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Dear Friend.

The writer of the book of Hebrews wrote something incredible in Hebrews chapter 6. He wrote:

Heb 6:10 For God *is* not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Heb 6:11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

Heb 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

We could paraphrase these verses and say it like this in our vernacular: “Because God is righteous, He will never forget any labor of love that you have ever showed in ministering to your fellow believers in Christ. And His desire is that all of us show the same diligence in giving ourselves in ministry to others all the way to the end. Don’t ever become lazy or idle, but follow others who have set this example and who, through faith and patience, will inherit the promise.”

I met Pastor Dave Roberson 25 years ago in Tulsa, Oklahoma, during a Prayer and Power Conference at the Family Prayer Center. Little did I know at the time that an incredible relationship would develop, neither did I have any idea of the labors of love and ministry that would be sown into my life personally, as well as corporately to the church body where I served.

Many were the nights that Pastor Dave would sit at our dining room table after he had ministered in one of his services at our church. Groups of elders and myself would listen intently as he expounded even more on the things that he had been teaching. What amazed me was that he was always ministering. In the pulpit or out of the pulpit, it didn’t matter! He was always ministering to the saints.

I never will forget early in our relationship when I received a phone call from Pastor Dave. Dave invited me to come and spend a week with him in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, where he was doing a conference for another well-known preacher at the time.

In those days, to quote from my good friend Gary Carpenter, “Money was staying away from us in great abundance!” Ha! I was pastoring a small church before the days of the internet, YouTube, and livestreaming. The only money we had was the little bit coming in from a very small group of people. And this little group was hearing me repeat the same messages that I had heard Pastor Dave preach the week before on the cassette tapes that were being sent to me weekly by Derrick Iha, Pastor Dave’s soundman.

So, I'm on the phone with Pastor Dave Roberson, the man that I considered my spiritual father in the faith, and he is asking me to come and spend a week with him. The only problem was that I had no money! I guess Pastor Dave discerned immediately from the elation and stuttering in my words that there was a financial issue. I never will forget what he asked me and then said to me. "Bronc, do you have enough to get here? If you have enough to get here, I'll have something here for you when you get here." Of course when he said that, it was a no-brainer. I was on my way!

True to his word, when I arrived in Gatlinburg, Pastor Dave had a check waiting for me that gave us enough to pay for my gas, lodging, and meals for the week. PRAISE GOD! There was actually enough that Candy and I stayed a few extra days, and then drove Pastor Dave over to his next meetings in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, where we stayed with him during those meetings as well.

The question in my heart was, what kind of minister pays the way for someone else to come and hear him preach? Most all of the preachers I ever knew wanted me to give *them* something, not the other way around. I can tell you what kind of minister Dave was. He was not just a minister, but a father that wanted a son of the faith, a son of the Revival message to have the same chance he had in getting everything he needed spiritually to succeed.

The truth is that although I may have felt myself close to Pastor Dave, he treated everyone the same. He ministered to everyone with the hope that what he was sowing would one day manifest itself into a full-grown son or daughter of God.

Pastor Dave passed from this life to begin his eternal reward on Saturday, January 29, 2022, but his teachings, ministry, and life will never be forgotten. It will never be forgotten here, nor will it be forgotten by the Righteous Judge that sees everything and knows everything.

There are many honest questions about the timing of his passing. Questions like, "Wasn't there more for him to do?" or "Wasn't he supposed to lead the charge into Revival?" I am like so many others that do not claim to have all the answers to these questions, but I am certain that Jesus and Pastor Dave know all the answers as to the reasons why.

Perhaps there was more for Pastor Dave to do, but I have to remind myself of something when I feel the grief in knowing that he has passed – I know that God is not unrighteous to forget all the labors of love in ministry that Pastor Dave gave us during his years on this earth.

I wonder how Timothy and the church felt at Paul's departure. Historically, Paul was only around 68 years old when he was martyred. I'm sure that the church must've felt that there was so much more Paul could've done to help them, but Paul had already laid a tremendous foundation for the church that would last for centuries. Paul wrote concerning himself in regards to his feelings of his coming departure.

Php 1:21 For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

Php 1:22 But if I live in the flesh, this *is* the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.

Php 1:23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

Php 1:24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh *is* more needful for you.

Php 1:25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;

Paul did remain a little bit longer, but his life still ended early in his late 60s.

As wonderful as Pastor Dave was in ministering to the saints, we have to remember that the promise made in Hebrews was not just made to the pulpit ministers, but the entire Body of Christ.

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There is a relevant prophecy that came in the last few years concerning Revival. The Lord said in essence that the anointing that rested on one was going to rest upon many in these last days. Because of the setting, I knew when I heard it that the Lord was referring to Pastor Dave as the “one” and all of us as the “many.”

The same promise that God will never forget the labors of love that each one shares in the Body of Christ is still alive today. You and I are called to spend our lives sewing into the ground of discipling others to share this gospel of the Kingdom.

We are instructed to be followers of those that demonstrate such love and in doing so, others will follow us.

Someone is going to follow you in the days ahead because of your example of love and ministry, just as so many of us followed Pastor Dave because of his example. In the end, the result will be the same – God will get all the glory, and the end-time Harvest will take place.

Candy and I want to thank you for every labor of love that you have sown into this ministry. Just remember that He (God) is not unrighteous to forget everything that you have done and are doing for His Kingdom.

With all my love,
Pastor Bronc