**Remaining Steadfast to the End**… Zoom class on 10.5.2020

(This is the topic the LORD gave me in February within minutes of Denise’s invitation to speak at the 10 year anniversary celebration luncheon for CWBO.)

End of what???? Things can get tough and are getting even tougher as we are in the End Days… culture, politics, life in general, marriage, parenting, business, ministry… you name it!

All of life has its ups and downs… yes… even ministry… and sometimes you just plain want to give up.

Tonight I hope to exhort all of you to remain **STEADFAST**.. firmly fixed on the goal…. And what is that goal for all of us? especially now in 2020? First of all..

**Definition of steadfast**. (These all describe the Lord’s steadfast love towards you.)

1a : firmly fixed in place : immovable. b : not subject to change 2 : firm, loyal

faithful stalwart

committed relentless

devoted

single-minded

unchanging

unwavering

unhesitating

unfaltering

unswerving

unyielding

unflinching

inflexible

uncompromising

dedicated

dependable

reliable

steady

true

constant

staunch

firm

determined

resolute

BUT HOW do you remain steadfast in this crazy busy world, so that all those words describe you? Here are a few thoughts…

1. Stay in your lane…
2. Remember that NO is a sentence..
3. Value commitment over convenience.

 2 Timothy 4:1-2 (NAS)

**1** I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and because of His appearing and His kingdom: **2** Proclaim the message: persist in it **whether convenient or not**; rebuke, correct, and encourage with great patience and teaching.

1. PRIORITIZE your schedule… Partner with Jesus in what’s important to HIM…
2. Stay focused on Jesus the author and PERFECTOR of **your** Faith…
3. STAY connected…. Don’t isolate…. Abstain from distractions… and engage with HIM…
4. Remember you are a WARRIOR !!

\*\* What is a warrior you ask? Warriors do not react to their circumstances, they respond to God. They see everything as an opportunity to learn, grow, advance and increase faith. They do not avoid tough situations. They are developing a revelation of God, so profound, it governs every facet of their lives. Warriors fight from victory, not towards it. Warriors cannot be intimidated by the enemy, because they are too busy being fascinated by Jesus.

… (Hebrews 13:7) New Living Translation

7Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.

 In closing…

 We have often questioned our WHY.

 (our reason why we are doing what we are doing)

Tony and I have asked each other that question about our ministry, Sweet Jesus International … The answer reminds us of a funny segment we watch on *College Game Day on Saturday mornings in the fall* on ESPN called, “You had one job,”

We discovered through the scriptures that we really have only one main job and actually it’s yours too.

In a nutshell, I believe we are to **OCCUPY** until HE returns.

Let’s close by listening to this brief exhortation by Billy Graham. (YouTube)

AND NOW….

May the Lord bless you keep you and may HE make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you… as you seek HIM above all else.

 “The Steadfast love of the Lord never Ceases.”

<https://youtu.be/z6F9Z1AyKRM> Jonathan Cahn…. THE RETURN keynote message.

<https://youtu.be/spbc3FCfxPQ> Jonathan Cahn … Feast of Tabernacles message

Dr. Dobson's Open Letter To Christians Regarding The Election

 DrJamesDobson.org

<https://youtu.be/gRld8OXND1w> Billy Graham… Occupy Until I Come