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Philippines and to me, and the, let His mind be on you, which was also in Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man. And being found in fashion is a man. He humbled himself and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also has highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name that at the name of Jesus. One day every knee shall bow in heaven and earth, things under the earth, and one day every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God, the Father who is in heaven.

As you go through the New Testament, you realize that you and I are a fragrance, we are salt and we are light. The reason why we are able to be the fragrance of Christ, the aroma of Christ to God is because of what Jesus Christ has done in our lives. We are not only an aroma, but we are salt that which flavors the world. We are light that which guides people in darkness. We are people that were meant to have an impact on any place that we find ourselves in because of God's spirit, his word and the salvation that he's brought about in our lives.

Someone asked Helen Keller one time, Helen, is there anything worse than being blind? And she said, yes, seeing but having no vision, every great person and every great work has come under

the influence of a vision. Proverb says that where there is no vision, people will perish. People will be scattered, afraid with no direction and will end in death.

Let me define for you what vision is. Vision is the ability to focus on God's plan for the world while anticipating his power working through you to accomplish that plan. I want to repeat it one more time. Vision is the ability to focus on God's plan for the world. You had that perception of his plan for the world while anticipating his power working through you to accomplish that plan. Ezekiel, Chapter 20 to 30 said I looked for a person among them who would build up the wall stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land that I might not destroy it, but I found not one, God said.

I looked over the land for one person, one person who would build up the wall, stand before me and take the hand of God and the things of God, take the hand and the needs in the hearts of people, and bridge that gap in such a way that through that person, God and the unchurched, the unsaved would come to know each other, he said. I looked for a person like that and I could not find one. Are you willing to be a person that will stand in the gap on behalf of this school, on behalf of this community, on behalf of this country, that God might not destroy them, that they might not destroy themselves?

He's looking for students that will be willing to be people of vision, people to stand in the gap, people that are willing to be a fragrance. Wherever you go, Christian, you smell people can smell the aroma of Christ in you. You are so they can taste it. You are like they can see it. Do you see what God is saying every since. A Christian fulfills the sight, the smell and the taste because he

is enabled you to be influential in the world in which you are a part of, if you will say to God, Lord, I want to be a person of vision, use me 15 years.

I've been reading biographies of people who have Impact the World for Jesus Christ. I love biographies. I like to find out what makes them influential. I like to see different characteristics that what makes them effective. I not only have read them over the last 15 years, I continue to read biographies of all kinds of people, all kinds of walks of life, all kinds of professions. What makes one person effective and another person ineffective? Personally, that is something that just interests me. And as I read these biographies of Christians that have made the biggest impact for Jesus Christ, I have found some common traits that I want to give to you.

There are a lot of different traits. And as I read these biography, some of them are from very wealthy backgrounds with a lot of education. Some have no means of financial security and have no education. And in between and though I cannot tell you the particulars of God's vision for your life, I can give you some common characteristics that are involved in every single biography that I read of people who have impacted their life for Jesus Christ.

Number one, if you want to be a person of vision, realize that it will require faith. It will require faith, because when God brings a vision to your life, he's going to ask you to do something you cannot do without him. It will be impossible. He will call you to step at the edge of the limb and say, this is what I want. And if God doesn't come through, you're dead meat. Every single person through the Old Testament, New Testament, through the Bible, he said, I read it requires faith.

God says, I will call you to do something you can't do by yourself because I want you to see my power work through you. You know what Charles Spurgeon said? God loves impossibilities. A person will say, I'll do what I can. And Charles Spurgeon said, any fool can do that. But he or she that believes in Christ does what they cannot do attempt the impossible and performant.

Have you ever heard a speaker say, we want you to reach your full potential?

You know what Jesus Christ says. I want you to reach beyond your potential. Anybody can reach their potential if they give a little effort, but it's the Christian that reaches beyond their potential. And God says, if I have a student that will be willing to let me do through them what they cannot do alone, I will use them to transform this world for myself. It requires faith. You will not be able to do it without God. You are not do not allow your mind to sabotage God's work in your life. I can't do that. I can't do that. We heard yesterday about Burián. I can't. Don't allow your limitations to sabotage what God wants to do through you.

Now, as I was growing up, one of my models was a preacher that was black big and he was a man. And I said under his preaching, I can't mean I came home. I said, Dad, I want to be a man, I want to be big and I want to be black. And Dad said, Laura, you're the wrong sex, wrong color and wrong size. But I want this guy. And he told a story that I want to share with you about the aspect of faith. His name is Benjamin Reed and he's in the heart of L.A. He said one side, he came to his church. He said, now the black church, they talk back to you, not like you white people or Caucasians or Asians or whatever.

You guys just stare at the speakers. The black people talk back. And he said, I got up one Sunday and he said I was on. And I said to my congregation, go out into the highways and byways and compel them to come in. He said The Lord fell upon my congregation and they were a man. Preach it, brother, he said. It was a tremendous Sunday in the Lord as I told them that you were salt, you are light go out on the highways and byways and compel them to come in, he said.

I dismiss church on the front row of that church where two little girls freshman in a high school, the roughest school in L.A. He said this school was so rough that they had a wall that surrounded the entire high school that was ten feet tall with two and a half feet, a roll, barbed wire all the way around the top of a. They literally had policemen patrolling the hallways because the riots, the rapes and the killings that went on the school was mixed with all kinds of different nationalities. It was overcrowded, it was understaffed, and it was a melting pot of hostility. And he said these two freshmen girls went to that school. After church was over, the first girl said to her friend, well, what are we going to do about what the preacher said? Friends said the same thing we do every week in one ear and out the other. She said, well, you know, he talked about being salt and being light.

I say we do something about it. She said, Well, like what? I don't know. Think of Bibles to school or something. Her friend goes, What? Take our Bibles to school. Let's just put our Bibles on the rest of our books, her friends. And you promise not to open it up? I said she said, I promise. So then Monday morning they went to school, put their Bibles and the rest of their books and went about their day. They shared the same walk or that afternoon they came back and there was a note on the locker that said, if you bring that book back, you'll be sorry. Her friend

said, Well, so much for evangelistic endeavor. Her friend said, sorry if they beat us up, we go to the hospital together, skip school. If they kill us, we see Jesus, we're bringing them back.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, they brought the word of God and just had it on the top of their books.

They were going back to the locker after school and the great big guy came up to the first girl and with his fist, first one in her books. I'm fine. As I told you, don't bring that back or he'd be sorry. That little girl went over, picked up her Bible, looked at that guy and said, What about this book scares you so bad? He said, I know. Just don't bring it back. She said, I'm not only going to bring it back, I'm going to open it up.

She said, Did you know that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believed in him should not perish, but have? Every last night, the man fell to his knees and begin to weep. She looked at her friend. She said, Now what is it? Read it again. For God to lead the world to the games of guess who's not there to have last life, do you believe?

And he said, I want that. She said, You do? He said, yes. She said, You're a Christian. He's the one now what I do. And she said, You got to join our Bible study. Your friend said, we don't have a Bible study. We do now. She said Monday morning at lunch in the cafeteria, join me for my Bible study. And he said, well, I don't have a Bible. She said by one Monday morning, her friend in this guy on one side of the table and she's on the other side.

Music is blaring, people are yelling and throwing food, all kind of things. And she says, Did you know that God's in the world that he gave his own guns on, the Jews are with him, should not perish, but have everlasting life. Those two people would say what you say and they're yelling back and forth, back and forth. Pretty soon, three of his buddies brought their trays over to him and said, what the blank blank are you doing? He stood up and he said, you know what, this is bought it this weekend.

Holy word of God. I'm going to open it up. For God so loved the world that He gave his only forgotten son, for who so ever believes in Him should not perish, would have everlasting life. Now get on your knees. And all three of his friends fell to their knees and he goes, Now, what should I do? The whole I guess on again, I believe the emperor's what happened last night. These three friends begin to weep and they said, we want that. He said, you, you and you are Christians.

Now, they stood up listening to what he said. Join our Bible study. The next day was five on one side, one on the other side. She was saying the scripture. They were saying what? Pretty soon anyone that remotely reminded them of a Christian, they'd walk by the table and they say, Aren't you one of us? What are you? We're Christians with the blood. And we had to live of Jesus in us. Well, some of them didn't really agree with that kind of evangelism, but they joined the Bible study pretty soon. There was ten on one side, ten on the other side shouting back and forth. The principal of the school came down and he said, what is going on?

The guy said, this little twerp right here started, sir. And she said, Sir, this is my version of a Bible study. He said, well, you can't have it here. It's causing too much distractions. He's trying to put you in a classroom. They went from a classroom to the choir, choir room to an auditorium. Reverend Ben Reid said one morning, about 3:00 in the morning, the phone was ringing and he said he said he tells a story much better than I do. He said hello. They said, Reverend Ben read it is get down to the school fast. He said, I took the covers. Not so.

I told my wife to get out of bed. We I go down to that school and bring peace to the riots. He said my wife threw the covers back over her and said, You go by yourself. He said, I pulled up my pants. I put on my shirt. No, but it I've got in my car and I'm praying to the Lord is a Lord. Why give these students just love each other? They fight, fight, fight, fight.

He said he got three blocks away from the school, there were so many cars he couldn't park for the school, he got out and said, look, we're going to have a big riot tonight. He went to the field where they normally fight and there was no one there. He looked over to the gymnasium and he saw the lights on. He said, I went into that gymnasium to the FOIR and somebody recognized me. They said, Are you, Reverend? Ben Reedy said, I am. They said, get in the gymnasium fast. He said when the gymnasium doors opened up. He said literally hundreds upon hundreds upon hundreds of students, students in both balconies, students that were so full on the floor, and he said, I'm a big man. And they were pushing me through that crowd, he said. Finally, I got up on the stage and took the microphone and I said, I have two questions for you.

Number one, do you know what time it is? And number two, what do you want? He said they started chanting, chanting, chanting, chanting. We want Jesus Christ. We want Jesus Christ. We want Jesus Christ. He said, Lord, they want you. You better give me a sermon ASAP. He said, I tell that gymnasium full of students that the God of Heaven came in the form of a son, Jesus Christ, and this God man brought reconciliation between people and God, between one person, another person and his blood will cleanse the mother sin and ignite them with his power. And he said from one side of the gymnasium, gang members came and made their way and threw down their weapons, while gang members on the other side of the gymnasium came and threw down their weapons.

And the night before, when they were fighting, his enemies were hugging that night as brothers in Christ, forgiving, repenting, he said. The spirit of God fell on that school. Salvation was brought to the roughest school in L.A. and on the front row, two little girls been re looked down and the one little girl said, Pastor. Do you remember a few weeks ago when you preached about going out into the highways and byways and compelling them to come in in the power of a spirit, in the authority of his word?

I did it.

Then he said, I looked down at one of the most insignificant vessels, a freshman, not only a freshman, a girl, and I'll take that from some of you. And he said God took the most insignificant vessel and showed his power because one woman said, You know what, Lord, I'll take the

vision, but I'm going to ask you to do something you can't do. Doesn't matter. I believe you can do it. God, I'll do it.

You know what Scripture says Ephesians 3:20 now to him, who is able to do immeasurably more than all you ask or imagine according to his power that is at work within you to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus. Throughout all generations we had this treasure and jars of clay to show that also passing power comes from God and not from us, Zacharias said. Is not by might. It's not by power. It's by my spirit, says the Lord.

Jesus said, I am the vine. You are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, if a woman remains in me and she in me, they will bear much fruit a part from me. You can't do anything. You know what God's saying? Will you be a student who doesn't know all the details but just say, God, I'm available, but I'm going to ask you to do something you can't do. I don't care.

You know how I pray. Lord, if there's something you want me to do that other Christians are too scared to do, I'll do it. I want to do it. You know why there are so many Christians living in milk toast, pathetic mediocrity. I don't ever want to be there. I don't ever want you there. The status quo, the routine. You know what it reminds me of? Second, Timothy, when it said they had a form of godliness, but they denied it's power. That's what mediocrity does. It's a form of godliness, but it denies God's power. God says, I want a person of vision. And if you want to be a person of vision, you must respond in faith because he will ask you to do something you can't do on your own.

Second, characteristic personality, a person, a vision and a person are inseparable. God uses persons to accomplish the vision he's given you your personality. Did you know you did not come up with your personality? It was a gift given to you by God at birth. He's given you talent. He's giving you strength. He's giving you experiences. He's given you so many things. And those are the things he wants to use to accomplish his vision. I tend to be a little spastic.

I like a lot of adventure. I require stimuli and challenge. I like to jump out of airplanes at thirteen thousand feet in freefall for eight thousand feet. And I think that is wonderful. But my husband Kurt laid back logical, doesn't ever get too excited, doesn't ever get too depressed just right there. He thinks jumping out of airplane is one of the most unwise, perhaps stupid thing anybody would ever want to do, although he did buy it for me for my birthday, probably trying to cash in on some life insurance.

But anyway, Kurt is different than I am and God says I'm going to use your personality just the way I created you to be. You know what I discovered? Most Christians don't like themselves. They compare their weakness with someone else's strength. They're always trying to make other people like them. Do you like me? What do you want me to be? We are more concerned about what people think than we are about what God thinks. When you realize that God gave you a spiritual gift, he gave you a heart.

That means are some things that you're burdened about. He gave you abilities, he gave you personality, he gave you experiences. And those things that he's given to you, he forms his vision around those. And let me tell you something. When you're a person of vision, you will get

criticism I share with some women. Yesterday, when I was at a church in Phoenix, there was a committee that got together solely to talk about Lori Salierno and how she needs to change.

And that was an older group of people in our church. And they sent a representative to me. We have a committee on changing Lori Salierno. We met and now we have a report for you. And I said on. They said it's been reported that you jumped out of an airplane. Is that true? That is not wise. OK. It's also been discovered that you talk to strangers too much on airplanes, busses and stores. Is that true? Yes. We want you to know that someday you will be violated because that is not a safe thing to do in this day and age. And we would like you to stop doing that.

Number three, you know, list number three, how long have you been there? Is it going on? 15 years, he said. And how many children do you have? I said, none. He said, Well, our committee thinks that you need to have kids. And I said, Sir, he said, yes, I'm doing what I'm supposed to do to have kids. You talk to him about the rest. I'm having fun. What about you? He said no. We don't think you as a woman need to be telling stories across this country to kids. We want you to stay home. We want you to have babies. And you know something? We want you to learn how to cook and maybe do a little cross stitching.

So I took his report to prayer and I said, God, the Saints got together. And this is what they want me to look like. What you what do you think? And I looked at it, you know, I make it funny, but it really hurt me. I tried to do that. I tried to cross stitch. Didn't work, it didn't fit in the frame. I tried to cook a meal. So let's just go out, OK? I tried not talking to strangers on busses, airplanes

in stores, and I vowed never to do anything like climb Mount Kilimanjaro, Fuji or any of those other things.

And you know what? By the end of the day, of trying to look like what the committee to change Lori Salierno got together and presented to me. By the end of the day, I had a splitting headache and I said, God, I can't do it. You know what the Lord said to me? Who made the mountains that you climb? You do the I climb on Lori. Yeah. Who brings the strangers along your path to talk about the gospel you do talk to? All right. Yeah, I realize you're trying to have a baby, but it's not happening, right? Right. So can you help raise other people's kids for right now? He said, Laura, you're a little dramatic, they say. Was I not dramatic when I created the heavens and the earth? Mm hmm. Then you be dramatic. Lori Salierno. Yeah. I want you to be just like you are. You know what that person did to me? I feel like Superwoman coming out of the Tullahoma. You know what? There's only one way I swear on this world and I'm going to be it. And, you know, not only am I going to be the best Weisler I can be, I'm going to literally enjoy it.

Now, some of you don't. But I do. I have to answer to God, not you. And you know something? When I did that, I was freed up to be who God created me to be and get this bill. I like it. I do. And God begin to use me. When I came to that point and when I read these biographies with your quiet, contemplative, detail oriented, shy, introverted, whether you're spastic, bouncing off the walls, enthusiastic or anywhere in between, God said, I created you the way you are. I gave you your gifts. I gave your heart. I gave your abilities. I gave you your personality. I gave your experiences. Celebrate that. And when you do, he will take his vision and he will make it come through you. And that way, the greatest slap in God's face that we can do to him is say, God, I

hate the way you made me. I hated it. That grieves, the spirit of the living God, and not only does it grieve the spirit of the living God, it cripples the body of Christ students.

What are you good at doing? What do you do that meets needs, what do you enjoy doing? Focus on those things so often we're trying to strengthen our weaknesses all the time. If the weakness is not crippling, you maximize on your strengths. And the more you maximize on what you were created to do. The weakness is less detrimental. Be who God created. You look at David. His father sent him to the front line with a lunch for his brothers and commanding officer. He gets here with this lunch and his brother says, Who's tending the sheep in the field?

He's a David. You know what? I know you're so conceited. You just want to come down to the battle. And David says, What have I done? Can't I say anything? I'm just bringing a lunch to you. And he says to one of the soldiers, what's going on? Why is everybody so uptight? So I said, well, there's a Philistine champion that's been challenging us for the last 40 days and we're all a little scared. David, teenage boy says, who is the uncircumcised philistine that they would defy the armies of the living God? I'll fight them. They took him to Kingson. He said, I'll fight that that champion. They put a helmet on him. They put a shield on him. They give him a sword and a javelin. And the guy couldn't even move.

And they said, you know what? I don't think this is me. He said, could you take it off? I mean, how am I going to find him if I can't move? And Saul said, But you're going up against the champion of all time. I mean, he's nine feet tall. He's got a bronze helmet. He's got a shield, he's got spears, he's got German, he's got a sword. You're going to go he said, get this off of me. You

have your it is familiar. Don't make me cross stitch. Take the helmet off. Take the shield off. I don't need the sword to spirit in the javelins.

Now picture this. On one side is the Israelite army. On the other side, the Philistine Army. And in the middle is Goliath, nine feet tall and outwalk David a little boy. He looks at the giant, the giant Goliath said, You come to me with sticks, you're a little puppy. He said, this is insulting. This is what the Israeli army is presenting to me. He looks at David. He said, today, I will deliver your flesh to the birds of the Year in the beast of the field. David said, You come at me with Jablin Sword Spear. I come to you in the name of the Living God.

In this day, he will hand you over to me. I will strike you down and chop up your head, and I will deliver your flesh to the birds there and the beast of the field. And the giant laughed and laughed and laughed. And David picked up a few stones and a piece of leather. And let me tell you what's so significant about the stones in the leather. It's David. That's how he does things with the stone or what with the little piece of leather, you say with the stone and leather aren't going to do that.

It's part of being a person of vision. David had to be David and as is Goliath is making fun of him and laughing. David Good. Goliath falls down, David has the audacity to go over to Goliath, take his own spear or take it and chop is half way well and. Wow. And you know what, David was who he was created to be, and when you enjoy the personality and the person that God made you, you will bring down the Giants in the spirit of the living God.

You are not meant to be somebody else. You are meant to be yourself and Christian student. Don't be pathetic. Don't compare yourself to everybody else. There's only one you beat. And when you focus on the character of God, your trust in God is greater than your fear of failure. And you'll be able to bring the giants down in this country. Faith personality. In the third characteristic is this. When God gives you a vision, it's to meet the needs of people.

He will never give you a vision to be famous. He will never give you a vision simply to be wealthy. He'll never be give you a vision so that you have notoriety. He gives you a vision for one reason to meet the needs of people. We as Christian people need to have our finger on the pulse of humanity. Where are they hurting? What are their needs? How can the gospel meet those needs? When he gives you a vision, it will meet the needs of people.

When I first got married, we moved to Indianapolis, Indiana. We moved into this little house that was seven hundred and fifty square feet. It was a great house with black shutters and a red door. We found this little dog. We named her Susanna. We moved in one Saturday and I said, Curt, we've got our own little neighborhood, got a little puppy. I said, you know what? I all the neighbors are going to come and bring us chocolate chip cookies.

[inaudible 00:32:03] these are not leave it to Beaver days. Don't get your hopes up.

I said a one week's time can't count my words. We'll have so many chocolate chip cookies we won't know what to do. One week later, Saturday morning, I woke him up guard. But he's not a morning person. I am. We don't have one chocolate chip cookie in this house, he said. So what

are you going to do about it? I'm gonna let them know we're here. Oh, Lori, I said I'll be back. Got dressed, went to the first house door, opened up and then said. Yeah, what can I do for you? I said, hi, sir. I said, my name is Lori Salierno. We live in the gray house, black shutters and red door. And we have a little dog named Suzana. I just wanna let you know we're here in your neighborhood.

He goes. So what what to the next house on that, you know, that guy's face looked like a tractor and or backed up again, when did the tall guy comes? As I saw his voice loud, very loud. We have a little dog named Suzana. We live in the gray house. Black shows and Red Door will let you know we're here in your neighborhood.

He said, do you need food? No, I just will let you know we're here in your neighborhood. OK, next door. Older man came up. He said, yes. I said, hi sir. My name is Lori Salierno. we have a little dog named Suzana with the gray house, black shutters and red door will let you know we're here in your neighborhood.

He goes, sweetheart, come quickly in. This little grandma comes to the door and he goes, Do it again. And I said, My name's Lori Salierno. We have a little dog named Susana. We live in the gray house, black shows and red door. Well, you know, we're here in your neighborhood. The little grandma goes, Honey, you precious. So I go to the next house. This time, a real old lady came to the door and she said, yes. I said, My name's Lori Salierno, married to Kurt Salierni. And we have a little dog named Susanna. We live in the gray house, black shows and Red Dawn. I wanna let you know we're in your neighborhood. And she says, Praise the name of Jesus. I said,

Why didn't you bring me any chocolate chip cookies. She said, I'm too old to make chocolate chip cookies. Why? I made about a ten house radius came back.

I said, Kurt, they know we're here. He's like, boy, do I have any reason to be embarrassed? I said, you might. Well I took those ten names and I started praying. I said, God, you placed me right here. I want to be alive. I want to be solved. I want to be a fragrance. I want them to see the love of Jesus. God, I want to define for these people who you are especially tractor face, Max Farmer. [audience laughs]. So I focused on him and I go to work in the morning. He'll be out in his garden because he was retired.

I say, hi, Max. Come home. Hi, Max. Next day. Hi, Max. He's here. Hi. Finally, considering he does not like you, I said, yeah, he does, he just don't know yet. Hi Max, bye Max, hi Max, bye max a few months went by praying for him. Every day. God just penetrate his heart. Help me define for him who you are. Kurt was at a youth camp and I was praying for him. And I looked out my window.

You know what? His grass is getting a little higher than it needs to be, almost like, you know, love in action and all. So I go to the backyard. Woo, woo, woo! Start mowing his lawn, just singing the praises on the door of his house, go home. He's out on the porch and he's waving his hands and he's yelling, Hey, yo, what's. And you think I am in big trouble? Because you I said what he said, I don't like little girls mowing my lawn. I said, oh, so what I did was put the lawn mower back in the house and the phone's ringing and I said I could he goes by your breath for being on the grass. Well, Larry, that's great. You're mowing the lawn. I know. I'm on Max's line.

Kringle's Max Farmer. Did he see you? Yeah, he is out on his porch waving to me? Said, did he say anything? Yeah, he said he didn't like little girls mowing his lawn. And Kurt said, And what do you say? So what? He's a lawyer. That's trespassing. Stay out of jail until I get on. Hi max, Bye max, Hi max, Bye max, Lord be with Max Farmer, be with Max Farmer, be with Max Farmer. by the end of the summer, Kurt was gone again.

I was reading a magazine in my front room and I hear this one. I look at my curtains and who is mowing my one, but Max, so I take the door of my house and I go home, I. Why should I start with this guy? Oh, I go, hey, yo, hey, you goes want. I don't like old men mowing my lawn. He goes, oh so what. [audience laughs].

It has got a large guy's eyes bottom as he was going back to and Max like to drink a little ice water with me, Came and sat on the porch and he wiped his brow and he said he moved into the neighborhood. And I told my wife, I don't like her, don't like her at all. Hi, Nick, bye nick. I can't let it rest. [audience laughs]. You know, everybody in the neighborhood was calling each other, hey did weird girl come to your house too?

He said, but you know something, Lori? You kind of grow on a person after a while. I said, Max, did you know something? God loves you. And I do, too.

And that's I'm going to define for you who Jesus Christ is. I want you to watch me. I'll mow your lawn whenever you need it mowed. I take the trash out and gather your mail if you're ever on vacation, I'll even come to the hospital because you're old and you smoke cigarets and I'll pray

for you. But, Max, I want you to know something. I love you and I'm glad you're my neighbor. Today, Max Farmer. Born again believer and chairman of the board of his church. I want to tell you something, when you put your finger on the pulse of humanity and you let God use you, he brings people to himself. A few months ago, I went back to the neighborhood. Over there. Hi, Max, how are you? How are you doing, Lori? I'm doing pretty good. He said I quit smoking, going to church all the time. Are you chairman of my board? Lori my wife died. He said, I'm good. Yeah. Thanks for having me. And we wept together as brothers and sisters in Jesus.

Life is too short not to be a person of vision, because there's one person that may not know Christ, if we don't say to God, Lord, I'm willing to respond in faith, use my personality and help me meet the needs of people. Would you buy your heads? I want you to think of one person who you are close to that doesn't know Jesus Christ is personal, Lord and Savior. I want you to commit to praying for that person every day to the best of your ability. I want you to promise to be sensitive. To where they are and their spiritual journey.

They don't need a Bible slammed on their head, they need authentic Christianity, lived out before them in such a way that it draws them to Jesus Christ. And as you pray for them on a consistent basis, ask God to give you ideas of what to say and what to do. To help define for them. Who Jesus Christ is in this moment, would you lift their name up to the Lord to be dramatic is just something you can't do on your own.

And our responsibility is not to bring someone to Christ, it's simply to share it and to live it. The Holy Spirit brings them to himself. Now that you have prayed for your non Christian friend, I

want to ask you a question. Are you willing to be a person of vision? I don't know the details of your vision and God may not give them all to you at the same time, but he wants to know this.

Will you respond to him in faith?

Say yes, God, to a task that you can't do without him, Christian student, would you be willing to enjoy who he made you to be? You know, last night when confessions were made about the judgmental attitude and the making fun of others and they said they were sorry, those confessions alone will raise the quality of living on this campus like you would not even believe instead of criticizing one another and judging them. Let's meet one another's needs by being authentic. Sincere. And being in love with the Lord Jesus, you've heard our prayers. If there's anyone in this room, Lord, that doesn't know you personally as our lord and savior. I ask that you withdraw that woman, draw that man to yourself, be very easy, Lord, to hide and do in a Christian university and not really know you at all. I pray that you would touch him. I love you, Biolab. God loves you, too. Dream of Eden and I will be at our tables, those products are not to simply make money, but to meet needs. If it's something you can take advantage of will be there not only to give them to you, but also to meet you and to love you and the Christian people said amen, so be it.