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Sacred Journey:
You've Got that One Thing

Matthew 10: 12 As you enter the home, give it your greeting. 13 If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. 14 **If anyone will not welcome you** or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet. 15 Truly I tell you, it will be **more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah** on the day of judgment than for that town.

Matthew 25: 41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
42 For I was hungry and **you gave me nothing to eat**, I was thirsty and **you gave me nothing to drink**, 43 I was a stranger and **you did not invite me in**, I needed clothes and **you did not clothe me**, I was sick and in prison and **you did not look after me.**’

Matthew 25: 44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

45 “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, **you did not do for me.**’

Matthew 25: 46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Genesis 12:

2 “I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;

and **all peoples on earth**
will be blessed through you.”

Genesis 18: 3 He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. 4 Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. 5 **Let me get you** something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.”

Genesis 18: 6 So **Abraham hurried** into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get **three seahs of the finest flour** and knead it and bake some bread.”

7 Then **he ran** to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. **8** He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

Genesis 18: 10 Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

I trust that I can **lay my life down**
on behalf of other people. I don't
have to be **afraid**. I'm not going
to **function out of fear**.

Hospitality is the primary trait
God looks for in a
Christian/Congregation when it
comes to Kingdom **partnership**.

God delights in our hospitality...

**because hospitality requires
great trust on our part.**

Hospitality serves as the keystone
trait for **all discipleship**.

Hospitality and the Pathway

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Do Life Together

(it takes trust in God to believe He is working
for the good of all those who believe)

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Worship Together Regularly

(We aren't called to only be hospitable to others but to also be hospitable to Christ)

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Enjoy God's Presence

(The person who enjoys God's presence
enjoys the presence of others)

Genesis 33: 10 “No, please!” said Jacob. “If I have found favor in your eyes, accept this gift from me. **For to see your face is like seeing the face of God,** now that you have received me favorably. **II Please accept the present that was brought to you, for God has been gracious to me and I have all I need.”**

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Give Generously

(It's not so much about what you're giving away but about what and who you are receiving.)

Genesis 24: 17 The servant hurried to meet her and said, “Please give me a little water from your jar.”

18 “Drink, my lord,” she said, and quickly lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink.

19 After she had given him a drink, she said, “I’ll draw water for your camels too, until they have had enough to drink.”

Genesis 24: 20 So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, **ran back to the well** to draw more water, **and drew enough for all his camels.** 21 Without saying a word, the man watched her closely to learn whether or not the Lord had made his journey successful.

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Share Your Story

(Stories have great capacity to heal.)

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Serve Others

(Providing for external needs and internal
hurts.)

Luke 10: 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. **34** He went to him and **bandaged** his wounds, **pouring** on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and **took care** of him. **35** The next day he took out two denarii and **gave** them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will **reimburse** you for any extra expense you may have.'

Hebrews 13: 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

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Live Differently

(The call to live differently is the call of
hospitality)

I Peter 4: 3 For you have spent enough time in the past **doing what pagans choose to do**—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.

II If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that **in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.**

1 Peter 4: 7 The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. **8** Above all, **love each other deeply**, because love covers over a multitude of sins. **9 Offer hospitality to one another** without grumbling. **10** Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace...

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