say, I'll stay in my own lane. He said, But those of you who are measuring yourself by your own self and comparing yourself among yourself, he said, You're not so bright. Now, was that okay? Maybe we'll come back to it.

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That was how I was going to finish today. So we're through. Amen. We'll see you all next Sunday. And praise the Lord. Well, let's let's read Joshua one before we go, since we we did that. So. Well, the Matt did a really good job this morning. We received an offer and I was really encouraged by what he said. We're talking about possessing the promised land. So Joshua is a is a great teaching. And what we're going to do is we're we're still so that, you know, from where I'm coming from, we're still in the same lesson. We're still talking about not opposing yourself. We're still talking about building a strong spirit. We're going to begin to look at put a foundation for. But we're going to look what strength looks like as we go forward and what strength does not look like what's human strength and what's natural strength and what is spiritual strength. We'll see the rising up and the down falling of people that did great things and people who could have but didn't. People who missed the mark and never fulfilled the promise. You have a great plan for your life. You have a great destiny. Had been paid for. If you're going to fulfill it, it's not going to be easy, but it's going to be possible. What's it going to take? It's going to take everything in you to do it.

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So that's why most people are not going to do it. They're just not. Uh, Joshua, chapter one says Now, after the death of Moses, the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke unto Joshua, the son of nun, Moses minister, saying, Moses, my servant is dead. Now, therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, thou and all the people until the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon that have I given unto you, as I said, unto Moses, from the wilderness of Lebanon to the great river, a river the Euphrates, into the land of the Hittites, the great sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your coast. He's giving dimensions. Verse five is where we really come in here. So Moses has died. Joshua is going to be his successor. I don't know what that would feel like. In verse five, he tells he tells him, No man shall be able to stand before you, Joshua, all the days of your life. No, man, the way I was with Moses is how I'll be with you. I bet that helped him. Joshua. I will not fail you. Joshua. I will not forsake you. Hey, Joshua. Be strong. Joshua, Be courageous. Very courageous. So he told him to be strong and of good courage. He says, For unto this people, shall I divide inheritance, the land which I swear to their fathers to give them only be thou strong.

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Only be thou strong. These are directives. These are. This is his marching orders. Only Joshua be thou strong and very courageous that you might observe to do according to all the law which Moses, my servant, commanded you. Do not turn from it to the left or from to the right. Or don't. Don't turn from the right hand or to the left. Always I'm left handed. So I start with the thou mayest prosper wherever thou goest. Hey, Joshua. This book of the law. Don't let it depart out of your mouth. Hey, Joshua. Meditate in this book. When God day and night. Why? That you may observe to do according to all that is written therein. Hey, Joshua. Now, listen to this part, Joshua. So if you. If you observe, if you meditate day and night, listen to this, Joshua. Then, Joshua, you yourself will make your way prosperous. And, Joshua, you will have good success. Can you see God's part? But can you see Joshua's part? Joshua has instructions. He can feel encouraged as Pastor Matt was talking about. He can have expectation because God told him, I'll be with you the way I was with Moses. But do you see that Joshua will have to have action on his own part? He'll have to use the faith that God has given him to carry out the plan.

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The mission? I mean, could you imagine being the successor of Moses? I mean, he he was a slave in Egypt. He's been with this group. He's seen all of it. He's seen all the whine and the complaining, but he's seen all the miracles, the signs and the wonders. He knows what Moses has done and what he's had to deal with and put up with with the people. And now it's your turn. He knows that they never they never got to the to the promised land. Now, we're going to talk about that this morning in the foundation, because it's been wrongly taught sometimes when you talk about Canaan land. Um, that some people say Kaneland is a type of heaven. And we'll get to that in a moment, which is not Kaneland is not a type of heaven. God gave them. God gave Moses and God gave Joshua a promise for for his people. He wanted them to, to have the a Canaan land. He wanted them to have a land. That was the promise. We don't have a Canaan land in that sense. We have we have our Canaan land. If you want to say this is the promises of God. Theirs was a physical place to go to. And we know that by and large, most of them never reached it. Now, that's important that we know that because. And we won't we won't go there. But in first Corinthians 16, 13 and 14, in the Nlt it says, it says be on guard.

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Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. This is what Paul. Paul was writing the church to the letter or epistle to the church at Corinth. And so when he takes time to write, he doesn't have time to say, you know, how's how's it going? How's the weather? No, that's none of his letters. He doesn't have time for small talk. So he just writes what's important. And he says to the church at Corinth, he tells them he exhorts them. This is his final letter that he'll ever write to the church at Corinth. And he says, What you need to do is be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. I always like to look things up because I like to know what they said meant in the Greek or the Hebrew. The Greek. He told them, Be men and act like men. I'll put it in 2023. If you're a man. Identify yourself and be one. I hope I'm still on. I get knocked off. Okay, good. In other words, if you're a man, then be that. Act like that. Quit making excuses. So you can cash in anywhere you want to in life. It just depends on what your goals are. If you're satisfied at three, then people whose 4 or 5, six, seven is going to aggravate you. If you like reading books about leadership and or maybe by whoever, John Maxwell or whatever, there's we're all in the place of leadership.

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We might be negative one, one, two, three, four and five, but or seven, eight, nine, ten, but but eight is not going to hang out with the four because they won't think the same. If you run your life or your business like that, then then you'll find a market for what you're doing and the people who won't care, but you won't work everywhere. There are some people who will not tolerate the way you do things, but you might find a market just for you. There are some people who don't care for slop. There are people that's just picky. Well, you know, if you're going to buy a Rolls Royce, I'm going to be real picky. It used to be they could turn out a I don't know, I may have this wrong, but I ain't thought about it. I looked at it in years, but it seemed like they they could make a Camry or a crow. I think it looks like on line ever if it's 4 hours or 13 hours. But it wasn't a day. But it took a whole host of people, you know, almost a year to make a Rolls-Royce. But they were paid differently. Different pay scale. They were both put in a car together. They were both assembling an automobile. They both would get, you know, from your house to, you know, to the drugstore or to the to Walmart or to Publix.

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The ride might be a little bit different. You know, the the options in the car might be a little different. Those cars would run. Someone said, well, that's a waste of money. Well, you know, Fred Price had a I think he had a Bentley or Rolls Royce. And they you know, they were like, here's a preacher with a Rolls Royce. And of course, he went through all the grief on that. But he said later on in life, he said, I kept that car 20 something years and it was in fine working order when I gave it to another minister. He said, I took all that. He said I could have bought five every five years. I could have bought this, this, this and this car, and almost been the same difference to what I paid for Rolls Royce back then. And he said, and none of the money ever came from the church. He said, I wrote some books and my my personal book sales paid for it. So what I would say to my critics is, well, he said, shut up. In other words, he's saying it was nunya. Y'all know, none of you is none of your business. Well. We want to we want to implement and understand what what we can learn from people with great minds who, who, who, who live faithful lives, who still had problems and didn't do everything right. But if we can learn from their successes and their mistakes.

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You know, when you're young, sometimes you make all the mistakes on your own and sometimes you have people saying you don't go that way. But we just do. I wish I had listened. You know, sometimes there was no one there telling me that. Or if it does, I don't remember them. But there's other times they told me, but I still wanted to do. When you're when you're young, you want to buy everything. You want it now? Some people get half fulfillment when they get to go buy something different, something new, something they like. Nothing wrong with having some things that you like, but there has to be a time. Hmm. In other words, if you don't have if you don't have an emergency fund, you probably shouldn't go to Maui next week. Because if the dishwasher or the hot water heater or the plumbing turns up, the plumber is going to need all that you spent in Maori, but you're not going to have it anymore. Then you can cry. All the devil is after me. Well, I don't know if it's the devil. I don't think he has time to mess up. Mess up dishwashers. I think he has bigger fish to fry than the dishwasher. The devil is not doing everything that you're telling him. But I think the church gives him a lot of ideas, like he think I'm doing it.

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But that was a good idea. We need to start doing that. You can't blame everything on the devil, huh? No. Sometimes it's just poor planning. Sometimes things just tear up because they're manmade. They're not going to last forever. But. But you have to have you know, you have to develop a wisdom and a plan for life. Amen. And if you didn't do it, you didn't get started. No amens on that whatsoever. But anyway, praise the Lord. Let's see if I can just do this and be happy. I got more amens on that one. Praise the Lord. So Paul is exhorting him that they're going to have to be strong. Now, it almost sounds like a general talking to to an advancing the troops that's about ready to approach the battlefield. When he says be strong, what God told Joshua. Hey, Joshua, be strong. Only be strong, Joshua. Be of good courage. Joshua, meditate this same book that Moses meditated. He said, If you'll do this, Joshua, you yourself will make your way prosperous and you'll have good success. When I get to heaven, there's several people I want to meet. But. But I really want to meet Moses. Then we'll have him over one day. Y'all should come over or I'll come to your house when you have him. But I want to meet Joshua and Caleb. We're going to get this maybe next Sunday or whatever. But Caleb was one of the few people and listen to the weight of this that by three witnesses he is Moses in the Lord that said this about it.

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He said this about himself, not boastfully, but because Moses said about him and it was true. And then the Lord said the same thing. He said, Caleb was a man who wholly followed the Lord. See how many people you can read about in the Word? The Lord said that about Him. You'd be. You'd be hard pressed to find them. Numbers said he had a different spirit. A different kind of a spirit. He wasn't just a survivor. He was a thriver. He had a whole different mental attitude about the things. I mean, they get into hard place and he he just come back to his relationship with God. He just opened up a can of what, honey? And let it go. I give you the church version. Praise the Lord. But, you know, we're you know, you're in a battle. I know you didn't see the devil with the red pitchfork this week, but you're in the battle. He doesn't want you to see him. If he has. If he has his will he, like you, think he don't even exist? Makes his job a whole lot easier. Wouldn't it be? I mean, I always said, you know, if he was going to be a thief and the Bible says he is a thief. But you don't seem that would be a great advantage if he was a thief.

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But no one could see you. You could rob people all you wanted to if they can't see you. I mean, it would be a great advantage. So we have to know he is the thief and we have to know how he operates now. But so we're in this battle. But it's a spiritual battle. It comes out into the physical, but it is a spiritual battle that you're in. We all are. Right. But the Bible says that you're not wrestling in this battle with with physical people. So this is not a physical battle, a flesh and blood, but your battles against principalities, powers of evil and the spirit realm. That's where your battle lies. The weapons of your warfare that God has given you to fight with are not carnal weapons. In other words, he's not giving you guns and bombs. Your chief weapon is the shield of faith, which is the word of God. And you have all pieces of the armor. And. And what is faith? Well, it's not just belief, but belief can be something like this. In other words, you read the word and in your heart you say, God, I believe you. And so so I believe that word. Amen. Brother Matt was talking about expectation. Well, well, hope. Bible. Hope is expectation. Hope is not a word just to throw away. Because I mean, hoping by itself is not a receiver, but without hope.

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There's nothing for faith to have substance in because faith, you know, Hebrews 11 one says now faith is the substance of the thing that you hope for. If you don't have no hope, there's nothing for faith to have substance with, Right? So when you have a godly hope, you'll have a godly expectation for receiving something. Well, how are you going to have a godly expectation if you don't know God or his Word, you won't. You'll just be as they used to say, Well, we are hoping and praying. Well, for two handfuls of that will be worth. Yeah. Pixie dust. So so belief is taking the word of God and say in your heart, say God, I believe you. I believe your word. In my heart, I believe your word. But faith is taken that belief. And then it's being. Steadfast. That's the best word I know how to use. Faith is simply being steadfast in that belief and saying, I don't see it right now. I physically don't feel it in my body. I don't see it in my home. I don't see it in my finances. But the word of God says it. It's the it's the promise of God. I'm going to possess the promise of God. But it got you know, I don't see it. I don't feel it. I mean, I see it in your word. It's preached. It's ministered. It's all here. I prayed. I'm speaking the word, but I don't see it.

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See everything is not going to come to you in your life or you'll have these all the time and they're wonderful. You're you're going to get signs, wonders and miracles. You're going to get miracles Sometimes in your life. You don't want to even know how they happened. There's just going to come so easy. There are some things that it's going to come to you with almost no effort. A lot of that happens to you when you're a baby Christian. When I was a baby Christian, every time I was sick three times, the three times I was sick. Maybe in about a year and a half. And I was just learning things and I just said, well, they believe in healing here. So I just went up there and laid hands on me. And instantly, I mean, instantly I was healed. I used to have sinus issues and, you know, allergy issues. I mean, nose be running eyes, you know, just all bugged out and everything. And he laid hands on me and, you know, and have a cold and a cough and a sniffy nose or not just stuffy, but a runny nose, you know, just constantly allergies. And he laid hands on me and my nose. It just dried up. All the sneezing went away and the stuffiness went away. Everything just went up. Cough went away instantly. I'm like, My gosh, this is good. We're going to come here next week.

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Well, I didn't get sick again for a few months and I'm my same thing. And three times just like that, he laid hands on me. Like I said, I like this. This is awesome. Well, we should tithe. Got quiet again, which we did by faith, because I definitely wasn't there. Naturally one there. But anyway, so after the fourth time I went up there. He laid hands on me and nothing happened. I thought. What that is. The whole time we're being taught by faith and the power of the authority and spoken word and all that kind of stuff. Fifth time I went up there, a period of two years, nothing happened. I was worried. I was worried for him. I thought something had happened to him. The pastor. I thought something happened to his anointing and I thought, well, you know, he didn't ask me if I got better. And I thought, I sure do like pastor. I said, I want to do this. So he'll I'm going to do it because I don't think he knows. I mean, I don't know anything. But let's see what I thought was he lost the anointing. You could see how much I know and I didn't think he knew it. And I felt like because I respected him enough that he needed to know this. You know, I wasn't being critical. I wanted to be a help. But you had the stuff.

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Now you don't have it. So. So I called the church to make an appointment, and. And there was no one there, and. And no one answered. And I tried again. Later on, no one answered, which was a gift from God to me. I went that Sunday. We had the worship and praise and Pastor Bobby got up and and he stood up and just had a he just stopped preaching and he says, you know, when you go to a church and they're teaching your faith and how to live by faith, he says he said there's. Sometimes babies, he says. Spiritual babies come to church and just God gives them everything just through someone else and free. And he said, that'll go on for a while. But see, they're supposed to live by faith. They're supposed to learn how to live by faith themselves. After a while, he says, that'll kind of dry up and they'll have to learn how to get it on their own. He said they'll think the pastor lost the anointing or something. I thought, Oh my God, I'm just like, Oh my God, thank God he never picked up on the phone. I didn't leave anything on the answering service. Like I was actually going to tell the man, I love you, but you've lost your anointing somehow. I mean, I don't think no one's telling you this, but you need to know it gets way too far from you. I bet the Lord was laughing at me.

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He says, Yeah, wait till you're in his shoes. Which I didn't even know I'd be in his shoes. Well, so faith is being steadfast. Now, Joshua is a is a great mental picture for the kind of faith that ever comes from start to finish. It reveals principles how to live a victorious Christian life. It's a story. Joshua is the story of Israel entering into the promised Land? Now, why is that important to us? Well, because it was Israel's exodus from Egypt to the fulfillment of what God had promised them. Why do we want to study it? Don't turn there. But in Romans 15 four and the amplified it's just for whatever is written in earlier times was written for our instruction. This story of the exodus from Egypt to the land of promise. He said the success and the failure. God allowed it, wanted it, and allowed it to be written for your instructions. He wanted us to learn from them. You don't have to do everything wrong and learn. Wise people like correction. Hmm. They do. Wise. People love instruction. Even if it's what they're hearing, is hard to hear. If the motivation of the person is telling you is right, then you ought to. You ought to be you ought to gladly receive that and consider it. Maybe you won't heed to the counsel, but you ought to listen to it. I mean, it's just like I've always wondered why in the world don't other restaurants at least pattern pick up a few ideas from Chick fil A? Just.

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Just pick up a few of them. Yeah. I hate to say this, but. But I would I would vote if we got to vote, I would turn over the government and health care to Chick fil A in a New York second until these people, whoever they are, who's supposedly running the show. Chick fil A, I think would do it. Well, as a matter of fact, I asked one of the managers one time, he said, is there anything else we can do for you? And I says, Would you be would you consider running for Congress or something? Or should I say, would you consider running the health care and stuff like that? He says. You said, you know, we've been asked that many times. I said, Really? He said, Yeah. He said, we would love to. He said, But we got all all we can do with this chicken. I said, I understand. I understand, but but don't you think they've kind of mastered it? Not that they don't make mistakes, but. Why don't companies just implement some of it? They don't have to change their name, but just implement some of it. I mean, it used to be it would cost you over \$1 million to buy a if you wanted to franchise for McDonald's. That was 25 years ago.

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I knew that. I don't know what it cost nowadays, maybe more, maybe less. I don't know how it changed. That wasn't the building, the location. That was just to say, I got a McDonald's location and you paid \$1 million for the franchise. Then every month you're going to pay like 3 or 4% back to the company. And then and then it then here's something that's going to cost you with building all over probably \$3 million in the face of the company is going to be somewhere around the drive through that can barely speak or talks is what. And you cut with, you know, going into your car with coke or something all over the top, you know, going down the side of it. And, you know, you got to beg for a napkin. I'm thinking, I wish she was on your side of the business for just a minute to see what it looks like for us on your side. You ever try to eat something that they put a hamburger that ended up being a salad? It had so much dressing on it, it ended up being a salad. And you look in, there ain't one napkin nowhere. And you and I just hate to do it, but, you know, that day you're only going to have on one sock to wear because it's going to be your napkin. It's like, can I just get one napkin? Can I get one? Just one.

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Just one. Just. Just one. Can I have one? Just one. Just one. I know all people make mistakes. Certainly I've made more than my share, but I'm talking about. But. But you're striving to build something. To do something to. To be. To be a cut above. To be a Caleb. To have that kind of spirit. You see, if if you become the best at what you're doing, the world will pay you. The world will pay you themselves to know what you know, multi-millionaires, all of this world says. This is the absolute truth that if you study anything on any given subject for 30 minutes a day for five years, you will be an expert in that field. But if you refuse to, you won't be an expert. You'll be a spurt. I don't know if that's really a word, but it kind of fits. You say, Well, why is this important? I hope I don't have to answer that question, but I will. Why is it important? Because it's the character of God. At the same time, the Bible says make room for false. But make a whole lot of room for self improvement. Why? Why wouldn't you? Why wouldn't you be the best that you can be? See, the problem with giving something. Before ministry. I've employed a lot of people being in retail. I have fired a whole lot of people. I don't want that fire. I mean, some of them just like, you know, I worked in managed stores where every six months they give polygraph tests and they couldn't pass them out.

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They was robbing the store blind. But there's a lot of people that that will work. Just they'll do just what they'll do, just enough to keep from being fired. Mr. Clinton knows what I'm talking about. They do just enough to keep their job. God will never prosper. Those people like they could have been prospered. He tried to teach you with the parable of the talents, you know, give one. This one gave one, two gave one five. The one with two and five doubled theirs. And he said, Well done, thou good and faithful servant. He rebuked the one that that did nothing with it. He said, Well, I know you're a hard you know, you're a hard taskmaster and all this kind of stuff and you're kind of hard on things and people. And he said I was afraid I was going to lose anything. So I just buried it, you know, put it in. So when you come back, I just get back to you. He said, you wicked, slothful servant. He took every way he had and gave it to the one who had the ten. God expects us to increase. Increase is the kingdom. So whenever you do less than your best, when no one watching you. So you'll create a habit that will that will do less in every area of your life.

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How how will you ever lead anything if that's important to you, to increase, to lead people? If if the only time that you do your best is when your boss is there. If only you're willing to put out an effort four or 5 or 6 instead of your best because the boss is not there or it doesn't really matter because this customer is so and so, then you're not hurting them as much as you're hurting you because you're creating a habit that you will have less than best expectation for anything. That's the reason why I had to train my myself years ago to be on time for everything. When I left Bible school, I was never going to be a pastor, but I was trained in Bible school. That that when whenever church starts, that's where it starts. Whether there's no one there or the house is full. I go. I've been to churches before. It's like they're 25, 30 minutes. You know, they started at ten, but they won't take off till 1040 because they're waiting on people. Well, we prefer them all to be there, but we're not doing that. Huh? I mean, if you go to the airport and your flight takes off at 944 and you say, well, look, I got up a little bit late this morning, it's going to be like, you know, ten, 15, about ten, 15. Well, it'd be 1015 when you get there.

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But Delta, anyway, the baby doesn't wait on you, huh? You might call this old fashioned or just being me. And Scott was talking about this this week. And he said, Yeah. I mean, he said most people would just categorize you as just a grumpy old man. And I was like, I can't believe you just called me an old man, Scott. No, he was he wasn't saying that, but he might have been. I don't know. But. But it just. I can't help it. I've been in business for so long that it's just easy for me to. I can tell you who's going to succeed in life. They may not even do that forever, but I can tell you their attitude and how they carry themselves tells me that they're going to succeed. And this one right here is going to fall through the cracks every time. And then when you talk to them about whatever, they look at you like, man, you just oh, that's crazy. You over the top. Well, that's okay. It just means I'll. I'll live life better. Hmm. We had a personal example with no names, just like, you know, we our electricity went out. Was it Friday? Yeah, it was out for out of the storm for five hours. And then we just came kind of up out of nowhere and some tree hit some lines and it pulled things and it pulled the the wire from our from our house out.

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And so but it was cooler, you know, because it rained and put the windows up. And and I had a man that was supposed to be there the next morning at 730 to do some work outside in a building. And so it took about to about 130 to get the house cool enough. And then, you know, just kind of ever, ever fall asleep. Well, I just knew I wasn't probably going to be up by seven if I went to bed at 130. So I set my alarm to be up at seven because I have a man said he's going to be here at 730. We're about 1030. I was wondering where he's at. And I didn't want to call no one, and especially the boss. I didn't want to bother him and I didn't have the man's number. So the boss the boss man texted me about 11 and he says, he said, Eric, I wasn't feeling too good. I was going to send. He says, So he won't be there. So he just went back to sleep. I understand. But see, I would have went back to sleep, too. All would have taken was a phone call or text. You see, that's just being so. You want to lead? I mean, what can God trust you with? How much can we trust you with? Everyone's going to make mistakes. We need to give room for their faults. But how much can God trust you with? You say, Well, I'm just believing God to be a, you know, a millionaire time.

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I'm 30. Well, you won't do it with a 100 heir mentality or 1000 er mentality. You'll have to change your thinking. You have to change your thoughts. You have to change how you do certain things. Because there is a mentality that goes with the millionaire that a thousand there will never accomplish that. It won't just happen because you want it to happen. Israel did not possess the land because God wanted them to possess the land. You saw that? You saw the major Ten Miracles signs and wonders that God did and He crossed the Red Sea. But then for them to take the promised Land, he said, You're going to have to fight. I'll be with you. But he said, it won't be to stand back like the Red Sea. You're going to have to engage in warfare. But. But I will be there. Then Joshua had to fight many battles to get to the Land of Promise. And he did. And he won. The miracle that Joshua got in the beginning is when he's right here in this book in the first and second chapter, because God hadn't done any miracles, because he's waiting for a whole generation of people to die off that wouldn't follow him. So there was no miracles that out of the ordinary for them. But when Joshua took over and he said, Now Moses is dead, now it's time to go forward.

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It's always forward thinking. It's time to go forward because Moses is dead. So the first thing he did is he says he says today they'll know that I'm with you like I was with Moses. And when they cross the Jordan, the river's parted like the Red Sea. Then you don't see miracles like that anymore. But he wanted them to know that I haven't changed. I'm with you. I won't fail you. I still have power. You Can you see that? Now go fight. Now go fight. Brother Hagan used to say it like this. He said, God wants you to have cherries, but they won't fall off on you like, you know, just ripe cherries off a tree and you just, you know, like you put your basket and you say cherries. Now you might have to pick them. You said, Well, we know that, but we need to live like we know it. Let me go a little bit faster. So so there's a parallel between Israel and our walk with him. Now, there's a the misunderstanding is that Kaneland is taught like, well, kaneland is a type of heaven, but it's not a type of heaven. It's a type of victorious living that we can learn from the life of Joshua and Caleb and others. The reason why we know it's not a type of heaven is because how could you say this is the type of heaven? Because there's no battles in heaven.

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Right. They had to battle. So there'll be no battles in heaven. There is no giants as there were in Canaan, to oppose you. Where are the Giants? Where's the battles? They're down here. Have you met any of them? They're down here in this world. Your opposition is in this world. Revelation 14:13 says, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yes, says the Spirit. They may rest from their labors and their works. Do follow them. So when? So when you go to go to heaven, there'll be no. There'll be no more labors. There'll be no giants. There'll be no more battles. Wow. Anybody want to go there? Candyland is not a type of heaven. It can't be. Possibly. Can't be. Because it's the type of the baptism of Holy Spirit. In Deuteronomy chapter 11, verse 10:11 says, For the Lord, which thou goest to possess it in is not as the land of Egypt. In other words, he the land that you're going to is not like the land of Egypt. This is Deuteronomy 11, ten and 11 from whence you came out. Now, this is King James Elizabethan English. He says the land which you go to end to possess is not as the land of Egypt from whence you came out, where thou shouldst thy seed in water. And when they have done this week, have you done any Sowest and Waterston? He said, It's not like that.

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He said, You sow your seed and water it with the foot as the guard of herbs. But the land where you are going in to possess, it's a land of hills and valleys and drinks, water of the rain of heaven. The rain of heaven with the rain of heaven is. You know what That's the type of the rain of heaven is, is is a type of Holy Spirit. Amen. That's what it is. Amen. Which he promised him later. The early rain and the latter rain. Amen. What is the early rain and the latter? Rain? It's the outpouring of Holy Spirit. Amen. I believe at the very end, before we. I believe we leave this planet, there'll be a great outpouring, a great outpouring. God, I believe he'll take every move of God that you had that we know even before Azusa Street. Every sign, every wonder, every miracle, every phenomenon, and all at one time. And there'll be a latter rain that pours out. And I believe there'll be a great gathering of horrors before Jesus comes back. This is what He's promising them. This is also promised in the Book of Acts. And so we we we see here this cannot be a type. Canaan is not a type of heaven. There's no battles there. There's no giants there. But Caleb had the attitude, you know, because they sent out spies.

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12 spies. One from each tribe of Israel. And they went and they were gone for 40 days. And they come back and they reported to to Moses and to Joshua and or to Moses and Joshua. And Caleb was of the 12. We know that ten came back with an evil report. That's what the Bible says. They called their report evil. They didn't say it was evil, that God said what they said about their 40 day expedition when they came back and they gave report. He says their report was evil. Caleb didn't say they're wrong. Joshua didn't say they're wrong. Joshua didn't say they're lying. He didn't say they didn't have. It is true. They had 4 to 5 cities. It's true. They had. They had great walls. It is true that there were people of great stature, giants in the land. Caleb and Joshua was not refuting their report. But and we'll look at it next week. But Caleb said he said he stilled the people before Moses after he heard all this. And he says, Caleb, he says, hey, Drew, but let me tell you this. Caleb said, Let us go up at once and possess it. He didn't even say. I mean, he heard all this evil report. He didn't even give voice to that. He says, okay, hey, let's let's go possess it for we are well able. He said, these folks that they're talking about these giants, he said, they're bred for us. He said they have no defense against us for when we go, God goes, yes.

[00:49:04] Pastor West

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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Amen. Didn't work out that way, did it? I said it didn't work out that way, did it?

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That means you better be careful.

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Who you sending on a job? Sometimes. Or around your company or to run your business or home or whatever. Look at leadership, learn a leadership lesson from these people. Here's 12 men each picked from the 12 tribes of Israel. Supposed to be the sharpest of the bunch. And they did most. If you can bring back fruit, they brought back a cluster of grapes. The two men had to carry. I mean, my wife bought grapes last week at Publix. It didn't take to me to bring it in the house. You might think it takes two men to pay for it, but it just I mean, it was just a little bitty sucker. I mean, you pick up. Where's it at? It can't be like this.

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So.

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What's the leadership lesson? We know we know that the report of the leaders that I want you to see, the leadership of this 12 men was going to determine the fate of 3 million people. The ten men gave a report that said it's just like God said. It's just like God said, here, here's freedom. We saw it, man. This this land, it does flow with milk and honey. But there's giants there. He said. There are fortified cities. He says, We are just like grasshoppers compared to them. We are insects, we are pests. We're just a little pest. We are bugs. And Joshua and Caleb tried to steal the people it said it wants. It says, Hey, but we're well able. Let's go right now and possess it because God brought us to this moment. Now, Now God's giving us the keys. Let's go now.

[00:51:05] Pastor West

Amen.

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Amen. But the ten men that spirit got on. All the people. In ten people, ten leaders influence caused two and one half to 3 million people to die. Don't tell me influence is not powerful. Don't tell me you can't make a become a leader of people positively or negatively. Don't tell me that your thoughts and your ideas and your opinions and your words can't make a big difference because they do make a big difference. Yeah. If I just got up here and talked about all my problems all the time, that wouldn't last very long because I've had my share. I mean, we could go back. I can't even remember it. We used to kid on this thing, though. Hee Haw song. You know, they'd sit down on a Saturday night. How's it going, Matt?

[00:51:58] Pastor West

Despair.

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Gloom. Agony. Despair.

[00:52:01] Pastor West

Oh.

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Y'all remember y'all.

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Gloom.

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Magnus bear. You can't show it, can you? I know he was. I know. I know. I know. His mind thinks, you know, I got the old hound dog down there, you know, laying with him on gloom. Agnew Despair.

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Woe.

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Mm. Joshua and Caleb tried to convince the people not to be afraid. He tried to convince them to move forward. Why? Because he wanted them to possess the promise. In numbers 14 nine. He said only rebelled. Not against the Lord. Neither fear the people for the land. For they are bread for us. Their defense is departed from them. In the Lord is with us, he says. Fear them, not fear them. Giants, not the Lord is with us. And I studied yesterday. I wrote this down. What defeats many Christians is they is they live on the negative side of life. They're always talking about what? What? I don't know what I can't do. What can't be done. Whether they're talking about what they can do, what they do have in Christ, what already belongs to them through Jesus Christ. Amen. The two came back with a good report, but there were ten that had an evil report. The ten said it's impossible. They said, There's giants and we are grasshoppers. The cities are walled and fortified. We have no might against them. They murmured, and they complained. They murmured and complained. The spirit spread throughout the camp. This unbelief and evil report doomed them. All of them died, God said. From 20 years up, you will not. He said. He said, God said, You have murmured and you have complained. And I have shown my hand to you. He said, This generation, from 20 years and up is not going into the promised land. Your children will, but you will not go into the children land or into the promised land will not go into it.

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He said Every person, every person who complained, everyone who's murmured after they've seen the signs, the wonders and the miracles, and still you refuse to believe me, Number said, Forget. I don't know the verse, but in the book of numbers it says, he says doubtless. Without. You're not coming into the promised land. You're not going to just float into the promises of God with doubt and unbelief. God called their report evil Satanic because God said it was a good land. He wasn't dependent on their strength. We'll finish this with this this morning with the verse that I thought I was going to finish with. But I read to you first. In second Corinthians 10:12 said they were measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves among themselves. They are not bright. They were comparing themselves among themselves and against themselves with the Canaanites. I wrote it this way for the majority that day. Who sided with the ten the they the majority measured the giant strength against their own strength. But Caleb and Joshua measured their giants. The measured the. Those giants against their God. The majority trembled and the two triumphed. The majority had great giants and a little God. And Joshua and Caleb had a great God and a little Giants. They measured. Let's put this in your world. The majority measured the giant's strength against their own. Now, what are you dealing with in life? What are you measuring against? I know you know the answer. But it's easy to forget to get into the physical side of life, the mental side of life.

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And then you begin to even try to do something in your own strength. But what would you do if a doctor gives you something that says we can't fix it? And there's nothing anybody can do. You say, Well, I hope I never get there, but what if you do? What will you do then? What will you do then? You can't measure yourself. Against your own self or against someone else. See, they took inventory of themselves because they were comparing themselves to giants. And they said, compared to them, we are insects, we are grasshoppers. Well, what do you think the Red Sea was? A foot washing service. You think God was giving you a day at the spa? What do you think that was? I mean, when you saw the ten plagues in the Red Sea and and. And you're walking through the desert and you have a cloud of fire by night to keep you warm and a pillar to keep you the sun from baking you. And then water comes out of a rock. You don't think that's a big deal? Go home and try it. You can speak to it. You can slap it with a stick. You can bless it, you can cuss it. You can do everything. If I want to see it. I mean, you see the Red Sea part. And you walk across on dry ground. Then you get over to Canaan and you say, We can't do this because these people are tall.

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Tall.

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Tall. Stopped you. But. What's stopping you? What report is stopping you? Education people. Your past. Your parents. Your friends. What's keeping you from possessing the promise? Your education, your lack of it. The wrong parties in the White House. What do you compare it against? Are you not succeeding? Because of what? What are you comparing yourself against? Paul said These people aren't thinking of themselves. They're thinking way more than they should think of themselves. He said. They're comparing themselves against one another. They're measuring themselves by themselves. That shouldn't be your comparison. Your comparison should be who you are, who Christ made you and what he's called and gifted you to do. It doesn't really matter what someone else is doing. It's what he called you to do. But you see a whole sector of people who's just trying to it's okay to admire and to learn from. You're supposed to and to imitate certain people's faith and behavior. But but you don't need to be them. We I talk about Smith Wigglesworth a lot and John G. Lake. But but I'm not called to be John G. Lake or Smith Wigglesworth. But I can learn from their successes. See, I can follow their faith. There are certain people that you need in your life so that you can follow their faith. You need to follow some people's faith, some people you don't need to follow at all. Because over in the Epistles, it says some people shipwreck their faith.

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You don't want to follow that, do you? You're like, Well, I want to sing just like so-and-so. Well, that wouldn't do me any good. I like to sing like a lot of people, but I need to sing low, sing low notes, not sing low. So I need to sing low. If I do sing, maybe under a chariot. I don't know. Just. I wanted us to see learn leadership from this. I want to I want us to learn what it looked like, what strength looked like. I want to see what weakness looked like. I want to see what caused people to fold, not not to criticize people. Not not to criticize people, but to learn from their successes and learn from their failures. Because you have to go back to Joshua chapter one. This is the plan. I'll be with you like I was with Moses. But now, verse five, here comes your part. Joshua, you're going to have to be strong. You don't have to be strong for a miracle. Everyone that I ever prayed for that got a miracle. It required no faith and no strength on their part whatsoever. Some of them. The whole time I was trying to pray for them, they were telling me like, I don't believe. I don't believe. I believe I'm like, Shut up. I know you don't believe me. I mean, their miracle wasn't based on their faith.

[01:01:08] Pastor West

Right.

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I mean, you wouldn't tell a 16 month old baby or just say a, you know, you know, one that's still on the bottle and they're crying saying, what are you crying to me for? Get them fixed. Something. You wouldn't do that to my grandchild, would you? Okay, I'll come over and lovingly slap the taste out of your mouth. If you're just messing with her, make sure she's awake. No, because they're a baby. But you don't want a failure when she's 47, do you? I mean, that looked kind of nasty, wasn't it? It's like, where's that? Well, he had to go and he had to go feed the baby. Baby, Baby. You know, cutting that bites. Can you see? You know, you'll be older and a bit long horns and you're cutting up your steak and putting putting the fork, putting in your mouth. That's wrong. There was a time there was a time for that. But in our lives, that's not your time. We're called to be here to disciple people, to lead people. So. So we'll rise to a different standard. Now, if you don't want to go there, everything I'm going to say from henceforth is going to aggravate you. But I'm kind of an agitator anyway. I don't even want that. I used to ask the Lord for years, Why do I have to be like this? I don't want to be like this. I want. I want people just to like me. I just want to be nice. I don't want to say that. Why are you always giving these controversial things to talk about? You know what the law says? Nothing.

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Nothing.

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I remember about a year ago, I said, Lord, you haven't really talked to me. You know, like you talk to me. And I mean, I'm. This is the wind. This is the wind. It may help someone here. About two years ago. I should. I must be honest with you. I said, Lord, you haven't really been talking to me like you used to talk to me. I haven't got any, you know, instructions about anything. Well, now I'm hearing from him all the time, but I'm talking about go here, do this, do this, do this. I see. But you haven't really spoken to me about this, this and this. And then he spoke to me.

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You want me to take what he said?

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He said, I'm waiting on you to finish what I told you two years or 2 or 3 years ago.

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He said the.

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Plan is to keep doing what I told you. Then he says, When? When it changes, I'll let you know. He says, Now be faithful and keep on doing. Just keep on doing what I told you to. I said, Well, it sure don't look like it. He says, Well, you should know by now we don't go by how that looks. I said, Yes, sir, I know it, I said, But it just seemed like you've been silent for a long time. Well, when my mother told me to clean my room, she got shot. She didn't change her mind at all. You know what she meant. Clean your room. If she saw a hesitating, she didn't say, Oh, you don't feel like a nobody. Just go back to sleep. See, that's why stuff like that aggravates me. I understand people and all that, and they've had a hard week and all that kind of stuff. But when you tell me you're going to be there at 730 and I don't get to or 7:00 and I don't get to bed till 130, I could use two more hours of sleep too.

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But, you know.

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When it gets there, I ain't ever going to tell him. It won't really matter. I just can't unlearn what I've learned that I believe works for people. It's not that they're going to be in trouble. It's not that they need me at all. It's just I can't unsee it. I can't unlearn things that I've had to learn. I've been in seminars that cost me hundreds of dollars and I've spent thousands of dollars, you know, learning from people. I have a books of autobiographies of people that I had someone one time said I bought a book used. Used. For \$100 off an autobiography of a guy who's a billionaire in Australia. And somebody asked me one time, they said, Man, do you think do you think that that was worth it? I said, was what worth it? They said, the book. I said, Man, I never thought about that. I said, What do you mean you never thought about it? I said, I didn't buy it. I didn't buy it based on what? I thought it was worth it. I bought it because I thought I was worth it. I was investing in me.

[01:05:47] Pastor West

I mean.

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The chance of me ever getting to sit down with Peter Daniels is pretty slim to none. But if I can spend \$100 on a used book and I can read his whole life, you know, in about two days and again and again, I think I'm worth it. I'm investing in.

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Me. And I've invested in me.

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So I can invest in you. Amen. Because you know what? You're worth it. The Lord says you're worth it.

[01:06:20] Pastor West

Amen.

[01:06:22] Pastor West

That's what leaders do. They have to invest in themselves. They'll walk to the tune of a different beat. They'll do things that's not ordinary. They'll do things that others wouldn't do or refuse to do because they have a higher standard.

[01:06:40] Pastor West

Yeah. Okay.

[01:06:42] Pastor West

If I offended you, I can't apologize. Not all the way. But I might have said it a little bit sweeter way. But. But. But I think you understand the gist of what I'm saying. If you had to take Moses place, how many would have liked to have done that?

[01:07:03] Pastor West

I mean, when.

[01:07:05] Pastor West

You thought there would have been, you know, this multiple volumes of syllabus, there were less than a page nine verses. He says Moses is dead. They're like, Well, we knew that. We knew that Moses is dead. There's a lesson that sometimes what you were doing is not what you're supposed to do anymore or how you do it. In other words, that part's over. It's gone. It's dead. He said, Moses is dead. Get up and move forward. It says they were mourning. They were weeping and mourning for, was it 30 days? 30 days? And I thought mourning. They were giving this guy grief all the time. What they crying about? They were always complaining to him and now they're mourning. They might have been morning because, you know, in the water he had to go get water off a rock.

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Food fall at.

[01:08:04] Pastor West

Your feet every morning. No one had to wash dishes. No one had to cook. No one had to clean. 40 years in the.

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Desert.

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Your clothes grew. Children, their shoes, it grew with them. What are you complaining about? No generation of people has ever seen miracles like that since that day. Miracle shoe growth. Well, can you see on the commercial tonight between, you know, what drugs take and don't take and the side effects and the miracle shoes buy these shoes as an infant. They'll grow the rest of your life. I've had several women told me. She said I wouldn't want that kind of miracle. I said, Well, because I love to buy shoes. I said, Yeah, but the man would like it. The man would like it. Baby, I got you one pair of shoes. We got married and you'll have these the rest of your life. Pick the ones you like. They will grow with you. They're good for me because I'm twice the man. Michelle. Mary. I wore a 28 31 28 waist, 31. I couldn't get even one leg down there. Now, 28 31.

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31. Michelle was starving herself every day drinking tab. Y'all remember Tab diet drink? Yeah, we were. We were a cool bunch. We were. We were. We were drinking our diet drinks and smoking a cigarette. I said she'd be at break, and I said, Aren't you going to eat something? She said, No, I got. I got my tab. Drink my cigarettes. Okay. She's £105, £105 when we got married. I'm going to stop right there. Praise the Lord. So God is so good. God is so good. You know, it's just the price you pay for being full gospel. I used to be a lean, mean preaching machine, but now I'm full gospel. Praise God. Thank you all for being here, for being. For tolerating and being interested enough to to grow. It can be fun to grow. It can be difficult, but it also can be fun because you'll look back and you'll see yourself and even when you don't see your growth. Others can see it. Others who have eyes to spot it. I probably shouldn't do this. But Steven back here is he was a man that came into my life a few weeks ago. I don't even know he knows how much of a leader he is. What God's going to do for him. I knew at the moment I saw him. The Lord just spoke to him about it. He says I've groomed him. I probably shouldn't say this, but I don't think I've ever had a prophetic word for someone. He wouldn't be puffed up for me telling him this. The Lord said if he'd been, if he would have been on the earth. During the time Jesus walked, he says a man just like him would have been picked to be one of his disciples because of his heart. I don't think I've ever heard the Lord tell me that about anyone in ministry. That might be true of a lot of you in here. But, I mean, that's just what he told me. You know, the heart will carry you to places that the head just can't go. Amen. Well, we got to stop. Praise God. We're meeting. Next time we meet.

[01:11:41] Pastor West

Amen. God bless.

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