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"For My house shall be called a  
house of prayer for all nations"

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**Closing a Chapter...** As I'm sitting in Wichita – mid-transition – writing this, I've finished, more or less, the hard part of transition. Sure, going somewhere new with lots of uncertainty about what's next and much certainty of rebuilding with relationships and assignments and even patterns of daily life, is not easy either, but the hard part is letting go of the place God has set us currently where we're deeply invested, comfortable and at home, deeply loved and deeply loving in a God-given community.

I can't say the goodbyes were easy, but I can say they were done in Christ, and they were beautiful. In Christ, we get to say goodbyes without worry – He entrusted people into my life for a certain time and I loved them the best I could, now I get to give them back for Him to keep them (*see Jesus' example in John 17:9-19*). In Christ, we get to say goodbyes without disappointments – even if we didn't see all that we dreamed we would see, we know that one sows and another harvests (*John 4:34-38*) and nothing sown in love is in vain.

In Christ, we get to say goodbyes with gratitude – God gives us community as a gift to express parts of His love toward us. In Christ, we get to say goodbyes with expectation – there's a reward for obedience, both for those who go and for those who send, and we can know that it will be glory to glory for those leaving and those staying.

In Christ, we get to say goodbyes with eyes on the eternal – knowing that faith, hope and love remain and we have an eternal inheritance in all those we've related with in an eternal way, and they in us. It's great reflecting on good times spent with friends... it's glorious reflecting on the eternal changes made in hearts before the Lord through our life together, our love and our ministry to one another.

The promise of God is that when we leave home and family to follow God, we don't lose them, we just keep gaining more homes and more families, AND eternal life! (*Mark 10:29-30*) I know I will always have a home and a family in Oklahoma City, and an inheritance in them and they in me, and I'm so grateful to God for the gift of these last few years and especially the people that made them beautiful!

**Opening a New One...** On the long drive down to Jackson, I was talking with God about this next season with Iris in California and what it may hold for me. It's extraordinary to me how perfectly this school fits dreams and desires God had put in my heart years ago – to see simple, kingdom communities full of the love of God and experiencing revival here in the much-distracted, much-complicated, much-confused Western world. Even more extraordinary, though, is His timing. While I may have thought to be part of such a training and connected with such a ministry long ago immediately upon receiving God's call on my life, He knew to lead me through a series of experiences that – while I wouldn't necessarily want to live them again – I wouldn't trade for the world. They changed me, softened me, strengthened me, broke me, humbled me and left me more in love with Jesus and His ways and eager to lay down my own. In short, they left my hands open and my heart free, to let go of much that would have stood in the way and to eagerly receive all that I believe God wants to give in this next season!

**From the Blog:** [burningone.wordpress.com](http://burningone.wordpress.com)

#### The Isaiah 56 Focus:

- **Week 4: [The Lifestyle of God's House – Voluntary Weakness](#)**
- **Week 5: [The Perspective of God's House – The Bridal Paradigm](#)**
- **Week 6: [The Cry of God's House – Kingdom Come](#)**
- **Week 7: [The Mission of God's House – Friends of the Bridegroom](#)**
- **Week 8: [Responding to God's Dream](#)**

#### Updates/Testimonies:

- The Jackson trip was a deeply impactful time of ministry and learning for our whole team, filled with the love of Jesus! Thanks for your prayers!
- NBI has received a grant to start up human trafficking outreach and prayer efforts in Amarillo, TX that will follow the model of our work in OKC!

#### Upcoming/Prayer Requests:

- **September 18<sup>th</sup>** marks the beginning of a new season for me as part of the **[Iris Leaders School](#)** in Pismo Beach, California. Pray for grace and wisdom in this time of transition.
- Pray with me for clear God-given focus on this time of training, receiving and connecting.
- Pray for God to direct my time in ministry, in study, in investing in relationships, and in writing.
- Pray for God-ordained relationships in California: with mentors I'm to receive from, with brothers and sisters to run with, and with those I'll minister to.

Thanks for your love and support in this last chapter! I'm excited to begin the next one together!

~ Tim