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PLAN AND BE FLEXIBLE

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Ideas or plans from the Lord are usually bigger in scope than our minds can imagine. The instruction I received to produce and direct a movie that will change the hearts and mindsets of mankind toward the sanctity of life, was beyond comprehension. Films require the various stages of development to be recorded – the treatment (one sentence that describes each movie scene), screenplay, budget, and call sheet (written daily production details).



These are all written components for movie production, but require flexibility as, “The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps” (Proverbs 16:9, NASB).

For my instruction, following Jeremiah 29:13, “You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart” (NASB), the direction to produce a movie about life began to unfold and the treatment and screenplay were developed; life would be presented through dance. I began to journal the thoughts and ideas that came to mind that answered the question, “What does dancing the first 40-weeks of life look like to Him?” I sought God’s face for the answer and according to Matthew 6:33, the answer was “added.”

Since filmmaking was beyond my knowledge I waited, prayed, and sought wise counsel according to Proverbs 12:15. As wisdom, knowledge, and understanding unfolded, the dances were conceived, the production crew was formed, and the costumes and props designed – all with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. I relied on Luke 12:12, “... for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say” (or do for the movie, comments added). The more I waited, the more I trusted the Lord for inspiration and instruction.

Even the budget was written in detail. Yes, a budget is part of the vision, especially when God has asked someone to accomplish an idea. One needs to know the finances needed to bring the idea to fruition. Once the funds are determined, the person can petition the Lord for them. He already knows what is needed, but the prayer request shows trust and faith in Him to bring forth that which He has called to fruition.

Even following the Holy Spirit’s lead, I found myself having to be flexible. Pushback was encountered at all stages of the pre-production and production processes. Cast or crew would become sick, so the filming schedules changed. Studios and outdoor locations were subject to availability. If something went wrong the Call Sheet needed to be rewritten.

After two years, filming finished in late 2023. The Lord has brought me to the place of post-production by faith knowing that, “There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every matter under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1 NASB). Only the Lord knows the magnitude of the film, it’s His vision. The film is a ministry to save the physical and spiritual lives of His children, as this is the heart of the Lord. I wrote His vision and ran with it. As it is written, “... I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10 NASB).

By implementing His plan and seeking Him for guidance and allowing Him to order my steps, I trust that He will finish what He began, as Philippians 1:6-7 promises, “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.” (NASB)

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