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Father, thank you for teaching me that You have always intended for me to be a minister to those around me. The yearnings I have had to help others know You were placed in me by the Holy Spirit. You crafted me to be a person who thinks deeply about things and to have the disposition to implement pragmatic solutions to the problems I can identify. Those traits can be off-putting to others who were designed to be more greatly relational than I seem to have been crafted. As such, it has been a challenge for me, at times, to invest enough energy into relationship building. I tend to give relationship building a solid try, then slide my focus to building solutions. I have been very successful in building solutions, yet I can see that You have always intended for me to be an exceedingly wonderful relationship builder.

This project was all about communicating a message of hope to a broken system. In order to be heard, people have to form an opinion that I care about them and trust me enough to listen to the first video. The messaging seems to be on-point, and those that I know who have watched the videos have given positive feedback on understanding the messaging and feeling challenged to respond to that message. I can see how You have enabled me to have my own voice, rather than copying someone else's manner or message. I thank You for reminding me of the value You place upon me and the sacred trust you have given to me to share Your good news to the world around me.

The message in the project was primarily about devotion. I admit to being wrecked when I think about devotion for any amount of time, as I can see how I routinely pursue my own agenda rather than my own. Recently, I taught out of Rev 20, where Satan is released after being bound for one thousand years and turns the people against God. My observation was that these people had lived under the thousand-year earthly reign of Jesus, yet they rebelled. Their parents, grandparents, etc., would have a lineage of people who lived through the Great Tribulation and

saw the Beast and the False Prophet destroyed, along with the armies of the world. With all that knowledge, these people chose to believe the lies of Satan and allowed themselves to attack the "camp of God," which leads to their utter destruction. As I reflect upon their actions, I find my sinful self behaving the same way these people choose to behave. All of this encourages me to chose to be the person God intends for me to be, rather than the person I will naturally become if I do not head for the higher lands of God's ways.

The condition of the modern church is not surprising. God loves His people, and He is calling for them to chose Him. I am honored to be included to be one of those point others toward Him and His ways. I look forward to the next micro-project, which will allow me to build another tool that will help me communicate with others. The projects have been fun to complete, and it is motivating to think about using them. The real challenge will be engaging at a high level to use these tools for Kingdom impact.