

THE KINDNESS MANIFESTO

9 Declarations to Practice
Radical Kindness Rooted in Christ

*A Revolutionary Guide to Living a Life with
Love and Strength
Through the Eyes of God.*

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Author's Note

I never set out to become a “kindness expert.”

I set out to survive.

I’m a trauma survivor, a former high-powered consultant, and a man who almost lost everything — until God got ahold of me, and reminded me who I really am.

This book was written through tears, breakthroughs, and a deep conviction that kindness isn’t weakness — it’s warfare. It’s how we reclaim our humanity. It’s how we reflect the heart of Jesus. And it’s how we heal the world, one life at a time.

If you’ve ever felt like kindness doesn’t count...

Or like you’re too broken to make a difference...

Or like the world is too far gone to bother...

I wrote this book for you.

You’re not alone. You’re not invisible. And your kindness matters more than you know.

This manifesto is my legacy. But it’s also my invitation — for you to create yours.

— Ed

Visible Kindness

A movement to restore hope through stories, healing, and bold compassion.

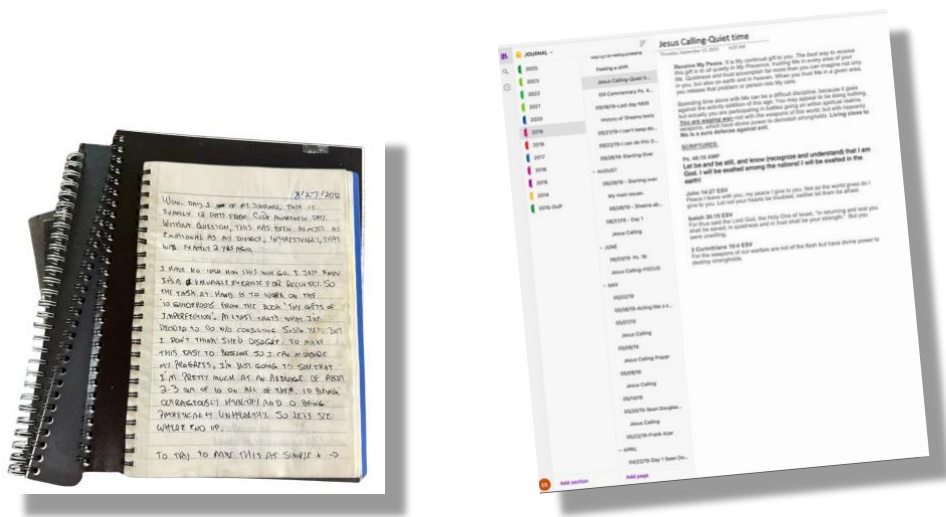
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Preface

Where This Book Was Born

This book didn't come out of strategy sessions or publishing plans. It came from a decade of journaling through pain, searching for truth, and recording what I sensed God saying in the quiet places. I've got years of OneNote entries and stacks of hand-written journals — so much is raw, real, sometimes messy, but always reaching for more of Him. In that space, I wasn't writing to impress anyone. HAH!! I was writing to survive!!

Over time, God used those moments to not only heal me — but to build a foundation that became **MeTooWhatNow** and **Visible Kindness**.



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MeTooWhatNow is about helping people Find themselves, Live themselves, and Give themselves in alignment with God's purpose.

Visible Kindness is about loving God first, and loving our neighbor as ourselves — out loud, with intention.

Everything in this book has been updated through the lens of those two callings. The pages you're about to read are anchored in Scripture, lived experience, and spiritual insights from countless hours spent in prayer and study. I'm not writing to offer easy answers. I'm writing because I know what it's like to cry out for real healing and to find it in Jesus. My hope is that as you walk through these declarations, you'll hear God's voice calling you forward — not just to believe in kindness, but to live it visibly and redemptively.

The Purpose

Before we dive into the 'The Kindness Manifesto and 9 Declarations to Practice Radical Kindness Rooted in Christ', let's take a few minutes to get grounded into what I mean by the title and what you can expect.

A declaration is a bold, intentional, and public statement of belief or commitment. In the context of this book, a declaration is more than just words — it is a line drawn in the sand. It is a personal, spiritual, and sometimes countercultural stance taken with faith and conviction. Declarations shape identity, direct behavior, and carry weight in both the natural and spiritual realms.

This book is not just a devotional or a collection of kind thoughts. It is a manifesto for those who are ready to live with radical kindness, bold love, and unshakeable faith in the face of a dark and divided world. It is

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for believers who know that true kindness is not weakness, and true strength is not harshness. It is for those who want to embody the fierce love of Christ and stand firm in their calling.

This book is for Christians who are tired of playing it safe. It's for the bold-hearted and the brokenhearted. It's for those who have been through the fire and still want to be used by God. It's for believers who are done with lukewarm living and are ready to be dangerous in the Kingdom — not by force, but through kindness, forgiveness, integrity, and truth.

This book is not for those who are content with comfort, or who are unwilling to change. It's not for those who want a sugar-coated version of Christianity or who are looking for approval from the world. This manifesto will challenge you, stretch you, and confront anything in your heart that isn't aligned with Jesus.

And that's exactly what makes it powerful. This book is for those who want to live their lives according to God's plans and purpose.

20 CULTURAL REALITIES THAT MAKE THIS BOOK ESSENTIAL

In the APPENDIX, I prayerfully created a list of 20 cultural realities that I believe expose the urgent cultural and spiritual climate we're living in today and why we need more believers to live with Radical Kindness Rooted in Christ. These aren't just headlines or trends — they are soul-level warnings and wake-up calls. They reveal the subtle strategies the enemy uses to distract, divide, and discourage believers from living in the fullness of God's purpose. From rampant self-worship to lukewarm

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faith, from political confusion to moral collapse, these realities shape the world around us — and they impact how we show up as followers of Christ.

I paired each point with truth from the Bible and a brief reason why it matters — not to provoke fear, but to stir boldness. These 20 cultural insights lay the foundation for why The Kindness Manifesto exists: to equip a remnant of believers with a radical, Spirit-filled kindness that confronts darkness with love, and confusion with clarity.

ARE YOU READY?

Let's get real! I spent many years of my life sub-consciously ignoring certain scriptures that I didn't want to 'do'. I didn't 'accept' them. Have you ever done this?

Take this one for example, Luke 6:27-31 (ESV):

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

"But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either.

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*Give to everyone who begs from you,
and from one who takes away your
goods do not demand them back.*

*And as you wish that others would do to
you, do so to them."*

I never lived my life by this powerful command that Jesus said in the Beatitudes.

The verse I chose for the mission of Visible Kindness, is another one that I NEVER lived by. I silently ignored this one too in Matt. 22:36-39:

This is when Jesus was asked by the Pharisees and Sadducees,

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

*"And he said to him, "You shall love the
Lord your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your
mind.*

*This is the great and first
commandment.*

*And a second is like it: You shall love
your neighbor as yourself."*

I never lived my life by this command either! It's nice that I choose a Bible verse for my business, but was I living by it? No.

I finally reached a point in my life where I wanted to live 100% by these scriptures and many more. And that one became one of the biggest that

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hit me. I've been wasting my time because I didn't firmly grasp the importance and reason for why I was I alive.

We have not been given our lives for ourselves. Money, success, comfort, and all the attractive things in life are NOT why we've been created.

WHY ARE WE HERE?

I hope you're ready for this. Let's get down to what really matters. What is your life *really* about? What is God's plan for your life? This will take some serious thought. Take some time. Take as much as you need to for what I'm about to say.

Your eternity is at stake and so is the purpose of why I wrote this book.

I never lived my life with what I'm about to say. I kinda 'knew' this, but I NEVER lived it! Here's why we've been created. Take a deep breath and ask yourself, "Is this me?" It sure wasn't my for the majority of my life until God got a hold of me in October of 2023.

The Purpose

Here's your purpose, my purpose, and every single believers purpose for the life we've all been given:

1. To Know Him (*Relationshipnot religion*):

We were created for intimacy with God. Not just to follow rules or go to church, but to have a deep, personal, ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ.

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“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” - John 17:3

We’re not here to perform for God — we’re here to walk with Him. To talk with Him. To love Him and be loved by Him. It’s about communion, not compliance.

2. To Become Like Him (Transformation):

The Christian life is not just about believing — it’s about being transformed to reflect Jesus. That means our character, our priorities, our responses, our kindness, our truth, our strength — all of it — becomes more like Him.

“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.” - Romans 8:29

This is the Holy Spirit’s job in us — not to just make us a “better version of me,” but to make us a reflection of Christ. It’s about sanctification, day by day.

3. To Pursue Him (Mission & Calling):

We’ve been given a purpose bigger than ourselves: to represent Jesus to the world. To show His love, speak His truth, extend His grace, and live in a way that makes people hungry for the Kingdom of God.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” - Matthew 28:19

This doesn’t always mean preaching or being on a stage — it means being light in darkness and salt in a decaying world.

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Through our work, our art, our conversations, our leadership, our kindness — we reflect Jesus.

Let's summarize this. Our lives boil down to 3 things:

1. **Identity (Find Yourself):** We are a son/daughter of God — fully loved, fully accepted. (1 John 3:1)
2. **Purpose (Live Yourself):** We are to love God, love people, and reflect Christ. (Matthew 22:37–39)
3. **Mission (Give Yourself):** We are to help bring heaven to earth — one life at a time. (Matthew 6:10)



If you're ever wondering: *Am I doing what I'm supposed to be doing?*

Ask yourself these 3 things:

1. Am I growing closer to Jesus?
2. Am I becoming more like Him?
3. Am I helping others encounter Him through my life?

If yes — then you're living your purpose. You're doing what you're supposed to be doing. You don't have to be perfect because that's impossible. Taking one day at a time moving closer to Him and being with Him is the process.

FINAL THOUGHTS BEFORE YOU START

Finally, there's two last things I want you to think about. Again, these are two things I never kept in the front of every day. I never kept them in the front of ANY DAY until now. Oh yeah....I knew these scriptures. But I discovered that there's a big difference between knowing the Bible in your mind and knowing them in your heart.

The Golden Rule

First, take the narrow path and know God. I know you've heard of the Golden Rule before. But this is the REAL Golden Rule. Matt. 7:12-14 and 21-23:

The Golden Rule"

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.

For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."

I Never Knew You

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven,

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*but the one who does the will of my Father
who is in heaven.*

*On that day many will say to me, 'Lord,
Lord, did we not prophesy in your name,
and cast out demons in your name, and do
many mighty works in your name?'*

*And then will I declare to them, 'I never
knew you; depart from me, you workers
of lawlessness.'*

- **Note:** the word 'knew' in the Greek, means be aware (of), feel, (have) known (-ledge), perceive.
- God meant that He never recognized them as His true disciples or His friends. He never had anything in common with them and as a result, He never approved of them. They were no relations of His (Mark 3:34–35). Jesus didn't dwell in their hearts (Ephesians 3:17), and they didn't have His mind (1 Corinthians 2:16).

With so many people saying to God that all the things they did was for him, but none of them mattered to God. What He wants is THEM. He wants YOU. He wants ME.

I just DON'T want to get this wrong! How about you?

Life is Short

He wants you! And this brings us to the last thing to think about. This has been in my mind and on my heart for the past couple of years. This has drastically changed my life.

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Do you think about these verses very much? Do they bring fear into your life, or excitement, joy, and peace? The reality is that our lives are short.....*extremely short!*

Let's take a quick look at this and I pray that God's word goes deep into your heart and your mind.

There are 5 verses that focus on the shortness of our lives.

1. Life is fragile and fleeting. Don't waste it.

"Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes." James 4:14

"O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am! Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths... Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!" Psalm 39:4-5

2. Awareness of time keeps us humble and focused.

"So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12

3. When we realize time is limited, we live with greater purpose and wisdom.

"All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls." 1 Peter 1:24

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4. Our earthly life fades fast — only God's Word and Kingdom endure.

“Man who is born of a woman is few of days and full of trouble. He comes out like a flower and withers; he flees like a shadow and does not continue.” Job 14:1-2

5. Even the strongest of us are still mortal and temporary.

*“Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.”
Ecclesiastes 1:2 & 12:13-14*

... “Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.”



The Gentle Touch of God

*"Kindness is the gentle touch that turns correction into growth."
— Ed Squire*

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Why Life Being Short Matters.

Life apart from God is meaningless.

1. **Focus on what lasts eternally.** It creates urgency. We don't have forever to fulfill our purpose. The clock is ticking.

Ephesians 5:15-16 says, "Make the best use of the time, because the days are evil."

2. **It keeps our eyes on eternity.** Life is a vapor, but eternity is forever. Don't get too attached to what won't last.

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Colossians 3:2

3. **It leads to intentional living.** When we realize we don't have unlimited time, we stop wasting our days. We forgive faster. Love deeper. Serve more boldly.

4. **It strengthens our trust in God.** We stop trying to control what we can't — and start surrendering to the One who can.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart..."
Proverbs 3:5-6*

Here's the bottom line. Life is short. Eternity is not. So, let's live today like it matters forever — because it does.

Are you ready? Walk with me! *Let's do this together!*

I wrote this book for myself and anyone else who wants to step into life living a life with love and strength through the eyes of God. I need.....I NEED to live my life that's 100% dedicated to Jesus Christ. That doesn't

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me I've suddenly go my act together. All of us will work towards being more like Jesus until the day we die. We were born in and live in this world of sin until we die and go to be with Jesus. That's just the way we must accept what it's like to walk with him on this planet.

As you....as we walk through the declarations in this book, expect your heart to soften, your courage to rise, and your faith to deepen. You'll be reminded of who you are in Christ and equipped to live a life that looks like His — one of purpose, passion, and powerful kindness. You'll discover that the strongest people aren't the loudest — they're the ones who quietly, consistently love like Jesus.

This book is not meant to stay on your nightstand. It's meant to move. To spark conversation. To be passed around like a spiritual torch. Share it with your church, your friends, your family — anyone who needs to remember that love is stronger than hate, and that the fruit of the Spirit is more powerful than the noise of culture.

Remember This....Then Go!

You were made for this moment. These declarations are not just words on a page — they are battle cries for a generation rising in love, truth, and righteousness. The world doesn't need more influencers. It needs more **image-bearers** — people who look, live, and love like Jesus.

Let this book be a **holy disruption** in your life. Let it shake apathy, comfort, and compromise. As you journey through these declarations, you'll be invited to exchange convenience for conviction, silence for courage, and self-centeredness for Christlikeness.

But when the final chapter ends, your mission begins. One day at a time, choose to live with the **Fruit of the Spirit** — love, joy, peace, patience,

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kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are not just Christian virtues — they are kingdom weapons in a world hungry for light.

And above all else — **guard your heart**. As King Solomon wrote in *Proverbs 4:23*, “Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.” This world will pull, distract, and deceive. But your heart, anchored in Christ, will keep you steady. Let His Spirit guide your every step, every word, and every act of kindness.

Why this book matters now. This book is not comfortable. It’s not cute. And it’s not optional. It’s a spiritual war manual disguised as a kindness manifesto. And it will call readers not just to kindness — but to obedience, repentance, courage, and action.

This book is a roadmap to real Christianity — not just Sunday Christianity.

Now rise up!! — and become a Visible Kindness believer this world is dying to see. Become a believer with Radical Kindness Rooted in Christ Living Your Life with Love and Strength Through the Eyes of God.

Let’s go!



The Declaration of Our Salvation Rooted in Christ.

Salvation is not just a prayer we whispered once; it is the divine rescue of our souls from sin, shame, and separation from God. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, made new, and brought into right standing with the Father. Romans 10:9 declares, “If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” This isn’t mere religion — it’s a rebirth into a living, breathing relationship with the Creator of the universe.

To be saved is to be adopted into the family of God. Galatians 4:7 says, “So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are His child, God has made you also an heir.” We are not just rescued from something — we are redeemed for something. We are heirs of eternal life and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live lives that reflect the heart and will of the Father. Our identity is now rooted not in our past, but in His promises.

Our purpose as believers is crystal clear in Ephesians 2:10: “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” We weren’t saved to sit still — we were saved to shine. God has assignments prepared for each of us, and they are marked by love, boldness, and impact. You are not an accident or a background character in the Kingdom — you are divinely appointed for influence.

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Living as a Christian is a daily surrender to the will of God. Romans 12:1-2 urges us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices, to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. That means we don't follow the world's definition of success, value, or identity. We follow Christ — even when it's unpopular, inconvenient, or costly. True discipleship is marked not just by church attendance, but by consistent obedience.

God's plan for your life is not vague. It's spelled out throughout Scripture: to know Him, to walk in His love, and to make Him known. Micah 6:8 puts it plainly: "To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." In a culture that rewards ego and pride, we are called to humility and justice. In a world driven by self, we are driven by grace.

As saved people, we are also sanctified — set apart for God's purposes. 1 Peter 2:9 proclaims, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light." We don't blend in. We stand out — not in arrogance, but in holiness. The way we live, love, and lead becomes a light in the darkness.

This salvation is not earned by good behavior — it is a gift of grace. Ephesians 2:8-9 reminds us, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." There is nothing we could do to deserve this rescue, and yet it is freely offered to all who believe. That should wreck us with gratitude and ignite us with purpose.

To follow Jesus means we walk in both truth and love. John 1:14 says Jesus came "full of grace and truth." This balance shapes how we live — we don't compromise truth, and we don't withhold love. We love

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radically, we serve sacrificially, and we speak life into dead places. That's what it means to be a Kingdom ambassador.

Finally, the Christian life is not a solo journey. We are part of the Body of Christ — the global, eternal Church. Hebrews 10:24-25 encourages us to stir one another to love and good deeds and to meet together consistently. We grow stronger in community, and we move further when we walk with others. Your salvation story is deeply personal, but it's never meant to be private. We are saved into a mission — and it's time to live it loud.

The love of Christ is not transactional. It's not reserved for the worthy, the obedient, or the easy to love. God loved us when we were at our worst — not when we were clean, but while we were still covered in sin (Romans 5:8). To love without conditions is to step into the divine — to reflect the same mercy and grace that saved us. Jesus didn't just say love your enemies — He did it from the cross, when He cried out, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34).



The 9 Declarations

Loving without conditions doesn't mean we approve of everything people do. It means we choose compassion over judgment, patience over irritation, and service over pride. 1 Corinthians 13 reminds us that love is not boastful, proud, or easily angered — it keeps no record of wrongs. This kind of love isn't weakness; it's spiritual strength. It's a decision to lead with grace in a world starving for it. As followers of Christ, we don't wait for people to deserve love — we love because He first loved us (1 John 4:19).

FOR THIS I NOW DECLARE...

***I will love without conditions.** I will not withhold grace from the broken or weary. I will lead with mercy, because mercy rewrote my story. I will model the kind of love that reflects the heart of Jesus Christ*



The Fruit of Compassion

"Where compassion is planted, God grows fruit that multiplies far beyond the moment."

— Ed Squire

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Forgiveness is not a feeling — it's a choice rooted in obedience and freedom. When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He tied forgiveness to our own: "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us" (Matthew 6:12). That's not optional — it's foundational. When we delay forgiveness, we give bitterness a foothold. But when we release offense, we open the floodgates of healing — for others and for ourselves.

Jesus modeled this perfectly. He didn't wait until we apologized. He didn't hold a grudge. From the cross, He forgave those who nailed Him to it. And now, as His followers, we are commanded to "forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13). Forgiveness doesn't say what happened was okay — it says we refuse to let pain have the final word. It says, I'm free. It says, God's grace is bigger than this wound.

FOR THIS, I NOW DECLARE...

I will forgive without freely. I release the grip of offense, and I walk in the freedom Jesus purchased for me. I refuse to carry what Christ already conquered. I forgive, not because they earned it — but because I'm already forgiven.



God's Gentle Hand

"God never rushes your healing — but He always finishes what He starts."

— Ed Squire

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Truth without love becomes a weapon. Love without truth becomes enabling. But when truth is spoken in love, it has the power to heal, correct, and restore. Ephesians 4:15 says we are to “speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ.” That’s the standard — not just saying what’s right but saying it the right way. Truth should never be used to shame — it should be used to set people free (John 8:32).

As followers of Jesus, we carry the weight of both conviction and compassion. We don’t shrink back from hard truths, but we also don’t use them to elevate ourselves. Jesus modeled this perfectly when He corrected the Pharisees with boldness, but protected the woman caught in adultery with tenderness. He didn’t water down the truth — He wrapped it in redemptive love. And that’s what we’re called to do too. Not to win arguments — but to win hearts.

FOR THIS, I NOW DECLARE...

I will speak the truth with love. I will not weaponize righteousness, nor will I compromise it. I will be a voice of conviction and compassion, reflecting the bold grace of Christ in everything I say.



Boldness Through Christ

“Your boldness to speak comes from the One who first spoke life into you.

— Ed Squire

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In the Kingdom of God, greatness is not defined by titles — it's revealed through towels. Jesus, the Son of God, knelt to wash the feet of men who would soon deny and abandon Him. John 13 shows us a Savior who could have demanded worship... but instead chose to serve. And He said plainly, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you" (John 13:15).

Humility is not weakness — it's strength under submission. Philippians 2 reminds us that Jesus "made Himself nothing... taking the very nature of a servant." That's our model. We serve not to be seen, but because we've been seen by God. We give, not because it earns us favor, but because we've already been favored by grace. In a culture obsessed with being first, we choose to go low — because that's where Jesus leads.

FOR THIS, I NOW DECLARE...

I will serve with humility. I will not chase platform, applause, or position. I will kneel, not just in prayer — but in action. I will follow the example of Christ, and lead by laying down my life in love.

Rooted in His Example

*"Jesus led with truth, but He always wrapped it in kindness.
That's the model for every mentor."*

— Ed Squire

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Integrity is doing the right thing — even when no one is watching. It's living the same behind closed doors as you do in public. Proverbs 10:9 says, "Whoever walks in integrity walks securely." Integrity builds trust. It anchors our witness. Without it, everything we say about Jesus loses weight. But with it, our words carry eternal credibility.

Living with integrity doesn't mean perfection — it means consistency. It means being honest when it costs you. Owning your mistakes. Keeping your promises. Letting your yes be yes, and your no be no (Matthew 5:37). In a world of compromise, integrity stands tall. It's the quiet strength that holds your legacy together.

FOR THIS, I NOW DECLARE...

***I will live with integrity.** I will not cut corners, mask the truth, or compromise my convictions. I will be the same person in the dark as I am in the light — because the light of Christ lives in me.*



The Reflection of Christ

"Kindness in leadership reflects the very heart of Christ — strong, steady, and full of grace."

— Ed Squire

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Leadership in the Kingdom isn't about power — it's about people. It's not about commanding attention but extending care. Jesus saw the crowds and was "moved with compassion" (Matthew 9:36). True leadership starts there — not with strategy, but with heart. Compassion gives you eyes to see, ears to hear, and hands willing to act.

We don't lead to elevate ourselves — we lead to lift others. That means making space for the broken, walking slowly with the struggling, and seeing potential where others see problems. Compassion doesn't mean we lack boundaries — it means we lead like shepherds, not CEOs. 1 Peter 5:2-3 calls us to "be shepherds of God's flock... not lording it over those entrusted to you but being examples." That's the way of Christ — and the call on our lives.

FOR THIS, I NOW DECLARE...

I will lead with compassion. I will value people over position, empathy over ego, and service over status. My leadership will reflect the kindness of Jesus, and my influence will point others to His heart.



The Power of Presence

"Sometimes the greatest lesson is simply being fully present — with grace, with patience, with kindness."

— Ed Squire

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Faith isn't safe — it's fierce. Hebrews 11 is packed with stories of men and women who stepped into the unknown, faced giants, crossed seas, walked through fire, and believed God for the impossible. They didn't play it safe — they trusted God anyway. Bold faith doesn't mean you never feel fear — it means you move forward in spite of it, knowing who goes before you.

2 Timothy 1:7 reminds us, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and a sound mind." That means fear doesn't get the final word — faith does. Bold faith prays big prayers. It forgives radically. It obeys when it doesn't make sense. And it stands when everything in culture says sit down. We're not called to survive — we're called to shake the gates of hell.

FOR THIS, I NOW DECLARE...

***I will be bold in faith.** I will not bow to fear, play small, or shrink back from my calling. I will trust God radically, obey Him completely, and walk by faith — not by sight.*



The Posture of Compassion

"When we teach from compassion, we do more than transfer knowledge — we awaken purpose."

— Ed Squire

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Trials are not detours — they're training grounds. James 1:2–4 tells us to “consider it pure joy... whenever you face trials of many kinds,” because they produce perseverance, maturity, and completeness. God never wastes pain. Every setback, every loss, every battle is shaping us into who we were always meant to become — stronger, wiser, more surrendered, and more like Christ.

Jesus never promised a life without suffering — He promised victory through it. “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). That's not just comfort — that's a war cry. The fire you're walking through is the very furnace forging your faith. You don't endure alone — you endure with grace upon grace, strength upon strength, and the presence of God every step of the way.

FOR THIS, I NOW DECLARE...

I will persevere through trials. I will not be crushed by hardship or defined by pain. I will rise, again and again, because the Spirit of the Living God is within me.



The Heart of Mentorship

"Mentorship begins where judgment ends — in the quiet space where kindness can speak."

— Ed Squire

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Kindness isn't just what we do — it's what we leave behind. The ripple effects of a kind word, a quiet prayer, or an act of compassion stretch farther than we can ever see. Proverbs 11:17 says, "Those who are kind benefit themselves, but the cruel bring ruin on themselves." When we lead with love, we don't just impact moments — we shape generations.

Jesus lived a life of radical kindness, and everywhere He went, lives were changed. The outcasts were embraced, the broken were healed, and the forgotten were seen. His kindness was power in disguise. And now we follow in His footsteps — not just to be remembered, but to reflect His nature. Galatians 5:22 calls kindness a fruit of the Spirit — it is a sign that God is alive in us. When we love well, serve deeply, and stand for grace, we leave behind something eternal.

FOR THIS I NOW DECLARE...

I will leave a legacy of kindness. I will not waste my life chasing status or comfort. I will live in such a way that my love outlasts my name — and my kindness leads others home to the heart of God.



The Ministry of Presence

"Sometimes your presence is more healing than your words."

— Ed Squire

How We Started – Where We’re Going

We began this chapter with the truth of salvation — that we are rescued, redeemed, and reborn by the grace of Jesus Christ. But that salvation is not the end — it is the beginning. It awakens our identity, reveals our purpose, and launches us into a life of divine impact. We are not just saved from something — we are saved for something. To reflect the character of Christ. To live with love. And to walk in strength.

The declarations you’ve just read aren’t motivational slogans. They are sacred commitments. They are counter-cultural, Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered calls to rise above fear, pride, and apathy — and to become bold ambassadors of Heaven on earth. In a world obsessed with self-preservation, these declarations call us to selfless service. In a culture drowning in noise, they call us to quiet strength. In a time of division, they call us to revolutionary kindness.

You don’t need permission to walk in your calling. You’ve already been chosen, equipped, and anointed by God. Your life may have been marked by brokenness — but now it will be marked by glory. These declarations aren’t about striving harder — they’re about surrendering deeper. They’re about letting God’s Spirit guide your steps, renew your heart, and rewrite your story.

This is your charge. This is your invitation. Not to a life of religious performance, but to a life of spiritual power. To a life where you love without fear, forgive without hesitation, speak truth with tenderness, and carry kindness like a sword and a shelter. You are not a bystander in this generation. You are a builder, a warrior, and a light.

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**WE THEREFORE AS BELIEVERS AND FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST
NOW DECLARE:**

- We are men and women who are called, chosen, and commissioned.
- We are agents of love in a culture of hate.
- We are peacemakers in a world of chaos.
- We are fearless because Christ is in us.
- We are faithful because grace sustains us.
- We are builders of legacy, bearers of hope, and carriers of the very heart of God.
- We do not shrink back. We rise. We declare.
- And we love — with a strength the world can't understand, and a kindness it cannot ignore.

The Power of Vulnerability

*"Your vulnerability doesn't weaken your message —
it multiplies your impact."*

— Ed Squire
