House Party – Part 7

"One House. One Blessing."
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

Fresh from a conference in South Africa, Pastor Ron shares what he saw when an entire church moves as one: packed buildings, debt-free growth, and a culture of "high buy-in." It stirred a conviction that God wants to do the same through a house that is strong and unified. The "blessing there is not room enough to receive" is a corporate promise, not just an individual one. We are tied together in generosity, and the legacy we leave is measured by what we give, not what we keep.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Malachi 3:8-10; Joshua 7:1, 11; Proverbs 11:24-25; Acts 4:32-35

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Exposure Changes What You Believe Is Possible

- Exposure to what God is doing stretches our faith. When you see it, you are far more likely to step into it.
- When exposed to new things, it's important to learn, not to impress. He listened more than he spoke and asked, "How are you doing this?"
- Holy dissatisfaction is not cynicism. It lets us see what could be without despising what is.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When have you seen or experienced something that changed what you believed was possible for your life, your family, or your church?
2. There is a difference between holy dissatisfaction and cynicism. Where do you tend to land, and what helps you stay hopeful and inspired?

> **APPLY IT**
> Ask someone further along than you in generosity, faith, or service to coffee this week. Ask them "How are you doing this?" and listen more than you talk.

2. A Strong House Is Built on Buy-In

- American culture celebrates individuality, which can make it hard to rally around one vision.

- But when people forge their resources, passion, gifts, and time into one move, a house becomes strong enough to bless a whole region.
- Buy-in is not uniformity. It is choosing to be part of something bigger than our preferences.
- Paul urged believers to speak and think in unity (1 Corinthians 1:10), and that is difficult in a culture of cynicism.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Individuality is a good gift, but it can also make unity harder. How have you seen this show up in church, work, or family life?
2. What would it look like for you to "buy in" more fully to this house? What would you bring (time, gifts, resources, prayer)?

> **APPLY IT-** Pick one way to invest in the house this month, such as serving on a team, showing up consistently, or giving. Write it down and tell your group so they can cheer you on.

3. The Blessing Is Corporate: We Are Tied Together

- God said the whole nation had robbed Him (Mal. 3). God sees His people as one body.
- The "blessing there is not room enough to receive" is a promise to a people, which means "I'm tied to you whether I like it or not, and you're tied to me."
- Individual faithfulness still matters, and Pastor Ron affirmed the personal blessing of tithing, but the overflowing blessing is shared.
- Achan's hidden choice affected everyone. Our choices, good and bad, ripple outward.
- The picture is not shame but responsibility: we carry the blessing together.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Does it change anything to think of God's promise in Malachi 3 as a corporate promise rather than only a personal one? Why or why not?
2. Achan's choice affected a whole community. How have you seen one person's faithfulness, or one person's hidden struggle, impact a group?

> **APPLY IT-** Pray this week for the people in your group by name, asking God to bless their faithfulness. Ask Him to show you anything you've been holding back that He's asking you to release.

4. You're Remembered for What You Give

- "You are not known for what you kept. You are remembered for what you gave."
- Scripture shows that kingdom economy runs on giving. In the early church, generosity was so shared that there was no one among them who lacked, and Pastor Ron longs to see that kind of church.
- Proverbs 11:24-25: the one who keeps resources flowing always moves up, while hoarding leads to lack.
- God functions out of giving, not just out of gift. He sent the widow someone to give to, not someone to give to her.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Whose generosity do you remember, and how did it shape you?
2. In a culture that chases achievement and success, what makes generosity feel risky? What would help you take the next step with an open hand?

> **APPLY IT -** Think of one need around you (in your group, church, or community) and meet it quietly this week with your time, your resources, or your encouragement.

CONCLUSION & CHALLENGE

God is not asking for a few strong individuals; He is looking for a strong house, a people who see together, give together, and carry one another. When we take individual responsibility, and a whole house is bought in, the result is not just a bigger church but a blessing that reaches every church in the region.

Group Challenge

Go around the circle and have each person finish this sentence: "If our whole house was bought in, I believe God could…" Then pray together for your church, your city, and one another, asking God to make Redemption a strong house. Commit to checking in during the week to share how each person is investing.

Closing Prayer *- Father, thank You that You see us as one body. Give us eyes to see what You are doing and the faith to believe it can happen here. Make our house strong, and unite our hearts, our gifts, and our resources for Your kingdom. Search us and show us anything we are holding back. Teach us to give freely, to carry one another, and to be remembered for what we gave. Let our church be a blessing to our city and to every church in our region. We say yes. In Jesus' name, Amen.*