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ALL IN TO BUILD FOR OUR FUTURE

"The God of heaven Himself will prosper us: therefore we His servants will arise and build...So we built...for the people had a mind to work. A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children..." Nehemiah 2:20; 4:6; Proverbs 13:22 (NKJV)



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"Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him." Acts 12:8 (NIV)

The Almighty God is in the details, because He knows the details define a clear path for His will. Like Peter, His angel sometimes has to shake us out of the slumber of our sleepy self. We can nap in our pitiful prison of fear and forget God is still at work. He wants us to welcome His sudden shake up, so that we can see Christ's course for our life more clearly.

Perhaps the Holy Spirit is shifting us so that we will see the details of what He is doing individually and collectively in our lives...whether at home, school, work, church, etc. When Christ crashes into our circumstances it is certainly wise to wake up and wonder what He is doing. Pay attention to His work around you, and listen to the Lord's leading.

"Paul greeted them and <u>reported in detail</u> what God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry." Acts 21:19 (NIV)

Jesus gives attention to details in your life because He cares. He cares if you have a career you are passionate about. He cares if your son or daughter gets into their school of choice. He cares if you make it through financial chaos to a cash position that is calm and predictable. So, look for the Lord in the details of your everyday life, and thank Him for His great love. Praise Him when He gives you perception into solving problems and understanding people.

Furthermore, slow down and take the time to engage in the details of people's passions around you. It honors them when you can ask intelligent questions that communicate you care and understand.

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God's got the details covered, so seek Him first for His discernment and He will lead you through every important step along the way. However, don't drown in the details; stay moving, empowered by Him for the results.

"In the eleventh year in the month of Bul, the eighth month, the temple was finished in all its details according to its specifications. He had spent seven years building it." I Kings 6:38(NIV)

Each day this week: petition God through the Holy Spirit seeking to know and find out, "In what area of my life am I responsible to pay more attention to details as God's steward?"

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: "I praise You Lord, from the depths of my heart, and I give thanks for Your goodness, for Your grace, for Your mercy, all of which comes through the gift of Your Son. I seek to bring You glory everyday of my life through my words and my deeds. You have given me so many blessings; make me a joyful Christian, a worthy example to others, and a dutiful servant to You. Help me to know what areas of my life that I am responsible to pay more attention to detail as Your steward. My desire is to honor You Father, with all that I am and all that I have. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!"

"And then God answered: "Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time." Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King