



2026 VICTORY FAMILY CONFERENCE • DAY 2 • MEN'S SESSION

Discover Who You Are In This Season

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*This is the Year of Discovery: **Grace for Beyond.** Don't quit discovering who you are in this season, and beyond. **God is not done with you.** He always had it. He just needs you to expect it.*

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OPENING

A Living Testimony of Discovery

- ◆ In January, Pastor Demond made a decision: "God, I'm going to see everything You have for me in 2026." Being open to discover ALL God has for 2026 and beyond.
- ◆ "God has changed my life in 8 months."
- ◆ God said: "I always had it for you. I just need you to expect it."
- ◆ The discovery: in 2017, two days after burying the man he called father for over 40 years, his mother told him that man was not his biological father. He gave it to God and kept doing ministry. In January 2026, right after the fast, an Ancestry match surfaced. He discovered a **biological father he never knew** (still alive, living across the street from his old elementary school) and **four biological sisters**, one in his own neighborhood. His biological father attended the church anniversary this year.
- ◆ Health testimony: the doctors three weeks ago: "I don't know what you did, but your numbers all turned around."
- ◆ "I changed my mindset, and when I changed my mindset, things began to happen."
- ◆ Don't park in the past. "Some of you are still parked in high school." Don't get comfortable being saved. Keep the "what's next?" mentality.

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God is not done with you. He has so much in store for you, if you're open for it.

PASTOR DEMOND TAYLOR

Growth Is Intentional: Grace Upon Grace

2 PETER 3:18 • NKJV

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."

- ◆ **Growth is not automatic; it is intentional.** You cannot just make a vision board. You have to put work in and be intentional with God.
- ◆ **Spiritual growth is a commandment, not a suggestion.** Peter does not say "grow if you feel like it." He says CONTINUE to grow.
- ◆ We are commanded to grow spiritually, and we do so by **growing in grace**.

JOHN 1:16-17 • AMPC (AS READ)

"For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received... one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift heaped upon gift. For while the Law was given through Moses, grace (unearned, undeserved favor and spiritual blessing) and truth came through Jesus Christ."

- ◆ Out of His fullness: the **superabundance** of His grace and truth. Grace upon grace. Spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing. Favor upon favor. Gift upon gift!
- ◆ The BMW testimony: God said it was time to get a car. A 2017 BMW, mint condition, 24,600 miles, \$35,000. "I ran out because I felt like I stole the car. I was looking for the police. But I'm in my season of favor."

DECLARE THIS

"I AM IN MY SEASON OF FAVOR!"

TOOL NUMBER ONE

Stand on the Word of God

- ◆ Not just *confessing* the Word. Not just *reading* the Word. Not just *knowing* the Word.
- ◆ The Word must be the foundation of everything: your **final authority**, your rock, your firm foundation in all that you do.
- ◆ Pastor Cynthia's line that rings in his ears: **"I don't have a Plan B!"**
- ◆ The test: **are you really standing on the Word, or are you standing on your emotions?** When things happen (good, bad, ugly), is the Word the first place you go?

EPHESIANS 6:10-18 • KJV (AS READ)

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand... Above all, taking the shield of faith... and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always..."

- ◆ Be strong **in the Lord** and in the power of HIS might, not your own.
- ◆ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand. Say: **"I AM ABLE!"**
- ◆ Above all: the shield of faith. The helmet of salvation. The sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. Praying always.
- ◆ Say: **"I've got the POWER,"** and it is the power of the Word.

GALATIANS 6:9 • NKJV

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

- ◆ Do not get weary in well doing. Do not faint. Do not give up on God. Do not give up on the Word.
- ◆ In due season we shall reap. "This is my reaping season."

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Are you really standing on the Word of God, or are you standing on your emotions?

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TOOL NUMBER TWO

Be OPEN for the MORE

- ◆ This is the season: I must be open for more. **Do not get comfortable.** Whatever God wants to do, be OPEN FOR MORE.
- ◆ Open for more in your ministry. In your walk with God. For your family. With your health.

PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14 • AMPC (AS READ)

"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind me and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press toward the goal to win the heavenly prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

- ◆ Sometimes, for men, what robs us is our victories. Not just the bad; the good too. You think you did something.
- ◆ Why does the writer say PRESS? Because your past (good or bad) is always trying to hold you back.
- ◆ Being comfortable with your past will keep you from moving forward to the will of God in this season. **Being comfortable keeps you from moving forward.**
- ◆ The new-shoes principle: new shoes are not comfortable at first, but the more you wear them, the more comfortable you get. God wants you to get comfortable with the new, and once you do, He will lead you to the next new.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-12 • NKJV (AS READ)

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God... Now we have received... the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God."

- ◆ "I did not know I needed my biological family. **I did not know.** But the Holy Spirit knew, and He knew **WHEN** I needed it."
- ◆ There are things you do not even know you need until you are open for discovery and for something more. **The Holy Spirit knows what you need.**
- ◆ In ministry you are doing so much for so many other people. You check on everybody; who checks on you? God knows what **YOU** need.
- ◆ What is your story? And are you **blocking** it? God has **SO MUCH MORE** for you. It might be God restoring your relationship with your father, your mother, or your kids. Are you open for it?
- ◆ Make the decision: the latter part of my years will be my best years.

RICK'S WAY OF SAYING IT

"The rest of my days will be the best of my days!"

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TOOL NUMBER THREE

HOPE AGAIN!

- ◆ You must look forward to something. **Hope means to look forward to with desire and reasonable confidence.** Hope gives you a desire for what is about to happen. Get excited.
- ◆ Don't become religious. Don't become passive. Many have become so comfortable that they don't hope anymore and don't believe anymore.
- ◆ **Don't let money cause you to stop believing.** You know what your paycheck can do. But what can God do? What can you believe God for? What are you HOPING for in this season?
- ◆ When he had nothing (free lunch, government cheese in the brown box), he had hope. He has "flown in faith." Prosperity can quietly kill hope; guard it.
- ◆ **PUSH FORWARD.**

HEBREWS 6:19 • AMPC (AS READ)

"Now we have this hope as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul. It cannot slip, and it cannot break down under whoever steps out upon it..."

- ◆ There is a hope **anchored in my soul.** It cannot slip. It cannot break down. It was stepped on, but it still stands.

ROMANS 15:13 • NKJV

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

- ◆ Joy and peace **IN BELIEVING.** Abound in hope **by the power of the Holy Spirit.**
- ◆ **"The Holy Spirit IGNITES my hope!"**

- ◆ Rick's phrase: "The excitement that comes from HOPE and the serenity that comes from PEACE."

PROVERBS 13:12 • NKJV

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life."

- ◆ Your heart will be sick if you are not hoping anymore. Pastor Demond: **"I need you not to be sick anymore."** Get your hope back. Hope again!
- ◆ **God does not have grandkids.** Your children are God's kids. Stop stressing. Get your hope back about your children. When you let God be in their lives, God can do what He wants to do in their lives.
- ◆ His testimony: he released his daughter to God her second semester; she made the dean's list. "When I stepped into my position, she stepped into hers."

HEBREWS 11:1 • KJV

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

- ◆ We have to go **FROM HOPE TO FAITH**. If you have no hope, you will never get to the faith stage. Faith is the substance of things HOPED for; faith needs hope to attach to.
- ◆ Get your desire up. Get your hope up. Build it. Meditate on it. (He sat in cars at the dealership, imagined the rims and the tint: building desire before attaching faith.)
- ◆ **You have to become it on the inside before you can become it on the outside.** You will never get the manifestation on the outside until you hope and believe on the inside.
- ◆ This is our season. This is our time.

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You know what your paycheck can do. But what can God do? What are you believing God for?

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Apostle Tony: Hope, Keys, and the Extremes of God

- ◆ "I don't want a Word life with no manifestation. I don't want a prayer life with no manifestation. I don't want a Christian life without manifestation."
- ◆ Men are under crazy pressure, especially financial pressure, and we **pretend** instead of using the tools in our toolbox. Stop pretending; use the tools. One of the greatest tools is hope. **Partner that hope with your faith and it produces.**
- ◆ The gauge: joy and peace **IN** your believing. "Peace: nothing missing, nothing lacking, on the inside first. Then nothing will be missing on the outside."
- ◆ The pool story: his daughter hoped for a pool; he did not, so nothing happened. When he finally started building the dream (an amazing pool house), the Lord said: **"Son, you're believing Me for a pool house. I'm trying to give you a water park."** God always keeps stretching you beyond where you are.

EPHESIANS 3:20 • KJV

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

- ◆ What the Lord told him: **"I want to do things in your life that are not incremental. If I do it incremental, people will think you did it. I want to do something so extreme that when it is done, people say it's only God."**
- ◆ "He says to me all the time: the V doesn't have billionaires." God is pushing us far beyond where we are.
- ◆ The keys principle: those dreams are locked inside all of us, and God puts the key in somebody else. You cannot unlock it yourself, because God does not want you doing life by yourself. That is why honor matters, and why we need one another.

- ◆ "There are a lot of men who did not show up. When you show up, God has an opportunity to open doors and unlock things in you."
- ◆ "The world is waiting for what God put in me. Let's do something with the dreams God put in us."

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APOSTLE TONY BRAZELTON, WHAT THE LORD SAID TO HIM

CAPTURE THIS

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RICK PINA'S DECLARATION

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Themes

Discovery is a lifestyle: keep asking "what's next?"

Growth is intentional, commanded, and powered by grace

The Word as final authority: no Plan B

Comfort, even the comfort of victories, is the enemy of the next season

The Holy Spirit knows what you need before you do

Hope is the runway faith takes off from

Manifestation starts on the inside

God puts your keys in somebody else's hand: show up

Nuggets

- ◆ Don't park in high school. That mirror is deceiving.
- ◆ New shoes hurt first, then fit. So does the new season.
- ◆ Your paycheck can cap your prayers if you let it.
- ◆ Free-lunch seasons produce hope; comfortable seasons kill it. Guard your hope in prosperity.

- ◆ Build the desire first (sit in the car, smell it, picture the rims), then attach faith to it.
- ◆ Release your kids to God: He has no grandkids.
- ◆ Show up. The key to your next season is in the room.

Reflection Questions

1. What is your story, and are you blocking it?
2. Are you standing on the Word or on your emotions?
3. Which victory are you camped on that God wants you to press past?
4. What are you hoping for in this season, beyond what your paycheck can do?
5. Whose key are you missing because you keep not showing up?

How This Applies to Us

- 1 Make the January decision today.** Tell God: "I want to see everything You have for me in 2026 and beyond," and expect it.
- 2 Put the Word first, not your emotions.** When anything happens (good, bad, ugly), open the Word before you open your mouth. No Plan B.
- 3 Run the comfort audit.** Name the place you have gotten comfortable (ministry, health, family, walk with God) and do one uncomfortable new thing this week.
- 4 Ask the Holy Spirit what you need.** He knew Pastor Demond needed a family he did not know existed. Pray: "Show me what I don't know I need."
- 5 Rebuild your hope list.** Write down what you are believing God for that your paycheck cannot buy. Meditate on it until the desire is real, then attach faith.
- 6 Release your children to God.** He has no grandkids. Step into your position and let them step into theirs.
- 7 Say the declarations out loud.** "I AM IN MY SEASON OF FAVOR." "I AM ABLE." "I'VE GOT THE POWER." "The rest of my days will be the best of my days."
- 8 Keep showing up with men.** Somebody in the room has the key God assigned to your next season.



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