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PRAISE THE LORD! (HALLELUJAH!) BLESSED [FORTUNATE, PROSPEROUS, AND FAVORED BY GOD] IS THE MAN WHO FEARS THE LORD [WITH AWE-INSPIRED REVERENCE AND WORSHIPS HIM WITH OBEDIENCE], WHO DELIGHTS GREATLY IN HIS COMMANDMENTS. HIS DESCENDANTS WILL BE MIGHTY ON EARTH; THE GENERATION OF THE UPRIGHT WILL BE BLESSED.

**PSALMS 112:1-2 (AMPLIFIED)** 

## Welcome to August!

Whether it's returning from a summer full of fun, it's your first time, or you were here just last week—welcome to the most exhilarating, fun seasons of our house. We are honored you are here!!!

Personally, this recent summer break has probably been the most defining in my ministry life, and I look forward to the days ahead together as we aggressively pursue seeing cities transformed, one life at a time.

While there are many things that have me ready to run, I want to start with just a few:

- Reimagine—Living a Lifestyle of Worship
- Yellow Submarine-How to successfully navigate the tight quarters of life
- Rhythms—How to have rhythms that will help you win everyday in the invisible spiritual battle around us

Those are just the first three series for the school year, and I have never been more humbled by what God is teaching me as I prepare to humbly share with you.

Other things that have me ready to run are:

- The team I get to serve with on a daily basis. Their humility, their loyalty, their unity, and their focus on serving the kingdom, and not their own agenda.
- The people that make up our church family. We are a church of high capacity leaders, who are linking up to highly compassionate causes. You are transforming cities!
- The honor in our house for God and others!
- The grace in our house towards each other! You are an encouraging house, not a cowardly group of negative naysayers who hide behind gossip, negative communication, and religious judgementalism. It is Christ in us that is the hope of glory!!! We choose to focus on the hope of Christ, versus the human nature of man.
- The love for unchurched and the desire to bring them along on this Journey.
- The readiness to run after a dream so big only God can provide for it. A dream that is unreasonable, impractical, but God fed, coming to pass, and birthed in the heart of God.
- The grace you give me to grow as a leader. That in all my imperfections you choose to give me the grace I try to give you, to all grow together on this journey.
- My list could go on forever!!!



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So, as we swing back into the school year rhythm, what can we all do:

- Give grace to one anther.
- Bring an unchurched along for the ride. Ask them to give it six weeks, and they'll be hooked.
- Bring our tithe every time we get paid. Our church's potential is always tied to our willingness to obey in giving the first fruits. We continue to grow in this area, so as we all do our part, we will see cities transformed!! (In honor of integrity, I do need to say June and July were rough financially. So as we all do our part, know it makes a huge difference.)
- Grab some friends and get into a small group. (So easy, so many options—just do it)
- Attend every week on-campus or online. The teachings coming up are all fresh, important, and will shape our future. Don't miss being apart.
- Use our app to take notes.
- Lastly, selfishly, I am going to ask you to pray for me. To say the past two years have been an emotional roller coaster is an understatement.

I have never been more humbled, honored, and excited to lead us into our future. A future that will have offensively big dreams of transforming cities and nothing less.

So as we get ready to run, let's run with purity, aggression, and the understanding that life and death is at stake!!

I love you. I am so proud of you.

Pastor Clark