

# TOP LESSONS OF 2020

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MICHELLE:

When it comes to a platform and the Kingdom, you will build one and walk in the other. Choose to build the Kingdom and walk in a platform. Otherwise, you will build a platform and walk in the Kingdom but not build it.

You cannot build a platform without building your pride.

It is much easier to stay humble when you aren't constantly trying to build yourself.

Our enemy's number one goal is to win us over to his side. If he does not succeed at that, he tries to distract us.

A platform is a dangerous goal.

Has your platform building gotten out of hand?

2 Timothy 4:5

Doing the work of an evangelist is the key step to fulfilling each of our ministries.

#1: are you more concerned with people who haven't found you or people who haven't found Christ?

#2: Does it revolve around pleasing people and the algorithm or pleasing God and what He has called you to do?

#3: Does your content ever attempt to pass off someone else's words/thoughts/ideas as your own?

#4: Do you ever exaggerate or over-glamorize what you're actually doing? The journey that He takes us on is all part of how He gets the glory. People will see Him by seeing what He is doing in your life.

#5: Do you assume that everything that God gives you is for sharing? Then our relationship with Him is more about consumption than intimacy.

Don't assume that everything that He is doing is for immediate sharing. That sacrifices the intimacy of your personal relationship with Him.

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Continuing in ministry for the long haul is dependent on your relationship and intimacy with Him.

**SOMER:**

Most of parenting is explaining how/why/when etc. It's been the most beautifully frustrating thing in 2020 to not have all the answers but instead point them to the One who does. Lesson: Eventually, my kids should go to Jesus before they come to me, but that will only happen if I aim them in His direction instead of mine.

We try so hard to have the answers for our kids.

It's better that they learn right now that there are not answers for everything.

In the moments when we don't have the answers, we have to point them back to the Lord.

Don't speak before you're ready to speak.

The world's answer is always going to sound better, be cooler, etc.

It is beautifully frustrating thing to not have all the answers.

James 1:4

Point your kids to the Bible. If you lack wisdom, ask Him for it.

**MICHELLE:**

Don't live as if you're accountable to God for things He hasn't asked you to do.

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Production does not necessarily equal obedience.

We will be accountable for how much we did of what He asked us to do.

We have to determine what He asks us specifically to do.

Identify the assignments that He has given only to you.

- I am the only one that can cultivate my relationship with the Lord.
- I am the only one that is \_\_\_\_\_'s wife.
- I am the only one that is \_\_\_\_\_'s mom.
- As I go, I am personally called to make disciples.

Why do less important things compete in our lives with the most important things?

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Stop letting things be so close in importance.

There is a difference in production and obedience.

**SOMER:**

Just because you can, doesn't mean you should... on a whole new level (the can-do-shouldn't-do-yet list)

The Lord cares more about you doing what He's called you to do than you doing everything you think you're good at.

The answer isn't always yes just because there's margin in the schedule.

Sometimes margin is for your marriage, your kids, your sleep...

2 Corinthians 12:9

"Just because I can, doesn't mean I should" list

**MICHELLE:**

It's easy to confuse stewardship with attempting to micromanage things beyond your control. Fight to live the difference.

Stewardship includes maintaining everything God has given us which is everything that we have.

- Callings
- Bodies
- Gifts/talents/abilities
- Finances
- Time

Stewardship begins with God, involves God, trusts God, knows that God is ultimately in control.

Micromanagement forgets God, doesn't ask God for wisdom, doesn't pray for God's guidance.

As believers, we in our hearts, motives, fullness of our action determine what is spiritual and what is secular.

Absent of prayer, seeking wisdom from the Lord.

It becomes spiritual when I involve God and it's not about me.

Over production and overwhelm go hand in hand.

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Has my overachievement led me to overproduction which led me to overwhelm?

SOMER:

Community is important, community with discipleship is VITAL.

In order to live, you need both.

Community with discipleship is the heartbeat of your spiritual health.

We are called to go and make disciples.

We don't get to get out of it because we're too shy, our house is too small...

Discipleship is not pressure on me.

God's word + people = discipleship

Your challenge: Open your homes/backyards and intentionally disciple a group of women.

Christian leaders rise up and at some point they become too distant to do the hands on.

Danger zone: a Christian leader who cannot sit down and disciple.

A Christian leader looks like discipleship – meeting people where they are at, healthier walk with the Lord, intimate walk with the Lord, calling them up and calling them out.

Call them up and call them out.

Discipleship is multiplication.

The end goal is to affirm them and move them into what is next.

Disciple and then hand off.