



TITLE: "BLOCKBUSTER - Instant Family"

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OPENING QUESTION: What's the most spontaneous or unexpected thin you've ever done that actually turned out great?

6 stages that typically OCCUR when someone makes a difference in the life of another:

We'll be prompted by the Holy Spirit.

John 14:26– But the Holy Spirit will come and help[a] you, because the Father will send the Spirit to take my place. The Spirit will teach you everything and will remind you of what I said while I was with you.

The journey of making a difference often begins with a quiet nudge or prompting from the Holy Spirit. It may not always be loud or dramatic, but it's unmistakable when we're tuned in. QUESTION: Have you ever felt a "prompting" from God? What was it like?

QUESTION: What do you think keeps us from being in tune with the Holy Spirit for "prompting?

We take a step of faith.

Genesis 12:1– Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.

After the prompting, there's usually a call to move—physically, emotionally, or spiritually. Faith rarely comes with a map. Like Abram, we often step into the unknown, trusting that God will show us the way.

QUESTION: What's one step of faith you've taken that helped you grow spiritually? **QUESTION:** How do you handle the uncertainty that comes with taking faith steps?

We will have <u>Predictable Resistance.</u>

Acts 20:22-24a– I don't know what will happen to me in Jerusalem, but I must obey God's Spirit and go there. In every city I visit, I am told by the Holy Spirit that I will be put in jail and will be in trouble in Jerusalem. But I don't care what happens to me, as long as I finish the work the Lord Jesus gave me to do.



Resistance doesn't mean you're on the wrong path—it often confirms you're on the right one. Paul understood that obedience would bring trials, but he pressed on.

QUESTION: Share about a time you faced opposition while trying to serve or love someone. What did you learn?

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QUESTION: How can we support each other when we hit resistance?

We will experience Small Glimmers of Hope.

1 Kings 18:43c-45a– ...Seven times Elijah said, "Go back." The seventh time the servant reported, "A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea." So Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab, 'Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you." Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain started falling..



Sometimes, after persistent prayer or action, we see just a small sign—a breakthrough, an answered prayer, a change in someone's heart. These glimmers of hope fuel our perseverance.

QUESTION: Is there a time (or perhaps right now) where a "small win" happened and helped motivate you?

We will often experience more Painful Setbacks.

Galatians 6:9– Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Even after we obey, and even after we see a breakthrough, setbacks will still come. The key is to keep going—because God promises a harvest in the proper time.

QUESTION: Talk about a time you tried to help but things didn't go the way you expected. What happened?

QUESTION: Why do you think God allows us to go through painful moments when we're trying to do something good?

QUESTION: What encourages you to keep going when you feel discouraged?

We do what is right and <u>Trust God With the Results.</u>

Romans 8:28- ... in all things God works for the good of those who love Him.



QUESTION: What's the hardest part about trusting God with the results of your obedience? **QUESTION:** How do you personally define success in ministry or service?

QUESTION: Where in your life do you need to surrender the outcome to God?

CLOSING QUESTIONS



QUESTION: What is one way you can respond to a prompting from the Holy Spirit this week–big or small?



QUESTION:Who is one person you feel called to encourage, serve, or invest in–and what's one step you can take this week to do that?