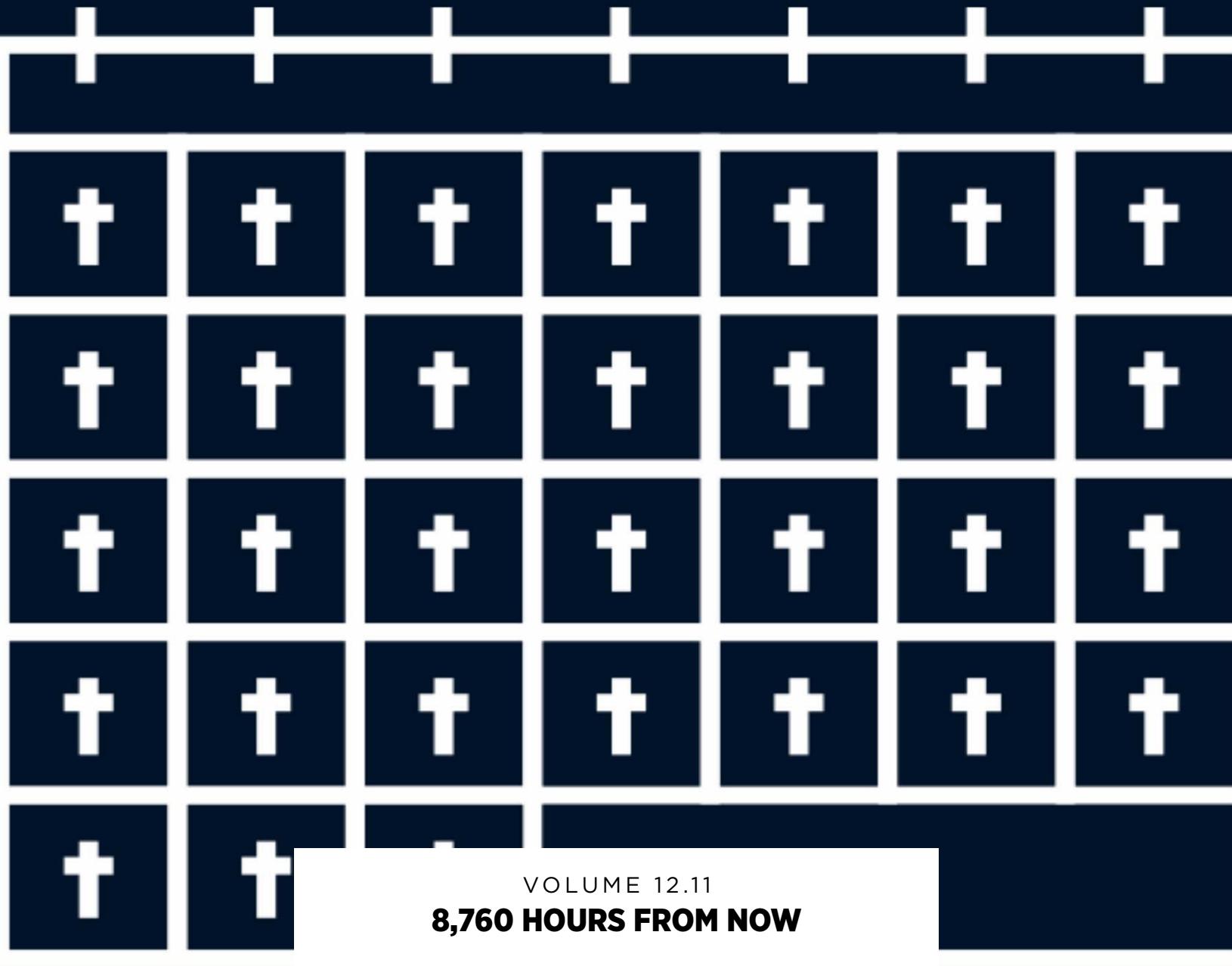


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    - c. "The generation that the world WILL NOT CHANGE is the generation that will CHANGE THE WORLD."
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    - f. "Never doubt that a small group of thinking, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that EVER HAS." - Margaret Mead
  2. *8,760 Hours From Now*, we'll look back on this strategic night and say something like this...

#### MONOLOGUE #1 - "IT ALL BEGAN THAT FIRST NIGHT"

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- B. *8,760 Hours From Now*, you'll be smiling if you decide now to pay some PERSONAL PRICES to be a part of what the Lord is about to do here.

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2. *8,760 Hours From Now*, if some of you are willing to let this year "cost you," we'll look back and say something like this...

#### MONOLOGUE #2 - "PAY SOME PERSONAL PRICES"

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- C. You're going to live this next year either as an excited part of the TEAM around here or as a BORED, NEGATIVE SPECTATOR.
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  - 6. *8,760 Hours From Now*, some POTENTIAL LEADERS in this room will look back and say...

### MONOLOGUE #3 - "BE A PART OF THE TEAM"

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### D. UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

*(Though you won't hear this on the audio, we used this time to promote some connection events we had coming up, including a special concert, the launch of small groups and our fall retreat. You will want to plan some events of your own that you can promote as you cast vision for your group.)*

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### MONOLOGUE #1 - "IT ALL BEGAN THAT FIRST NIGHT"

I remember back when Jeanne first came and she was talking all this crazy talk about what God was going to do and what God was going to be in this youth group. It all sounded good at that moment. It sounded really good. But it didn't seem like it was going to be real. It didn't seem like something that would play out. It was something that a pastor would always say.

She would talk like, "We're going to have to tear down these walls to fit in all the youth that are going to come in. They're going to be coming here, we're going to have revival meetings, people are going to get saved and all this youth stuff is going to change the world." But I didn't believe it, until I actually saw it happen in front of me.

She had these quotes that night that she put up and they didn't mean anything really. They sounded good, but they meant something when it actually played out and happened in front of me. It was the greatest time of my life! It was so fun! We used to have retreats, we used to do this little football thing. It was called "The Pumpkin Bowl." It was quirky, but you know, it was fun. I watched my friends turn into family because we came so close to each other.

I used to think my Christianity was boring. But I don't anymore. That was the greatest 12 months of my life now that I think about it. The craziest thing about it is that it all began that first Wednesday night.

### MONOLOGUE #1 - “PAY SOME PERSONAL PRICES”

I remember when Jeanne first came here and started running the youth group. I thought she was really fake. I mean, the whole smiley and huggy thing. Come on, it couldn't be real. And the whole, “Gosh, I love you.” Come on, you don't even know me!

She's making this big deal about Fall Ignite and how it was going to be the best \$95.00 that I've ever spent. And...all this youth group talk...and small group...and...I mean, I've been to a small group before, but what's the big deal?

But I decided to give it a try. I said that I would try it out for two months and if it bombed, I'd back away quickly. But, it didn't bomb, and that Ignite? That Fall Ignite was the best 48 hours that I've had in a long time. And my small group, it became more than just friends, it became family.

Who would have guessed that all these things happened just because I paid some personal prices myself?

### MONOLOGUE #3 - “BE A PART OF THE TEAM”

Man, I can't believe it's already been 12 months. I remember that night. In fact, I remember it was the Refresh Series where Jeanne came up to me and said, “Jordan, I want you to be a leader.” I looked at her and I thought, “You are crazy. #1, I don't know how to lead people. And #2, I don't have time. I have so many responsibilities, I have so much going on and you want me to lead a high school small group?” Hanging out with teenagers on the weekend was not my idea of a good time.

But I said, “yes,” anyway. And I remember the night that my perspective changed. His name was Will. I'll never forget the night that Jeanne was sharing. She gave an invitation to all of us and she said to everyone, “If you're in this room and you don't know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, I want you to come down to the front right now and we want to pray with you.”

One of my guys, Will, he got out of his seat and he went down front. I got down there so fast, I put my arm around his shoulder and I prayed with him and that night, Will received Jesus Christ for the very first time.

You know, that night, Will wasn't the only person changed in this room. I was. See, after that night, we started hanging out outside of Wednesday nights, away from the church. We'd get a bunch of guys in the small group together. We'd go out on weekends, grab pizza, see a flick, whatever, it really was a family.

It was only a couple of months later that it was Christmas. I remember Will sent me this Christmas card. I'm still blown away every time I read it. “Dear Jordan, Thanks for being there for me this past year. If you weren't, I probably wouldn't know God right now. I don't know what Jesus must have looked like when He walked here on earth, but He must have had a heart pretty much like yours. Thanks for letting me know what He really is like. When I make heaven, it's gonna be because I had a friend like you. Merry Christmas, Bud and have a great 20--.”

That's what it's all about. 12 months ago, I made the best decision in my life to step up to the plate and do this thing. Had I not, Will might not be where he's at right now. But you know what? Not only does Will's life matter, but I really learned, now that I'm leading a small group and now that I'm a part of something bigger than myself, finally, my life really matters.

### MONOLOGUE #4 - “LIVING WITH REGRETS”

They weren't going to excite me about all the change. Not me, no way. To be honest, I liked things just the way they were. I thought we had it good. I don't know, all this talk about “God was going to do great things.” You know, “God's going to do new things!” It didn't impress me. And \$95.00 for a two-day retreat. You've got to be kidding me! \$95.00, that's a lot of money!

What I wanted to do is what I did every week anyway. I wanted to come in, sit in the back row with my buddies, and just watch the show happen. They weren't gonna con me into being a part of something “new” and “refreshing.”

There's only one problem. It's been a year. It's been 12 long months. And if you want me to be honest, God, if you'd look into my life right now, you'd see...man...all these regrets that I have. You know, maybe looking back, maybe I should have given them a chance. Maybe I should have gotten involved. I don't know.

You know now I'm just lonely and I feel like a complete idiot, because all these cool things have happened and I didn't have anything to do with it. I don't know, all this time has passed and you know what really stinks? I can't get any of it back. I wish I could go back a year ago to the Refresh Series. I remember that night and you know what? A few things, I probably would have done a little bit different.

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1. A “gold” chain or a link from a “gold chain” with a tag that says, “You may think that what you have to give is SMALL. But from God’s perspective, that small bit can be the GOLDEN LINK in a chain of miracles.”
2. Small plastic fish spray painted silver or gold with a tag that says, “Small acts of OBEDIENCE this next year will unlock some of Heaven’s greatest miracles around here.”
3. One Year Calendar with a price tag on the front that says, “What personal prices are you willing to pay to be a part of what the Lord is about to do here.”
4. A few pictures of past events with your youth group. Add a tag that says, “The church that will impact the 21st century is the church whose DREAMS ARE BIGGER THAN ITS MEMORIES.”
5. A pair of cheap glasses with a tag that says, “PROVERBS 29:18, ‘*Where there is no vision, the people perish.*’” (King James Version)
6. A framed picture of the planet Earth with a tag that says, “The generation that the world WILL NOT CHANGE is the generation that will CHANGE THE WORLD.”

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1. We have some pretty amazing memories around here. Let's take a few minutes and briefly share some of them.

*[Leader: Be careful not to linger too long on this question. The focus of tonight is cast vision for your group's future, not dwell too long on the past.]*

2. Remember the quote from tonight, "The church that will impact the 21st century is the church whose dreams are bigger than its memories"? We've had some pretty great memories around here, but we have some huge dreams for the next year! Which of the dreams outlined for you tonight excite you the most and why?
3. While big dreams are really exciting, sometimes new things can be scary to jump into or hard to believe that they will actually happen. We saw that in our four monologues tonight. Which one of those monologues did you most relate to? Why did you relate to it?
4. Just like those people who spoke the monologues tonight, we all have fears, doubts or challenges when it comes to new seasons. So, what will be the most challenging thing for you in reaching the dreams for the future we talked about tonight? Will it be reaching out to your friends and inviting them to small groups or on Wednesday night? Will it be the extra time that it may take for small groups or outreach events?
5. Yeah, I hear that. I think every single person has a fear, doubt, or challenge to overcome when they jump into something new. It really does cost some "personal prices" to make big dreams come true. So, what "personal prices" do you need to pay to make these next 8,760 hours the best they can be?
6. Close in prayer.

*[Leader: As you close in prayer remember to pray for the challenges your group felt they would have as you move forward in your vision for the next year.]*

### YOU HAVE NO CLUE WHAT YOU ARE CAPABLE OF!

by Doug Smith ([dougsmithlive.com](http://dougsmithlive.com))

*"Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt."* But Moses protested to God, *"Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?"* God answered, *"I will be with you."*  
~ Exodus 3:10-12

More and more we are hearing that we need to focus on our strengths. I love learning as much as I can about my gifts and strengths through personality tests, 360 degree evaluations, and any other tool that helps us discover what we're good at. However, I'm learning a very valuable lesson in my life right now: **No matter how accurate the assessments I take are, I still have no clue about what I am capable of...but God does!**

For example: Here is a short list of things I've discovered I'm good at in the last 10 years that I never knew I was good at:

- I never knew I had a gift to speak in public.
- I never knew I could write.
- I never knew I was great with people and how much of a gift that is.
- I never knew I could lead and manage.
- I never knew I could inspire and motivate people.
- I never knew I could raise money!

#### How did God reveal these gifts to me?

- By Putting Me in Situations Where I was Forced to Use the Gift.
- By Putting People Around me Who See Something in Me, That I didn't See in Myself.
- By Opening Doors of Opportunity to use the Gift more often.

Have you been there? Here is what I know: **There are gifts inside of you right now that you have no clue about, but that God wants to reveal to you and use for His glory!**

When you start to discover you're good at something you never knew you were good at, you will feel inadequate. However, I can promise you that **if God gives you an opportunity to use a gift He put in you that you don't know about, He'll equip and open doors for you to use that gift.**

When Moses doubted he could do what God said He could do, God told him to rest in the fact that He would be with him. We need to do the same. **When you feel inadequate, rest in the fact that God is with you and He will equip you to do what He's calling you to do.**

Bottom Line: Learn as much as you can about who you are and what's inside of you, but recognize that God has put things inside of you that no personality test can reveal to you. **Be open and ready for Him to reveal gifts in you that you never knew you had and use you in ways He has never used you before.** When that happens and you feel inadequate, rest in the fact that He is with you.

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