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At least we think they have these ideas about this. And we have to live up to those lives. We put all of these things upon ourselves. God doesn't do that. They don't tell us you're going to do this because your friend thinks you need to have Nikes on all the time. God doesn't say, you're gonna do this because everybody in the world has to see you eating lobster when they're all eating catfish. God doesn't care about those things. God wants us to live a righteous life. They want us to be helpful. They want us to treat our neighbors like we want to be treated, And that's very hard to do, especially when you don't want to hear it. One of the hardest things for me, it was moving back here five years ago.

I had this idea of what my life was supposed to be, and it's nowhere near where I thought it was going to be. But I stopped fighting what God was trying to tell me. Yeah, I kept having this thing in my back of my head, where I'm like, okay, I feel like I have to go back, And I don't know why, and I kept fighting. I kept fighting it, and things kept getting harder and harder and harder. And Alyssa finally looked at me and said, we're moving to Madrid. Now for those of you who don't know, my wife, she grew up in California. And when she moved to Kansas City, she thought Kansas City was small. And then she willingly wanted to move here. And if you think this is small, you think? What do you think is going to happen in Madrid?

But she believed in the good before I did. And it's been wonderful ever since, but it took that little push to get me to listen, to get me to here. And we all have those moments. The king, he thinks he knows better, but he doesn't. This is the third time he's heard that scripture that scroll on the reading Jeremiah has gone through, and he read it to him before, before he got kicked out of the temple. He read it to him, or he had Barack read it to him at the Temple. They still didn't listen, and the third time he's sitting there and he's, like, I don't care. Totally destroyed the scroll. Now, if you don't know what happens to him next, is he gets killed, The Babylonians come in, and they take over Jerusalem, and they kill him and leave his body out on the field in front of the temple for months. So, God's prophecy comes true. He's laid out in the heat and in the cold. No, I'm not saying that if you don't listen to God, you're going to get killed and thrown out in front of your house. That's just not the thing. But we can listen to him because he's speaking to us. He's speaking to us in all kinds of ways that we might not hear. Have we listened? Not only does it make our lives easier, but it makes things great for everyone around us because we share their love. We share God's love as best as we can because we can hear him, and it becomes a wonderful thing.

Now, the more that we listen, and the more that we share, and the more that we talk helps others find their way. If we don't let the negativity get to us, if we don't let all the things of this Earthly world impose upon us, and we focus on God's love, we make a better world, not just for us, but for everyone. Let us pray.