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a Lesson in the University of The New Covenant
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1. I didn't call you to join here. I called you to pray here. You need to understand some things deeply about My people. My people are diverse and cross a wide spectrum. I don't think like you. I don't think like man. I am God and I have My ways and I'll impart My ways to anyone and everyone that will seek Me—seek Me to know Me—know Me for who I am and not just what I can do for them.

2. Motive is all-important. You know that I've spoken to you about it in the past. Motive. Motive. Motive. The motives of your heart are your rudder. Your motives will guide you—for what you call motive I call, in your language, the heart of your heart. There are layers to your soul and the inmost that comes out in your behavior is your motive—your motive.

3. I like you. I like you to write down what I say to you. You are uninhibited now to move forth and tell, share, impart who I am and how I operate.

4. I am God who judges motives. Behavior is important but behavior comes out of motives. Behavior comes out of that which you cannot put words to—that is in you—that becomes your "operating system." Your "operating system," yes, that's a good way to share what I'm telling you.

5. Your operating system, Ted, is of Me. That's why I am giving you this. You care and you care enough to come and you care enough to write and you care enough to share—share these words and what I am doing with you.

6. Be not discouraged. Be not discouraged like you were this morning, for I am God and I have all things in My hands. I do have systems, I do. You know that. And I listen, I listen, I listen. I listen for the heart that reaches out to Me to please Me and to know Me—to go beyond their selves into the realm of what I have for them.

7. They shall see. They shall see. So many shall see from your hand and your writings—even as you write on these yellow pads—you have no idea and cannot comprehend what I will do with your words and where I will take them. You don't own them. I do. And I appreciate you knowing that like you do and how you have tried to obey me with them instead of holding on to them for your own selfish profit. I the Lord God will profit you. I am God and I am your source and I will provide. I will profit you and you shall see. Now please don't be discouraged.

8. I want you to cry but not tears of discouragement and despair, and certainly not over money. You know that Ted. And not over any other relationship. I am Me and you are Mine and I will guide and I will provide.

9. You're right. Worship doesn't pay the bills. Obedience pays the bills. You've finally got it. You're right. Obedience flows from Me and the heart that seeks Me and worships Me. So you were on the right track and you knew it. That's why you have pursued it and at such a cost. But you shall be repaid, so well, so very well.

10. Now take My message. Take the message of My heart that you now have. Tell them I want to bless them and provide for them like I want to provide for them, which is so far above what they want to provide for themselves. But to reach that realm where I provide, where I provide the ram in the thicket, where I provide the manna, where I provide the manna daily, they must know Me. They must come, as you have come Ted. They must come and they must come consistently into My presence, naked of all pretense and pomp and whatever they think they are.

11. They must come Ted, naked in spirit, naked in their heart, naked in their motive, and let me operate on them like I want to operate, where I touch, where I heal, where I give them new birth and nurturing so they can grow in Me rather than in just the ways of mammon and money and things of this world, this temporal world, this world that I made, that I set up, that I established long ago to see those who would seek Me, believe in Me and pay a price to Know Me and be My friend.

12. Now go Ted. You're not perfect and you know that. And when the imperfections come, be not dismayed. Your are a human, you are a man, and make no excuses for them but learn from Me and learn from those that rebuke you in love, who truly love you and My kingdom and what I'm about and where I'm taking you.

13. Think it not strange that some will rebuke you for I use those in My body to protect, help, bless and speak to others in My body.

14. Wisdom. Wisdom. Wisdom. So many do things for Me but do them without wisdom, without Wisdom. Now know that Wisdom is with you and the more you know Me the more you know Wisdom. Love Wisdom. Love Wisdom. Love Her with all your heart and know that Wisdom wants your wisdom to increase.

15. Listen to those I have given you and think not that every word you need comes from Me, from My throne room, from My heart, to you. For I love My body and I speak to My body and I speak through My body. The body needs the body and every part of the body is needed and designed and fashioned for a purpose, however unique or unnecessary in your eyes, your eyes, your eyes, your eyes.

16. Ted, see more. Don't think small. I am big and you must be bigger than denominations and doctrines of men. You must listen. Listen to me. Listen to Wisdom and listen to those I send you and honor them.

17. Honor them even if they curse you for those that curse you only fail to understand Me and how I am and how I'm trying to get Myself across, known more, to My people.

18. I call My people and I'm calling them more and more and even with a louder voice. They need Me and they will need Me more. Everything will be shaken and I will shake it. I will shake it. My prophecies are true. My word is true and I will shake it.

19. No one has seen what I will do and what will come in the years ahead. I am Me and I will move and I will shake and I will do what I want to do and I will see who will pay the cost to know Me—in time, in worship, in obedience, in buying groceries for others, for encouraging and setting others free, and even rebuking when I say rebuke.

20. Tough skin, Ted. Tender but tough is not an oxymoron. It is one and the same with Wisdom knowing the difference. You must know the difference and you must know it more.

21. Don't be tripped up by little things and things you can't change and people you don't understand. You must be you and let Me be Me and leave them to Me. You're right to focus on Me, Me first, for that is when I really begin to move in a person's life in a visible and even spectacular way. When they want Me enough to put Me first, in front of their schedule and their honoring of money and people that will bring them money, then will I honor them.

22. Now tell them. Tell them. Tell them and keep on telling them and I will keep on telling you this. Tell them every day, every way you can. Tell them. Be creative. Call on Me more to be creative in how I use you to do what I want done.

23. For your have entered into another realm. You have entered into My mission rather than your mission. You have entered into that which I designed for you and you shall see it; you shall see all of it. You shall see all that I have designed for you and given to you. For you have come to My table to get it. Now tell them who I am and tell them of your picture and how you prayed what that picture said and how I am now simply giving you what you prayed, what you said and wanted long ago. It's now Ted.

24. Stand up and take your place and be not intimidated by those who want to put you to silence. You will know the difference between those who want to silence you and control you and those who come to you in love, pure love, My love, to rebuke and correct and bring to light something you fail to see, grasp and understand.

25. This is a great truth, Ted. Don't miss it. Don't miss it. For if you are above being corrected by the people I send you, that are My body and My blood, that love you and operate with motives of love and freedom, I can't use you like I want to.

26. You must mature. You must continue to mature and bring maturity to your walk with Me and to the walk of My body with Me.

27. Now tell them. Tell them. Tell them. Tell them to love Me more and spend time with Me and I the Lord their God will reward them. For I am God and I will do what I want to do.

28. Tell them. Tell them. Tell them. Wars and rumors of wars will come but I give peace. I provide peace. I provide a safe haven for those who will come and learn of Me at My feet and let Me impart to them My strength. No fear. No fear. No fear. Tell them to come to Me like you have come to Me—on their face—naked of all the past and all that you have done and all that you have not done.

29. Naked of the sins and omissions and shortcomings and all that is now forgotten. Naked, Ted, naked. Tell them they must come to Me naked in their spirit, withholding nothing, and I will give them peace. I will give them what they want. I will give My people what they seek. But they must come. They must call upon My name and call upon Me with no preconceived notions of how I will do what I want to do.

30. You are right Ted. You are right in praying more and more that My will will be enacted in given situations, relationships and circumstances. I am Me and I have a will. You have a will. They have a will. And if they pray their will into situations, relationships and people, circumstances, they get what they think they want, maybe, but where is My will? Where is My will to them? Why aren't they praying My will into those people and things?

31. Pray, Ted. Teach them. Tell them. Pray with them. Lead them. Be not afraid of honor Ted, when I honor you. I honor you and you must not shrink back. There are many I have called to leadership who will not lead for they do not know how to handle honor when it comes. Honor. Honor. Honor.

32. Ted, listen. You're listening—listen to Me more, deeper, more intensely with your spirit, your present and your future and know that you will be honored and you must honor Me. I will honor you as long as you honor Me.

33. Now honor Me more. Tell of Me more. Be not afraid of momentary honor that people give you, for they are looking for leadership and they are looking for people that will turn them to Me. Shrink not back from what I have for you.

34. And don't be concerned about people reading this or reading anything I have given you. If they have a problem with it they should bring their problem with it to Me first. Those mature in Me know that already. Only the immature are quick to criticize and tear down that which often I am using to open their eyes.

35. So go talk and tell them of Me and how I want to sit with them and their open-eyed naked heart before Me, with even a tablet or paper or whatever they have to capture what I give them, so that they can be nurtured by it afterward, and use it to nurture others.

36. Reproduce, Ted? Yes. That is from Me as well. I want you to reproduce that passion you have for Me in everyone—everyone Ted. And the places in your life that are not as you think they should be, let Me work on those and you move forward.

37. You are now without excuse to move forth in that which I have given you. Move forth and be not disappointed in the years to come. Be entrepreneurial, be creative, and

be forthright with exactly who and what you are with everyone. Let it be known. Be known. Be known. Be known, Ted.

38. Your day is now. Your day is today. Even this meeting tonight with those who are there, I ordained and I brought forth and they shall see and they shall know and they shall be transformed forevermore, if they let Me. If they let Me. If they receive My words and My ways.

39. I promise Ted, I will strike you down if you don't honor Me for I will give honor to those who honor Me and I have great honor for you for you have great honor for Me.

40. Now remember this word, these words as long as you live and always remember to honor Me. You will be tested in this for you are flesh and all flesh deals with this. All who are raised up as those who will put me first are tested in this. That's why I have brought you much knowledge of people past in this area.

41. This is why I am telling you now to receive these people who come to you in years from now—who come to you in love, who come in deep love, for you, for Me, and tell you that you are wrong, that you are off, that you are missing Me somewhere. For you are flesh and not perfect.

42. Ted, I use My body. I use My body and I speak to My people and I speak to My people to speak to My people. That's what every joint together means—everyone needs others and those that I bring to them.

43. Now tell the leaders that they must learn of Me more and they must learn from those they lead more and they must learn from those I bring them. Even the ones from the evil one they will learn from them but not obey or heed their recommendations.

44. Wisdom is ever present. Call on Wisdom more for Wisdom will preserve you and protect you and promote you and propel you into peace.

45. Let no one rob your peace except Me when I am trying to get your attention. Come to Me and I will give you discernment and I will speak, teach, train, and mature you, as you come and keep on coming like you have been, and more.

46. Now go and don't be afraid of man. Don't be afraid of way. Don't be afraid of anything or anyone except not hearing My voice and Me withdrawing My power, my hand from you. Fear Me only and you will go and you will go in power.

47. Now tell them and be not ashamed of Me and be not ashamed of being abased or of being honored by kings. You're mine Ted, and tell them, tell My body that they are Mine. Tell them I bought them with a price and with the blood of Jesus, My Son, My precious Son, My precious Son, My precious Son.

48. Tell them, type this and send it out. Send it out today to all who will listen and open their hearts to me like never before.

49. Tell them I want to talk with them just like I'm talking with you right now. I am God and I want to be known to My people. I want people to know who I am and how I operate and how I love, I dearly love, to talk with My people.

50. So many think I don't speak. They think I'm dumb or dead. Oh, oh, oh if they only knew, if they only would take time with Me.

51. Do I cast My pearls before swine—that come to My table in a hurry only to taste the choicest meat of this world, and then run off—without even talking with me? Come now, is that even reasonable? Is it Ted?

52. I have My table spread and the imagery is correct. My table is spread and I am on the table. I am at the table. I am Me and I want to be with you and all those you will bring Me. I want them at My table to learn of Me and eat My bread and enjoy my meat and enjoy who I am and what I have done for them and what I have given them.

53. I want them Ted. Please tell them. Tell them more. Tell them of Me and how I love them. How I love them. How I want to hear their voice and how I want to be their friend.

54. Did I not create friendship? Yes, I created it. I created relationship. I created words and communication and hearts and spirits and motives which combine to make up a man, a woman, a boy and girl. I caused them to grow. I caused them to need each other and need people, need to talk, need to listen, need to give and receive from each other, blessings, praising, nurturing each other to fullness of growth.

55. Grow Ted and take many with you, as you grow in Me. Now go grow and grow tall and taller and taller, in Me. Grow and I will give you all you need and more than you want.

56. But come to Me. Come to Me alone. Come to Me with others. Come to Me in crowds and in writings. Continue to come and I will continue to give you the desires of your heart.

57. Let them know. Let everyone know that comes in contact with you, about how you write and what I say and how much I want to know them and how much I want them to know Me and be their provider/protector.

58. Thank you Ted for writing this.

59. Tell everyone of how I speak to you so respectfully, so tenderly, so lovingly, with so much kindness and honor. Tell them. Tell them and tell them, that's how you speak to Me. Tell them Ted.

60. Stand up. Lead. Take your place in this dispensation where I am making Myself known to My people, and every hungry heart, like never before in the history of man, the history of civilization, the history of the world.

61. This, Ted, is what your first chapter [of your book] speaks of: The Liberation of the Common Man. I gave that to you. You added some paragraphs of explanation for others as appropriate, but that is from Me.

62. This is a new day, a new level of liberation, freedom to be who I've called each one to be, and you are a herald, you are. Now go. Wear the mantle I have given you and tell them of My coming and how I am readying My bride, My bride, and how I look forward to gathering My bride in my arms like never before.

63. Tell them Ted, and never be ashamed or afraid of powerful men and women who want to tear you down. I am your strength and I am doing a new thing. Go, go do it. And take, carry, propel, nurture all who will listen.

64. Tell Tim thank you for all the hours he's spent with Me lately. Tell him. And be not afraid to call names in the writings and words I give you.

65. Be not afraid of people.

66. I speak. I am God and I speak. I love to speak to those who will listen.

67. You are preparing My people Ted. You are a forerunner though you have never called yourself that. You called yourself a herald once before in print and both are correct. Now go Ted. Shrink not back from what I have given you.

68. The words I have given you are truth. Now go—be about My business and worry not about the details you can't change or don't know what to do with.

69. I will bring you people and I will bring you money. I will bring you what and who you need to do what I want done—done now—and done through you.

70. Now tell them I await their presence in My chamber. My chamber. Tell them I am inviting them, even now, through you and these words, into my closest quarters, to sit down with Me and talk, ask, speak, listen, and even write. Tell them I want to know them. Tell them. Tell them. I want to be Me and I want to be known.

71. I don't want to be misrepresented by so many who speak for Me and don't know Me.

72. Tell them, and the friends I bring you will cross all boundaries. They will cross all—every line—of your past thinking. Embrace them, embrace the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the beggars and the kings and queens and ambassadors and the heads of states, countries, nations, even coalitions of things yet unseen.

73. I order the steps of those who will let Me order them. That's why I am using you. I'm using you now, Ted. I'm using you because you've said you want Me to AND you have given me permission, repeatedly, to take you and do with you whatever I want.

74. You have prayed for correction repeatedly. You have prayed that I would discipline you and even judge you. You have prayed that I would beat you and do whatever I wanted to, to not be deceived. You have come and presented yourself and now, and more and more so, I present Myself to you.

75. This is love, Ted. This is where we give of ourselves so lovingly, so freely, so unreservedly. Lovers Ted. Lovers Ted. Tell them. Do your best to convey to them what you feel even as you write this with tears in your eyes and your heart full of My presence.

76. Tell them. Give them the word of June 6, 2002, and tell them to be lovers of Me, but not just lovers of Me, to be lovers with Me.

77. Tell them it is possible and it is permissible. It is now that I invite all who will hear your words to come into My chambers and to experience My love like you have. And Ted—I have so much more, so much more. You shall see and you shall experience and you shall tell.

78. Remember Ted, how people came to you and prophesied that you would have "many spiritual children, many spiritual children" back in '95, '96 and '97? All that was of Me Ted. And you will see them. You will see them. For you will point them to Me.

79. Now on that name Ted. Ted Cottingham Ministries is fine. It's you. I knew you wanted to name what you do something else. And I may direct you otherwise later. But for now—for today—just for now, operate as Ted Cottingham Ministries, and I shall raise you up beyond your wildest imagination, because, you honor Me. You honor My Holy Spirit. You honor that which I honor. You honor people. You honor old people and kids and those who can do nothing for you personally.

80. You honor My Word and you honor my words. Now go and grow and honor Me and those that I bring you and all who will hear My words. Even those who will not hear My words and reject you and Me, honor. I operate with honor and truth.

81. Tell them. Tell them to work out their salvation, their relationship, with fear and trembling, not through any other man or woman, and I will give them beauty, splendor, and let them taste of majesty that they cannot imagine. What I have prepared for them will awe them and propel them.

82. Teach them, teach them and call my ministers to pray and to know Me and share My words with those they lead like I'm sharing with you and you're sharing with them.

83. And tell them to never be above rebuke by those in My love. Tell them to bring to Me every word of both honor and rebuke and give those words to Me. Be not wounded by words. Be wounded only for Me. I will speak, I will correct and I will judge.

84. I look forward to you being with Me Ted. I look forward to you putting your arm around my shoulder and hugging Me and telling Me you love Me. I look forward to you walking beside Me down paths that I have prepared for you, both in earth and in heaven.

I look forward to sitting down and answering your questions about scriptures, and your family, and things in your heart that you have told Me you want to know. I look forward, Ted, to introducing you to David, and to Abraham, and Moses, and Joseph, those you have spoken to Me about, and others, as one that I have chosen, because, you have chosen Me.

85. I like your touch, Ted. I love your touch, just like you like and love Barbi just to touch you. Just to touch your hand, your arm, your side, your shoulder, your head, your back. You love her so much. You love her touch.

86. And I love your touch. I love the way you touch Me when we talk. And I look forward to when you touch Me in person, and we walk and we talk. Enoch is in My word for a reason. Enoch is in My word for all who will accept what I have provided. Enoch is in My word for all who will come to My table, drink my cup, eat my meat.

87. I love you, Ted. I love your tears. I love your response when I touch you. I will touch you more. I will come to you more and I will answer more of your questions, for you, Ted, have grasped the relationship, the kind of relationship I want with My people.

88. Now grow, grow, and grow, and nourish all those around you who will listen.

89. Put My words everywhere. Put them on the internet, keep mailing them and don't be concerned with those who don't want them. It's okay.

90. I'll be Me, and you be you. I will grow and you will grow.

91. Thank you, Ted. Thank you. Thank you.
Thank you for listening. Thank you for writing.
Thank you for bearing no pretense—opening yourself totally to Me to take and use how I will—how I want to.

92. Spawn a new generation, Ted. Spawn an entirely new generation, a flood of people who seek Me for who I am so I can speak like this, and more.

93. I will take care of your taxes. I will take care of the relationships that concern you. I will take care of what concerns you.

94. I am your provider.
I am your father.
I am your king.
I am your friend.

95. Now go, grow, and grow others and teach them. Teach them. Teach them.

96. Do you think I want to go now? Do you? Or do you think I want to keep talking to you, with you, and just continue to discuss these things, details, and other subjects so you can get them on paper for others as well as yourself?

97. You know Me. You're getting to know Me and you're right. I would give you more. I will give you more. I don't choose to stop with My people. They choose to stop. Tell them, don't stop. Fear Me but don't fear me. Explain that to them. Most will understand.

98. Bring more tablets. Keep typing My words and I will keep speaking.

99. Now go, grow and be happy for I have provided much for you.

Dad