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WEEK AFTER WE KNEW THE LORD
PROVIDED RESOURCES TO PURCHASE
LOT PROPERTY

Pretty amazing couple of weeks around Watermark.

I am so encouraged by the process that our Lord has led us through this last month. Though the Lord did not choose to immediately make available all the funds necessary to complete our plans for the Park Central cite, He did move His stewards to provide for the acquisition of this strategic piece of land.

Yes, the result is exciting, and I look forward to how the Lord is going to accomplish the completion of our needs relative to the building. Yet as encouraging as the outcome of our giving was, I can honestly tell you that if I was confronted with the option of receiving enough money to purchase and "build out" the property had we done a 'traditional campaign' or not receiving the property at all because of the way we were led to go about it...I would gladly have missed on the land. Suffice it to say I would rather send the envelopes back then work hard to manipulate them in. I am very grateful for the Lord's hand in how He led us to consider all of this. As I have since told many. We have no one to thank but the Lord.

I praise God for EVERYONE of you who went through the spiritual process of listening to how the Lord wanted you to steward His resources that He has vested in you toward this opportunity. My heart genuinely goes out to those who didn't think their participation in this process made a difference, and thus did not respond at all. Y'all missed out on a chance to show our Lord your seriousness in listening to Him and your desire to show Him you are available to use whatever He **has** given you. As I said throughout, I was praying as much for 100% participation as much as I was 100% of our goal. *(This doesn't mean you had to give to this effort to have gone through the process. We were as encouraged by the couple who told us they prayed and did not believe this was the best property for WCC and so they did not want to give at this time. They too efforted to hear from God and then were they were humble enough to comment that if others did make it clear that this is the property they would gladly join in)*

Lord willing we ARE going to build a 'battleship'.

I was also encouraged by the number of you who used this last Sunday as a strategic invite for your friends. We were blessed to have Ken Ham lead us in a look at how Science, Genesis, Creation and Faith are friends not foes. The greatest thing about Ken, is his shared passion for our core value of being biblically based first and foremost. I look forward to hearing how this weekend encouraged you and opened up spiritual conversations with your friends.

I hope you see this Sunday as another opportunity to introduce your circle of influence to the love of Christ. I am looking forward to these next weeks as we begin new study of an old book by using a recent theme. God is from Mars, We are from Venus...if you thought men and women had a hard time connecting, wait to you see how God continually has to remind us of what He has been trying to say.

Finally, I have been **most encouraged** by the following comment we received this last weekend from a first time visitor. It is a great reminder that no matter how great our worship, how creative or excellent our message, how strategic, beautiful or welcoming our future church home....**THE MARK** which ultimately will allow us to be readily identifiable as His people is love. Jesus said it.

³⁴"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another , even as I have loved you, that you also love one another . ³⁵" **By this** all men will know that you are My disciples , **if you have love for one another .**" John 13:34-35

"I am physically challenged and as I was trying to get out of the car a "helper" named Steve packed me on his back in the rain and carried me into church. My knight in shining armor – thank you!" - a first time visitor

Steve...(I don't know Steve who yet...but) thanks for preaching a great message on Sunday,

Preach on,

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