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Following God's Plan for Your Life

The Pursuit of Our Dream - Part 2

I reminded you in my previous newsletter that God has a specific plan for your life. However, you are responsible to pursue your God-given desires and dreams.

Faith without works is dead. The works that are spoken of in the book of James are acts of obedience. Faith without obedience is dead!

Jesus taught that the person who obeys His commands is the one who really loves Him. Obeying the Lord is the key to a fulfilling life.

You must become persuaded of God's plan for you and of His provision, and then pursue it with diligence and accuracy or it will not come to pass.

I also said that obedience is not always easy. Therefore, you must continually remind yourself that God's grace is greater than any sacrifice on your part!

You will need to overcome a few obstacles to achieve your divine destiny. Choosing a less challenging path will not lead to success.

However, when you obey God you can confidently expect Him to thoroughly equip you with whatever is needed to accomplish His orders. There is a confident rest when you trust and obey the Lord.

Staying Connected to AFCM

Patty and I have never regretted obeying the Lord and following His plan for us.

We knew from early in our walk with God that we were called to help Jim and Kathleen Kaseman and the ministry of AFCM. We have endeavored to remain faithful to that calling and God has blessed us!

Our obedience to God has positioned us to help hundreds of ministers and churches and develop much needed ministry to young people.

Sometimes people do not fully understand my

loyalty to AFCM. I serve people, but I am following Jesus. My loyalty to those with whom I am divinely connected is a result of my commitment to following God's plan for my life.

I have been told by some well-meaning people that I will never succeed by promoting another man's ministry. But, we are succeeding and each phase of God's plan for us is unfolding at the right time.

Realizing a Dream

Xtreme Passion Training Center will start on September 10, 2007. It is an innovative approach to higher education. We will be preparing young people for life, not just a career.

Approximately 80 percent of Christian young people walk away from God during the college years. Far too many make wrong choices concerning money and relationships that hinder them for years to come.

The average college student will graduate with \$40,000 of debt. Many graduates will not pursue a career in the arena in which they spent much money and time being trained.

The fact is that many young adults are just not prepared to boldly face the challenges of life. The purpose of our very unique program is to be a middle-man that helps them know and prepare for their future.

We will equip them within a period of just nine months with the life skills that are necessary to succeed - from knowing God's will, to finding a mate, to cooking and cleaning, and much more. Afterwards, they will be prepared to accurately and passionately pursue their destiny through a university, vocation, marriage, and church.

Ministry internships will be offered to interested students whereby worship and drama teams will be formed and sent out to help

Brad's Itinerary:

Word of Faith Family Church
Great Falls, MT - Feb. 6

Cornerstone Ministries
Moorcroft, WY - Feb. 11

Word of Faith Family Church
Great Falls, MT - Feb. 13

Restoration Christian Center
Park Rapids, MN - Feb. 18

New Beginnings Faith Church
Sioux Falls, SD - Feb. 25

Word of Faith Family Church
Great Falls, MT - Feb. 27

Word of Faith Family Church
Great Falls, MT - March 6, 13, 20

Church on the Rock
Butte, MT - March 18

AFCM Meeting
Helena, MT - March 19

AFCM Meeting
Moorhead, MN - March 23

Lindford Christian Fellowship
Littlefork, MN - March 25 AM

AFCM Meeting
Littlefork, MN - March 25 PM

AFCM Meeting
Auburn, NE - March 31

New Life Church
Auburn, NE - April 1

AFCM Regional Men's Conference
Paynesville, MN - April 20-22

churches establish their youth ministries. They will also have opportunity to minister at the AFCM Family Reunion and youth camps.

The Lord witnessed to my heart during the early days of my ministry that I would someday be teaching in a school. I assumed that I would eventually teach in a Bible school. I never imagined that I would start a training center for young adults - until now!

There are no words to accurately describe the enthusiasm that is in my heart concerning Xtreme Passion Training Center. I just know that God is doing something big!

Catalogs are available containing detailed information about this very different program.

Returning to Willmar

The ministry of AFCM began in Willmar, Minnesota and after several years in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Branson, Missouri, the AFCM headquarters has moved back to Willmar.

Previously, through a series of events, the Lord brought Patty and me back to Willmar to the first church that we pastored. The result is that we are presently associate pastors with Rod Rice at Word of Faith Family Church.

Because of our supernatural connection with AFCM and the leading of the Lord, we believe that the Xtreme Passion Training Center campus must be located in Willmar, Minnesota.

Starting a Church in Great Falls

We have also started a new church in Great Falls, Montana. It is progressing very well.

We are temporarily meeting on Tuesday evenings. I have been staying in Montana from Tuesday to Tuesday and then absence the next Tuesday which means that we are there about two full weeks per month.

Some people think that we are moving to Great Falls. Others think that we are going to quit the traveling ministry and pastor fulltime. And some assume that we do not need financial support now that we are involved with two churches. None of those assumptions are true.

Supporting the Ministry with Partners

There are many facets to our ministry - AFCM Regional Directors, itinerant ministers, pastors in Great Falls, associate pastors in Willmar, Dean of Xtreme Passion Training Center, and directors of Xtreme Passion youth ministry and camps.

We wear many hats, but do not receive many salaries. God is our source of supply and always will be!

I just wanted to share with you how God has blessed us and maybe help you understand a little better the scope of our ministry. I am very thankful for what God has done and is doing.

I also want you to realize that God has not called me to accomplish His plans alone. More than ever, I understand the importance of support coming from faithful partners.

Much of what we are doing is starting and developing new ministries. It takes much effort and patience to establish a new work. It also requires an increase of personnel and finances.

We have revised our Par Excellence Club to offer more ways for you to partner with us. A monthly contribution of any amount will qualify you as a club member. All current partners will be upgraded to at least the Silver Membership regardless of the amount of your monthly support. Please examine our new brochure.

We thank everyone who has faithfully partnered with us through the years. We believe the best is yet to come!

by Brad Brede

Rev. Bradley and Patricia Brede hold ordination credentials with the Association of Faith Churches and Ministers. Brad Brede Ministries was established after twenty years of successful pastoral ministry.

Brad and Patty have faithfully served as AFCM Regional Directors since 1988. They travel extensively promoting the vision of AFCM, encouraging and equipping pastors, and strengthening churches.

Brad and Patty have established several youth camps beginning in 1994. They founded Xtreme Passion in 2005 and Xtreme Passion Training Center in 2007 - ministries devoted to helping teenagers and young adults pursue the purposes of God.

You may become a ministry partner by joining our Par Excellence Club. Please, contact us for details.

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Upcoming Special Events

Xtreme Passion Training Center

Beginning September 10, 2007

Word of Faith Family Church, Willmar, Minnesota

A unique experience for ages 18-28
Preparing young people for life, not just a career!

Please contact us for additional information and application packets.

"Learning life's lessons, avoiding life's mistakes!"

AFCM Regional Men's Conference

April 20-22, 2007

Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds, Paynesville, Minnesota
Jim Kaseman, Brad Brede

Xtreme Passion Youth Camp

July 9-13, 2007

Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds, Paynesville, Minnesota
Randy Mitchell, Brad Brede, Xtreme Passion Ministries

"Not camp as usual - like never having been there!"