

**Word for River Church:** River Church, you are writing history.

River Church was not conceived in the heart of Bob and Debbie, River Church was conceived in the heart of God. And then it was birthed in the heart of Bob and Debbie. And Bob and Debbie took something that was out in the spirit and brought it into the flesh and you are living that right now. As you are living that right now, I believe that God has expansion and extension and kingdom expansion for you and I want to talk to you about that this morning.

1. **EAT AND DRINK** - when Elijah ran away from Jezebel, by the brook and he was sleeping, the angel touched him and said, "rise, eat and drink". He did. Then the angel touched him again and said, "rise, eat and drink, because the journey is too difficult for you." "Eat and Drink" is the presence of God. What you have been experiencing in the presence of God is great for now but there is more that he has for you to take you into what He has for you. Eat and Drink His presence.
2. **NO FEAR** -any thoughts of fear are NOT my thoughts so waste no time on them. If I am in fear I have a lack of understanding of God's love, because His perfect love casts out fear. If you are dealing with fear (sometimes there are spirits of fear), but the reality is that you are lacking a fresh understanding and a real understanding of God's love for you, because God says my love casts out fear. There is no fear if you have a clear understanding of my love.
3. **DREAM BIG**-my thoughts are limitless and I am a limitless God. Don't let your thoughts to limit my plan.
4. **BE AGGRESSIVE** -The kingdom of heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force. There were a number of things God spoke to me in April of last year (2020) as we began to walk through all of the uncertainty of that year. I felt the Lord say this—that, "you'd better be certain. In times of uncertainty, you'd better be certain, you'd better be sure of what you're certain about." One of the things I know I was certain about and I wrote down those things, is the kingdom of God is never on the defense. It is always on the offense. Your future will not come to you. You have to pursue it. "If God wills, it'll happen" --maybe, maybe not. There is a call and a destiny, but there is a response to what we have to respond to that. "There's a big difference between one day and day one."
5. **STAY FOCUSED**-there's lots of distractions. Stay focused on what God has called you to. Listen, the goal of the devil is to keep you from sharing Jesus. Most persecution is not about you, it's to keep you from sharing Jesus with anybody else. God's plan for your life is to share Jesus with others. The enemy's plan is to just contain you—to contain you from sharing Jesus with others.

6. **DEFINING MOMENTS**-church, there are defining moments that will be coming to you. Defining moments of what I have called you too, but also what I've not called you to. When your elbow tries to do what your finger is doing you have problems. You have been created and wired in a certain way to do what God has called you to do. Everyone is important for you to fulfill and do what God has called you to with functioning as a body.
7. **BE A SERVANT** -lay your life down for others. "The best speakers are those who have something to give, not something to sell." What do you have to give?
8. **BE INTENTIONAL** -disciplines will be paramount. An undisciplined life can cause a mature person to fail. A disciplined life can cause or will keep a weak person from making mistakes. Disciplines are paramount as you fulfill God's plan or purpose.
9. **TICK TOCK** -it's time! It's time to take back what the enemy has stolen. If there is anything the enemy has stolen in your personal life, or the life of River Church, it's time to take it back. It's time to pay the price to take it back. Listen, if it's valuable enough for the enemy to steal it, it's important enough for you to take it back. If it warranted his time to take it from you, then it certainly behooves you to take whatever is necessary to gain it back again.
10. **I HAVE SET YOU IN A PLACE OF INFLUENCE**-River Church I have set you in a place of influence. You have a voice and a medium to influence others. Don't keep quiet. Your future is not in front of you. Your future is inside you. I can say that to you personally, I can say that to you collectively: Your future is not in front of you, as much as your future is inside you. What has God placed inside of you?

Psalm 139: --While I was being formed in my mother's womb, in utter darkness, all my days were laid out before me, before I had lived even one of them. (paraphrased) I don't have to make something happen. He also said they are written in the books of heaven. So I pray, "Lord, let me live what's already been written." Your future is not in front of you, your future is inside of you. Your future as a church is inside of you. Inside these four walls, inside of you collectively as a group.

What has God placed inside of you? What are the abilities, the mandates, that He has given to you to reach this county and beyond, the church plants and ministries that come out of here? What's inside of you is your future. What's inside of you personally is your future. What God has placed inside of you He wants to release and bring it into reality. When I started I said that River Church was not conceived in the heart of man, it was conceived in the heart of God, birthed in the heart of a couple. And they brought it out of the spirit and brought it into the natural the same as true for you.

There are things that are in the spirit, look there are books here that need to be written right here within this room. I believe there are churches that need to be planted. I believe there are businesses that need to be started right here in this room. I believe there are ministries that need to be launched right here in this room. Some of you have been buying lies from the

enemy. I really believe I am saying this prophetically, it isn't just a thought. This isn't just ideas. There are books in this room, there are ministries in this room, there are businesses in this room waiting to be started, waiting to be launched. And fear or some other dynamic is holding you back. And the Lord wants you to take the steps to release them, to bring them out of the spirit and placed in the natural to see them become reality. The Lord has a call, a plan, a destiny for you individually and for you as a church. And the things that you've been through in the past. I've ministered to people already and they say, I feel disqualified because of what has taken place, because of a mistake from the past or because of something that took place. You know the very things we think disqualify us, can be the very thing that God says, "Now you're qualified. Now you learned that lesson."

Lord, I pray for these ten principles. I pray, Father, that we would eat and drink your presence. It's so important. I pray Father, for faith not fear; I pray for courage and strength; I pray for aggressiveness; not waiting for you to come to us but a willingness and a desire to press in to do what we need to do; to work in collaboration with you, Holy Spirit. I pray, Father, that the things that are in the spirit, you would use us to bring into the flesh and birth it into reality in Jesus' precious Name. And I pray that every person would find their place and celebrate who you have created them to be. That the things they are experiencing today—that the testing of our faith today—will lead them to walk in an expression, in obedience, and experience of faith in the future. In Jesus' precious Name. Amen