July 8, 2023 NEWSLETTER

What's up, my dudes.

It's not even necessary but because one of my letters mentioned it, some housekeeping: I'm typing this on my computer and not writing it. God did tell me that my writing is more anointed than my typing so I should write more but I'm just finding it so cumbersome to be expected to write a long letter and transcribe my sloppy writing (sloppier when I get into a real flow and am trying to go as fast as my mind). I've had so many important ideas cross my mind since I published the last letter but I failed to post most of it because I was trying to go about in the way I had gone before, so let's just do this: I'll write when I feel like it and you read when you feel like it and we'll call it good.

Let's jump into the content:

BUILDING ETERNITY

2 Timothy 2:10-15 AMPC

Therefore I [am ready to] persevere and stand my ground with patience and endure everything for the sake of the elect [God's chosen], so that they too may obtain [the] salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with [the reward of] eternal glory. The saying is sure and worthy of confidence: If we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny and disown and reject Him, He will also deny and disown and reject us. If we are faithless [do not believe and are untrue to Him], He remains true (faithful to His Word and His righteous character), for He cannot deny Himself. Remind [the people] of these facts and [solemnly] charge them in the presence of the Lord to avoid petty controversy over words, which does no good but upsets and undermines the faith of the hearers. Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.

I've been noticing that all the various things that we do that can be considered work has felt like a grind. House chores, reading, even peopling (yes, I'm as surprised as you that this has a dictionary definition but I think we understand).

I've noticed that the things I've already been doing have just been a step harder. God will tell me to go to the gym when I'm just feeling a little bit more tired that day than usual, and my first instinct nowadays is to use abundance of caution and let myself rest longer so I don't go into the realm of risking great injury, so I'm finding myself needing to be brave in things as routine as a gym exercise. And in my garden I've been finding that the sun goes down and I still have so much to do. And in my reading: well, as much as I enjoy it, the sheer unlimitedness of the information is overwhelming. And my finances seem to be pushed to their limit. And my relationships have felt like I have to pay a cost to make intentional connections.

So I think this is God causing us to stretch past our current limit to go to another level. I think this is God causing us to endure difficulty without being in danger (though the spiritual, and perhaps soon, literal, war we all fight in is real) so that he can build a habit of steadfastness. This is a prerequisite for people before they go and launch off into ministries and all kinds of other things: that they get their house in order.

Many people are complaining to the Lord.. why can't I have this already? ..where is my husband? ..where is the money? ..why is my energy level so low?

I'll tell you why: because God is not mocked and there is a cost for everything and if we aren't willing to pay the cost, then we are going to get destroyed by the RESPONSIBILITY should it come. People in our culture have been made out to be CONSUMERS and it's all about this perspective of what can I CONSUME (gluttony). God has made us to be PRODUCERS (head, not tail). And PRODUCERS must lay down their life for their sheep, otherwise they are better off being the sheep and not the shepherd.

Heed me on this: being faithful with little things will lead to big things. If you aren't faithful in the day to day, don't expect the breakthrough to come. God MIGHT just have super grace on you because it needed to happen for the sake of others around you, but it will still crush you without the character to bear it.

God is using this season to prune things off and build a solid foundation so that He can build upon it.

Psalm 40 (KJV)

- 40 I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
- 2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.
- 3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.
- 4 Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
- 5 Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

See, it's one thing to wait on the Lord for a period of time and cry out to Him. Many people never do that. But after He brings us up out of the pit, He must set our feet upon a rock and establish our goings. And when I was writing before about people being stuck because they keep repeating the same narrative out of their mouth over and over again, may I suggest to you that if that is going on with you, you need a new song and if you aren't getting a new song, it's probably because you need to repent somewhere in your goings because the foundation is sand. The blessing comes after the foundation and the song, when we don't believe the lies. And THEN we see the wonderful works, but not before.

<u>I REMEMBER</u>

As Fourth of July was approaching, God asked me to sit and journal and I kept writing for hours.. hours and hours and God kept saying, "Keep going, keep going." So eventually I was writing what turned out to be the last page: "Lord, remember your promises."

I'm about to get a little vulnerable, so please understand how valuable this is.

"Remember your promises Lord, because I don't feel like I've ever gotten any of the big breakthroughs I've ever wanted in my entire life. It has always been snatched away before it could come. It always looked like it was about to happen and then it never happened." It wasn't until later that God showed me this was intercession for the Body of Christ and even for America.

Not that long ago, when I was out in the world living for my own desires, I would work some stupid job that I hated, being fake with people I didn't respect (hating myself), so I could have some money so I could go out to some club (which I mostly hated) or some dance festival hoping I could come home at the end of the night and find someone to love and to love me back. Silly plan, but these are the kind of things that end up taking root in the unfathered mind.

Time and time again I would be coming down from a wild night and my money was gone and I was alone, with surface level acquaintances but not any real friends, and then I had to go to work again to try again from zero, and this lifestyle was starting to take a toll on my health. Anybody relate to this? I'd save up just enough money to have some breathing room and then some cop would pull me over and there would go my money, actual highway robbery. Or I'd get into a car accident. Or some business colleague stiffed me for an entire month of work. So many nights out and so many dance floors (some of you get the reference), I would be comforted by music, one song in particular so many times.

I had written these pages and God indicated to me that I was finished and I could go leave the coffeehouse I was at and go home. And on the way home, there was somebody blasting this same song out of their window: Kaskade - I Remember.

So you see, I wasn't alone on those nights so many years ago. I was comforted in those painful times because God was with me. I wasn't going to church, I wasn't walking in His ways, but He never left me, even though I tried to leave him and go about my own way. God was saving me from mediocrity, because He had sent out a calling on my life, and He wasn't going to be the Father who gives me a stone when I asked for bread, and there's no way His Word was going to return void.

God remembers His promises to His people and He is faithful. His blessings for us are greater than we can ask or imagine, but we get what we get in His perfect timing and not before. It feels like this is just some trivial truism sometimes, but Jesus goes after the one and not the ninety-nine. It's as true for you as it is for me or else God is a liar.

RESTORATION OF STRENGTH

One of the reasons it has been hard to do the grinding type of things in this season is because with all of the stuff happening, we are being worn out. It's not just a physical thing but an emotional thing. We might even say we are being vexed to death. There is a kind of emotional fatigue that builds up when the finances are limited or the time is spent seemingly without breakthrough or the people aren't quite trustworthy or available, or the promise appears delayed or diminished.

What the above experience showed me is that God is a God of desire realized. We all know that Scripture about waiting on the Lord and He renews our strength, right? And the other Scripture says, Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a wellspring of life. What does it mean for God to have plans for our welfare except that it should fare well with us? Isn't this the inheritance of SOZO salvation?

Knowing God remembers and choosing to walk faithfully with Him (we operate by faith and not by sight [or feelings]) and not grow weary (meaning in the same steadfast nature we described above), we can expect that God is going to fulfill these promises to us. So perhaps this is key to the nature of abiding: that we are not just hearers (and believers) of His word but also doers (faith is perfected in works).

URGENCY

Beloved dudes of the most high, though I am lighthearted about these things, it is a very serious time and a very small window. The Lord is coming like a thief in the night and we are moving from one glory to the next, ready or not, here I come, you can't hide.. The Light will shine in the darkness and if there is any darkness in you it will be exposed and if you are carrying too much baggage, you aren't going to fit through the eye of the needle, do you get me?

This is not a season to mess around and be found sleeping in the harvest. This is not a season to try and babysit others and carry them with you if they are being lazy. This is not a time to hear people's gossip and complaining while they refuse to confront the issue or the person and they don't themselves make any changes. It will be like taking that oil you fought so hard for and giving it to someone who doesn't even value it and they will just throw it away as soon as you give to them. "But oh, they didn't mean to, have some grace." I'm sorry, that's not the Word of the Lord right now. Love your people, please, but not at the expense of turning aside from the Lord's command. Remember what happened to the unnamed prophet when he heeded the voice of other prophets but contradicted what God has told him. Keeping your brother is not the same thing as enabling him in his sin. Hear me.

In fact, let me just throw this in here because it was confirmed to me multiple times in the past couple weeks: it is about time we HAVE A BACKBONE.. it's about time we GROW A SPINE.. It is wise to have a multitude of counselors but they likely aren't going to pay the cost when their bad advice doesn't work out for us, not even because they don't want to but because they can't. Under the guise of seeking counsel or interceding in prayer, many people are made to gossip.. and if you look at works of their hands over time, it is like chasing after the wind. Hear me on this. We must WALK IN AUTHORITY and TAKE POSSESSION of our enemy-pilfered lands, with JEALOUSY for our King or else we will be made a slave for we despised correction in our day of testing.

FIRE AND WIND

The children and the Words (in fact We are His Word) of the Lord are like arrows in a quiver. God is shooting flaming arrows all over the world and for those with clean hands and pure hearts, He is lighting their oil ablaze, and the Wind of the Holy Spirit is carrying the fire of these BURNING ONES to accomplish JUSTICE in the land. Remember to put Jesus in His rightful place, as the King of your heart and as the treasure, the abundance of your heart, that He will come forth in your words.

HOLLYWOOD AND MEDIA

I had meant to get a news addendum out for the last time and that ended up being a whole ordeal in itself, so while I'm figuring out how to appropriately consume the news and disseminate it and seek God on His will for it, let me just throw one out there for the intercessors out there.

I was pretty deep into intercession for Hollywood (not by choice, quite frankly) and I saw that God really values the people who sell everything they have to seek out true love and their heart's desire,

willing to work some basic job far beneath their potential, for the mere chance at being able to make their dreams come true. And what the enemy has done is place his own lackeys that have clawed their way to positions of worldly power (mostly not by merit but by fraud and blackmail) and they are the ones who open the doors or close them for these dreamers of God to ever have their work see the light of day.. and though having no creativity themselves, they must steal and threaten to get it from others, and many are snared into the false belief that if they do not compromise their integrity, they'll never make it out in the "real world." So what the enemy does it cause someone to be divided against themselves by making trade of their morals (an eternal thing) for what he claims is going to be their only shot at having their dreams come true, but really it's just a cheap imitation, a prostitution, a love of money, and it isn't even one that they control because the enemy continues to exert control over them (borrower is slave to the lender) often for the rest of their lives, often at the cost of their life as written in a dark contract.

So after much weeping and praying, I was reading some finance pages in the Wall Street Journal and there were a couple notable promotions, some following scandal and resignation, in the major media space, some in the area of creative direction.

What I saw in the spirit during prayer was that God wants to tear down the high places and tear down the evil people from their perches of power, fueled largely by the child sacrifice going on (however many layers deep we're talking about: someone compromising their dreams, actual abortion, sexual torture, and many other dark rituals and things).. And God wants to place His burning ones at the tops of the mountains of influence and return Holiness and Truth to Hollywood. I had seen that Los Angeles and California will be an epicenter of influence here on this earth and potentially for many generations if we can maintain this STANDARD. But it will take much agreement and it will take many to lay their lives down to see the Word of God fulfilled.

So let this be a call out to all the faithful ones who will partner with Jesus in this time. The cost is enormous but the rewards are greater than we can fathom. Evangelism in this day and age isn't only going to be one person going out to churches and stadiums, but from the content creators who will navigate the airwaves to get the Gospel out to the four corners of the earth. So think of it like a war strategy: some will infiltrate and get our communications in the geographical location, and then we will have broadcasting systems that the churches across the world can unite in the Truth of what God is saying in the same hour, and like a kind of reverse Babel: nothing that God imagines will be withheld from Him, and nothing we desire will be impossible.

FIN

Well dudes, we made it. I started this thinking it was going to be bullet points and TLDR and boy did this cost me more of my Saturday than I desired it to cost, but I'm glad it's done and I hope it blesses you.

In the Name of Jesus, you are COMMISSIONED and EMPOWERED to go and do the WORKS OF THE FATHER. Nothing will stand against you. If you have any sin in your life, go into your prayer closet and don't stop seeking God until He gives you impartation and vision and provision for it, because the time is short, the days are evil, but the future for those who do not miss the coming of the WONDERFUL ONE in this era will be set for multiple generations.

Hint of the formal once again: I, Ryan, testify that this is the truth God has shown me to the best of my ability. In Christ Whom We Set Our Hopes and Our Futures, I am Truly His and Truly Yours. Amen.