

# A PASTOR'S WISH LIST

STAND ALONE MESSAGE

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## START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- What was one of the first packages you remember sending? Where was it going? How much effort did it take?

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## START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- What is the difference between a prayer and a wish?
- What would be on the top 5 of the average American's wish list?
- If you were to make a wish list right now, what would be something in your top 5?
- Read the scriptures on the next pages in preparation for the following conversation.

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## START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- #1 wish: Feel the spirit-wind of a free fall of faith. Often, we already know what this courageous act is that would cause this free-fall, but we are hesitant to take a step. If you were to act courageously in this area of your life, what could change?
- #2 wish: Know the fullness of feeding yourself. What do you notice about those who seem to self-feed from the Word and Prayer? What habits of theirs are transferrable to your life, that you would actually do.
- #3 wish: Look beyond the faults and love the Church. Without sharing the nitty gritty details, what is the worst church situation that has personally affected you? (i.e. pastoral adultery). Some people in that situation left the Church because of it, some loved the Church even more, in spite of it. Why?
- #4 wish: Embrace the security of personal guardrails. What is a guardrail you've personally installed in your life and will not compromise on? Why?
- #5 wish: See the impact you've made through FLAG. We shared two stories, Ivory Coast, Africa, and Caney, KS? What part of those stories resonated most with you? Directly and indirectly discuss how each of you had a part in those stories.
- What of the 5 wishes do you most want to see happen in your life?
- What is one thing you can do, this week, to move forward in that area?

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## START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Father, I am not wishing upon a star, I am lifting my hopes, dreams, and goals up to the maker of the stars. Help me move toward what You want me to want. Amen.

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## START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- Pick one of these wishes. Reflect on it each day this week for 60 seconds.

**Numbers 11:29 (NIV)**

<sup>29</sup> But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

**Ephesians 1:17-18 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

<sup>18</sup> I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

**John 17:15 (NIV)**

<sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

**John 17:17 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

**John 17:21 (NIV)**

<sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

**John 17:24 (NIV)**

<sup>24</sup> "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

**Matthew 23:37 (NIV)**

<sup>37</sup> "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.

**Ephesians 3:16-19 (NIV)**

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.