

## SOAP BOX “Hurry up & Wait”

EVERY YEAR I PRAY FOR 2 WORDS!

THIS YEAR: KEEP (Church) & TRUST (Personal)

KEEP: At first I thought it meant.....Hold our ground!

\*Winning teams take both DEFENSE & OFFENSE!

DEFENSE has the word “DEFEND” (Defend our Faith)

-Now through this year my understanding changed....Hold our mission.

-I have always Played offense, not defense

Jesus took his disciples to “PAN” (The center of Pagan sexual worship, and child sacrifice)

-The LAS VEGAS (SIN CITY) OF THE REGION!

**Matthew 16:18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.**

-Jesus wasn't trying to SCARE his disciples.....He was SPURRING them on!

TAKE GROUND AGAINST THE DARKNESS!

I PLAY OFFENSE!!! I WANT TO MOVE! I WANT TO TAKE GROUND!

-There will be battle wounds, but I will deal with them as they come!

I AM READY TO TAKE GROUND!!!! WE NEED TO EXPAND!

WE ARE GOING TO KEEP STORMING THE GATES OF HELL AND LEADING PEOPLE TO JESUS!

- GOAL OF \$10,000 TO KB! (Just over \$4 million)
- GOAL OF 10,000 PEOPLE SAYING YES TO JESUS! (Just over 4,500)
- GOAL OF BAPTIZING 3,000 (Almost 900)
- GOAL OF 25 CHURCHES (13)
- GOAL OF 50 PASTORS (12 Already and over 20 in process)

NEW SERIES NEXT WEEK: "LET'S GO" ..... ABOUT CREATING DISCIPLES OF CHRIST!

NOW.....MY PERSONAL WORD

TRUST: to rely upon or place confidence in someone or something

Trust: Away 4 weeks from my BABY!!

-My family and church are my everything!

TO STEP BACK TOOK TRUST!!!

-Trust in my amazing team!

-Trust that it is NOT "MY" Church, but "HIS"

-Tug of war....."Jesus said, I will build MY church"

MY VERSE OF TRUST:

**Psalm 127:1-2 Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good. <sup>2</sup> It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to his loved ones.**

TRUTH: I TRUST GOD, BUT JUST AS TRUE.....I ALSO TRUST MYSELF!

-I pride myself in working hard! I like tough challenges.

“When the going gets tough.....the tough get going”

-JUST DIG DEEP AND PUSH THROUGH ANY OBSTACLE!

THAT CAN BE GOOD.....BUY ALSO CAN BE A PROBLEM!

-I am not good at sitting or shutting off my brain!

-MY LOVE LANGUAGE IS ACTS OF SERVICE!

Honest: Who feels “GUILTY” when they do NOTHING?

ORDERED THE BOOK “When I Relax I Feel Guilty” (1979)

**Genesis 1:31 Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.**

**Genesis 2:1-3 So the creation of the heavens and the earth and everything in them was completed. <sup>2</sup> On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup> And God BLESSED the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation.**

GOD WASN'T TIRED.....HE “CREATED” REST AS A GIFT!!! AS A BLESSING!

SO IMPORTANT IT IS THE 4<sup>th</sup> OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS!

**Exodus 20:8-12 “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord BLESSED the Sabbath day and made it holy.”**

The Sabbath day is “BLESSED” by God!

-Sermon by Robert Morris Author of “The Blessed Life”

-Sabbath is the only commandment Christian leaders BREAK & BRAG ABOUT!

**Ezekiel 20:20 Keep my Sabbaths holy, that they may be a sign between us. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God."**

-THEY ARE A SIGN OF TRUST!

WE GET MORE DONE IN 6 DAYS WHEN WE GIVE GOD THE 7<sup>TH</sup>!

-I honestly didn't understand that.....UNTIL he compared it to "TITHING"

-We can go further on 90% of our finances that are "BLESSED"

GOD ASKS FOR 10% OF OUR FINANCES

GOD ASKS FOR 14.2857% OF OUR TIME!

-SABBATH IS A DEMONSTRATION OF OUR TRUST IN GOD!

"LESS IS MORE" I have to "DO LESS" to "ACCOMPLISH MORE"

There is ALWAYS work to be done.....People in need! It never stops!

-But when I stop and "Abide" THEN I am more effective!

**John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."**

PRIDE GETS IN THE WAY!!!!

I HAVE PREACHED THIS BEFORE:

Sabbath is taking a day a week to remind myself that I did not make the world and that it will continue to exist without my efforts!

Sabbath is a day when my work is done, even when it isn't!

Sabbath is a day when my job is to enjoy....period.

Sabbath is a day when I am fully available to myself and those I love most!

Sabbath is a day when I remind myself that I am not a machine!

Sabbath is a day when at the end I say with no guilt.."I didn't do anything today!" Jesus wants to heal our souls and give us the shalom (peace) of God.

So we have to stop....we have to slow down....we have to sit still and stare out the window and let the engine come to an idle....we have to listen to what our inner voice is saying!

I HAVE PREACHED THAT!!!

DEFINITION OF TRUST: to rely upon or place confidence in someone or something

THIS IS DEMONSTRATED BY LETTING GO!

-I had to TRUST GOD and my TEAM had this!

-I only checked in w/ Jeff on ONE thing...

AND EVEN MORE SO.....GOD HAD AND HAS IT!

**Matthew 11:28-30** "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

**YOKE: 2 OXEN**

-A single ox by itself can pull 5,000 pounds,  
-but two oxen yoked together can pull 15,000 pounds!

TODAY SOME OF US NEED TO "HURRY UP & WAIT"

RESPONSE:

-Come to me.....take my YOKE!

-Trust HIM enough to stop! TO WAIT!