

Life in Pieces!

Part 1: Bursts of Blessings!

Pt.1 The Celebration of Release! Bill reduction from 1244.27 to 253.60 = \$990.67 Refund from last year error! \$900. Tuesday: 2 Envelopes in the mail; \$168. and \$127. = \$295 “Make the valley full of ditches to receive water that you can’t see, but already on the way!” 2Kings3.16 Broken phone, requiring \$129 repair. Couldn’t be fixed, \$300 for new device. New device for \$129 (no mistake!) Unexpected blessing: \$171 Didn’t see this one coming... literally! “Closing a deal with a client and able to drop their cost from \$354. to 187... ‘That’s nice, but is your client a Christian, with a covenant?’ “You need to understand... seeing a decrease as the hand of God is awesome! For the first time I am okay with earning less! I can’t serve two masters!”

“I have no greater blessing than to know you are walking in truth!” 3John1.4 Prelude: “Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers... for I rejoiced greatly when the brothers told me of the truth that is in you as they saw you walking it out!” **v2,3** “For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy, for I am joining you (armozo, 1x NT: transferring your love and loyalty over) to One Lover, presenting you to Him as a chaste virgin! I am (always) concerned, that by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through subtlety, that your minds become corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ!” **2Cor 11.2,3** “God is at work in you to do His good pleasure... so do all things without murmuring and disputing so that you may be blameless and harmless, children without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation among who you shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not labored in vain!” **Phil 2.12-16**

Pt. 2: Earlier... Very “portfolio” minded! “According to the grace given by God, as wise master-builders we lay the foundation and others build... and whatever any man builds on this foundation; gold, silver, precious stones, wood hay or stubble, it will be tried by fire in the day, and if any of it survives the fire, there will be a reward!” **1Cor 3.10-14** **Build well, receive a reward. Build poorly, suffer loss!**

We take deliberate actions to make sure we are building on the foundation of Life with gold, silver and precious stones! Not for boasting or bling, but for richness with God/for eternity! Passing the placement/aptitude tests! And our presentation has had an effect on many other churches... All adding to our foundation! Told you about the last 4SQ meeting!

Now... Taking new steps to increase our portfolio with our denomination... Want you to hear and understand how... Not asking for permission because that would put you on a throne... Asking you to hear, process, pray... and step up into new levels of service/church! *Especiallly w/new Sanctuary opening!* Because “ugly things grow in the dark!” I want you to hear about some imminent changes from me... Over the next three months I will be gone eight weeks! That’s more than ever before because I love what I do! One or two times I will only be here one or two weeks in a month! I am not prepping for, taking, or wanting a new job! But I have been asked to teach what I have taught here that has been successful for us... to our entire District! **Spreading our influence/portfolio!** The Lord is doing great things here in our place! Rumors/worries of my age, strength, any pending retirements, are false! I have promised to let you know well in advance when I do the “Moses is dead” speech! May not even be the future of the church in our time! *Grand-parenting* movement is beginning to happen, like in the world! I don’t sense any changes in the guard or direction at this point! This is simply the result of increasing investment in our District churches... And a willingness to go and share our concepts with other pastor/leaders who are willing to hear! **Things like the “Inverted Kingdom...”** Beginning with, “leaders have to be active servants!” Jesus said it, clearly, but somehow we have lost that particular centerpiece! **Things like, a culture of generosity!** The Church exists to “give” to grow!

Giving Life Away! Like Lisa, moving us into the Christian School as Worship Development Director! Our concepts of heart over talent... Of one generation ministering to, and developing, the next... The Pool! Getting children who show gifting, ministering up the gen ladder! Pushing kids out on stage, in their home churches, future home churches, to put the spotlight on God!

Giving Life Away! Like Alex, partnering with The Mey to launch a new Vida satellite in Rosharon! We've been at work with RBC for years! Have done events to touch the Cambodian Community! Successful events/hampered by monk! Recently, found a large Hispanic community in the area around the church! Alex, Miguel, Carmen, Guillermo will be pastoring the group there! Tejano Life Church (TLC) in the works too!

Giving Life Away! Like Mike and Stacy Collins becoming Foursquare Missionaries to increase our international footprint/influence! During their qualifying time, 18 mos., will continue leading trips for us... Plan to be stationed in one of three places to then receive groups from us... Passing the local leadership on to others! We're embedded in 4SQ missions all over the world, but this is direct-connect!

Giving Life Away! Like all of us working together to build a larger-than-Life portfolio of ministry! Some who "go" and some who "stay behind (the scenes)..." All with equal share! "As his part is who is engaged in the battle, so is his part that carries by the stuff! They will share alike! And from that day forward, it was a statute and an ordinance for the people of God!" **1Samuel 30.24,25 (Numbers 31.27, Joshua 22.8, Matthew 20.1-16)**

Pt. 3: Intentionality! One of our core concepts: "The Church is a service organization and can only work if there are servants!" The work ahead of us will require multitudes more of us, engaged in service! We have 240+ people working now! If we only double our size? How many? With 'minimum standards' of life to give away! If this is an Army-Base Hospital, required that you are a standing, mobile, soldier!

Intentionality! One of the most important things for you to concentrate on is core-strength! We really need you to focus on building a strong home life! Single, married, divorced, or widowed! The Bible is full of truth for each! That is not to the exclusion of God! Family-culture is not more important than God-culture! **Matt 10.32-39** We build our families "in God!" **Dominion, which is just another word for servanthood, was created to flow from a solid core!**

Genesis 1.26-28 "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, *and let them have dominion...* So God created them in His own image, in the image of God He created male and female... and God blessed them and said, 'be fruitful and multiply, replenishing the earth, *and subdue it...*' **Dominion, with God as partner, or with a spouse, or with God as partner again, flows from a solid-core connection!**

Intentionality! Do whatever you must to bring your home life into alignment with God! **You must "put away" some things!** "If you have heard Jesus and been taught by Him, you will *put off* the lifestyle of the old man, which grows ever more corrupt by the deception of lusts... *putting away* lying, unjustified anger, *making no place* for the devil, *no longer* stealing, *dropping* the sharp tongue, bitterness, and all malice..." **Eph 4.22-31** "Put to death fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affections, evil sexual desires and covetousness, which is setting up another god, for which things the wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience... things you were involved in the past but now *put off* anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication and *stop* lying to one another seeing that you have *put off* the old man and his deeds..." **Col 3.5-9**

You must "put on" some things! "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind. And put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness... and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as GOD, for Christ's sake, has forgiven you. Be followers of God as dear children walking in love and sacrificing self as an offering to God!" **Eph 4.23-5.2** "If you are risen with

Christ seek and set your affections on things above, for your life is discovered in Christ! Put on the new man renewed in knowledge of Him, where there is no prejudice, where there is mercy and kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, forbearance and forgiveness, love and peace. Let His words dwell in you and break out in worship and good works!" **Col 3.1-17**

And both passages end in developing healthy core-connections! Husbands and wives... Parents and children... Servants and bosses... All for the sake of a healthy church in the world...

Shining the light, bursting with blessings, for all to see the Glory of our God! In 2017... We're going for the whole enchilada... intentionally!