Backend things to be implemented:

Implement these to your next project:  
  
- JWT auth from scratch (not a library)  
- Moderately complex database schema design  
- Table normalization (make yourself enjoy joins)  
- Table denormalization (make yourself hate joins)  
- Query optimization with database indexing  
- Background job processing  
- Implementing search functionality (fuzzy find, vector search)  
- Setting up telemetry to trace issues (ELK stack)  
- Rate limiting with Redis  
- Caching strategies for performance  
- Error handling beyond try/catch  
- Containerization with Docker  
- CI/CD pipelines that actually work  
- Load testing your API endpoints

Maybe a touch of event driven programming can be a good addition:  
  
Choosing between using SSE(Server sent events) and Web sockets where required.   
Furthermore good to have :Message queues, Webhooks

The final boss: hosting everything somewhere