Belvedere Family Community: All Hands on Deck Day

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All Hands on Deck Day!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is a rather long letter, but I urge you to please read the whole thing.

First of all, I just want to say thank you all so much for your love, your dedication, and hard work. I am so immensely proud of this community, and to be the pastor of Belvedere is one of my greatest sources of pride and joy.

I'm writing to you all feeling compelled to write this letter on behalf of Heaven, on behalf of our Holy Mother Han, and on behalf of our President Dunkley, as well as coming from my heart.

Recently, I had a chance to go to the New Yorker to spend time with our strategic community pastors and our national team. The focus was on praying to Heaven for guidance, especially to support our precious brothers and sisters in their matching and blessing journey.

This time was very intense and exhausting - spiritually, mentally, and physically.

During that time and since then, I noticed that Rev. Dunkley has been very intense and serious. He has called for bold action and creativity. He has asked certain leaders to move to New York for these next few months to work with him diligently.

To be honest, in the beginning, I didn't understand. I asked myself, "Is this really necessary? Why all the hustle and bustle? Can't we just think more long-term for growth? Why the need for results now?"

Today, I woke up and read Mother's words when she spoke in the new year. I prayed, and I just felt so deeply her desperation, her urgency, and her desire to see God's providence fulfilled. As she has said many times, every hour feels like a thousand years.

Immediately, I started to repent for not really understanding her heart. And then it hit me: this is where President Dunkley's intensity comes from. He is desperate. He is resonating with Mother's desperation. The "intensity" and "frustration" I once saw and judged as "unnecessary" started to make sense. I felt that it comes from a place of love but also a sense of loneliness. When you are so desperate and others are just

going about their lives, living day by day, not understanding their value or what is at stake, that is a very lonely feeling.

I felt in my heart, I don't want him to be lonely. I don't want Mother to be lonely. I need to step up. We need to rise up!

Brothers and sisters, I am calling on you all with all the authority of Heaven given to me as your pastor.

All Hands on Deck. From now until April, let us double and triple our intentionality. I am not asking for you to sacrifice what is dear to you and God, but to awaken to what you need to let go of that is stopping you from rising.

Whether we reach our goals or not is somewhat irrelevant, but I want to make sure that I can say, at the entrance of the Cheon Won Gung in April, "Mother, Father, I gave my absolute best."

What this looks like for each person can be different, but I am asking you to please pray and ask Heaven for guidance.

All Hands on Deck, Belvedere!

To move forward during this time, I want to initiate an All Hands on Deck day:

- We will turn the Cheon Shim Won into a heavenly command center.
- Every Thursday from 1 PM until 9 PM, there will be at least one pastor in the Cheon Shim Won.
- We will be focusing on our three providential campaigns.
- We will pray for guidance and then take action.
- We may have a clear plan of action that day, or we may not, but we will trust that when we are lacking, Heaven will guide if we are sincere.
- I am asking all members to join us on this All Hands on Deck Day to the best of your ability.
- If you can come for an hour, come for an hour. If you can come for 3 hours, come for 3 hours.
- If you have something specific you want to offer, come with your offering (for example, it would be nice if someone cooked lunch for all our volunteers). If not, come ready to receive direction from the pastoral team or Heaven.

There will be an explanation for the All Hands on Deck Day meeting on Monday 3/3 8-9 PM via zoom for Q+A. Please look out for the zoom link.

Brothers and sisters, this is the time of special grace. This is the time to take responsibility. This is the time Heaven is calling YOU.

Thank you, and I love you.

-Pastor Justin