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26-0121-Tour 9-The Band of Brothers, Part 2

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(0:04) The Engagement Project, Tour 9, The Band of Brothers, Part 2. (0:10) Reflections on Del Tackett's Climatic Call to Kingdom Engagement. (0:15) In the culminating session of Del Tackett's The Engagement Project, Tour 9, (0:19) The Band of Brothers, Part 2, participants are drawn into a profound and urgent challenge, (0:26) building on the foundation laid throughout the 10-tour series, a sequel to the renowned Truth (0:32) Project. This final installment shifts from theoretical worldview formation to practical (0:38) communal action.

Tackett emphasizes that believers are not mere spectators in God's (0:45) redemptive story, but active ambassadors called to engage their immediate spheres with the gospel's (0:53) transforming power. The session confronts personal and cultural barriers, (0:58) while renewing a vision for deep, sacrificial relationships that advance the kingdom. (1:05) Building on Tour 9, Part 1's foundation of indwelling empowerment and deep love, (1:12) Tackett in Part 2 candidly examines the obstacles that hinder believers from experiencing (1:19) and extending true shalom, God's comprehensive peace and wholeness.

Pride stands foremost, (1:26) the insidious all-about-me mentality that prioritizes self over service. Fear follows (1:34) closely, paralyzing action in a world increasingly hostile to biblical truth. (1:41) Isolation and unhealthy dependency erode the community God designed, while pervasive doom, (1:48) gloom, and apathy sap spiritual vitality.

Persistent, unaddressed sins create internal (1:56) strongholds, and perhaps most dangerously, a lack of vision, losing sight of God's grand (2:03) meta-narrative, leaves individuals drifting without purpose. Tackett masterfully diagnoses (2:11) these barriers not as abstract concepts, but as real-life impediments to prevent Christians (2:18) from fulfilling the royal calling. With these obstacles laid bare, the session pivots to a (2:26) powerful reaffirmation of the vision that has threaded through the entire project.

(2:33) Believers are summoned to build deep, authentic relationships with those whom God has providentially (2:40) placed in their Jerusalem, the immediate circle of neighbors, co-workers, family, (2:46) and community members right next door. This is no vague aspiration. It demands intentionality, (2:55) praying earnestly for these individuals and then acting on those prayers.

Engagement must be marked (3:03) by grace, wisdom, and truth delivered in an attractively

winsome manner that reflects (3:09) God's character. The call is to tear down relational walls, build trust through consistent (3:17) love, and do the hard work of the kingdom demonstrating the reality of God's reign (3:23) in everyday interactions. Tackett grounds this vision in sobering reality by presenting (3:30) grim statistics from the preceding 10 weeks, illustrating the rapid moral and cultural (3:37) decline in society.

These numbers serve as a wake-up call. The world is not improving on its (3:46) own, and the church cannot afford complacency. Believers live next door to people in desperate (3:52) need, spiritually lost, emotionally broken, or relationally fractured, and these neighbors (3:59) are no accident of geography.

They are sovereignly positioned by God for divine encounter (4:06) through his people. A poignant biblical anchor comes from the story of King Josiah in 2 Kings (4:14) chapters 22 and 23. Upon hearing the rediscovered book of the law, Josiah tore his robes in (4:22) repentance and grief over the nation's sins.

Tackett poses the piercing question, (4:28) would we do the same? In an age of widespread biblical illiteracy and cultural compromise, (4:35) does the state of our land move us to humble, repentant action? This moment invites deep (4:42) self-examination. Are we grieved enough to move beyond passive observation? (4:50) Tackett personalizes the message with a touching story from his own life. (4:55) When a new neighbor built a house directly behind his property, it presented an unexpected (5:01) opportunity.

Rather than viewing it as an inconvenience, Tackett saw divine providence. (5:08) He prayed for a meaningful relationship to develop, trusting God to open doors. (5:14) Over time, faithfulness in prayer and small acts of kindness bore fruit, illustrating God's (5:21) reliability in answering petitions for relational breakthroughs.

This anecdote encourages (5:27) participants. God honors prayers aligned with his mission and uses ordinary circumstances (5:35) to forge kingdom connections. The session reaches a spiritual high point with the contemplation of (5:42) Ezekiel 37, the Valley of Dry Bones.

In this vision, God commands Ezekiel to prophesy life (5:50) into a field of lifeless skeletons, and breath enters them, forming a vast army. (5:56) Tackett draws a parallel to the modern church. Many believers feel spiritually dry, (6:03) disconnected, or ineffective.

Yet God promises to breathe his spirit upon us afresh, (6:09) reviving us to become the salt and light he has called us to be. This prophetic imagery stirs (6:16) hope. God can and will revitalize his people for a mission when they seek his face.

(6:24) The Torah concludes with a stirring charge, drawn from Romans 8, where Paul declares (6:29) that believers are more than conquerors through Christ, inseparable from God's love. (6:36) Nothing in creation can separate us from it, empowering us to face any obstacle. (6:42) This transitions into the final episode of the King's Order, a narrative or devotional element (6:48) that encapsulates the project's themes of royal identity, sacrifice, and mission.

Tackett delivers (6:56) a commissioning charge, reminding participants of their ambassadorial role in the kingdom. (7:03) In a moving ceremonial close, Tackett hands out embassy plaques to the students. (7:08) These tangible symbols—metal plaques inscribed to declare a home as an embassy of the kingdom (7:15) of heaven—serve as reminders that every believer's residence is an outpost

of God's rule.

(7:23) They are invitations to radical hospitality, prayerful engagement, and winsome witness. (7:30) Receiving one marks not just completion of a study, but entry into ongoing kingdom work. (7:37) Tour 9, The Band of Brothers, Part 2, is more than a lesson.

It's a call to arms for the church. (7:45) In an era of isolation and cultural decay, Tackett urges believers to form unbreakable bonds (7:52) of fellowship, the Band of Brothers, to support one another in engaging the lost with love and (7:59) truth. As the series ends, hope prevails.

God is faithful, his spirit breathes life, (8:08) and ordinary Christians empowered by grace can change everything through intentional, (8:15) prayer-fueled engagement.