

Confirmations Received By Board Re: Cameron Presson as Next Pastor of Hope Anthem.

- 2-5 - When Jerod told the Board that he had been called away by the Lord, all five board members had already been prepared by the Lord individually that Jerod would be leaving soon. There weren't any reasons to believe Jerod would leave as the church is thriving and even picking up momentum lately, but the Lord had prepared our hearts for this before it occurred.

Prayed for the next leader collectively as a Board. Received vision of David being chosen by the Lord and called forward by Samuel. Lord revealed that our next pastor has already been chosen, set apart, equipped and anointed by God to lead Hope Anthem. In addition, this person will be brought forward by the Lord and will not be the product of our own search for a candidate.

Confirmation Received: Later this evening Jerod told us about Cameron. During the interview with Pastor Jeremy on 2-23 we learned that God had called Cameron to lead in August or September of 2024, but they were waiting on God to tell them where. At that time they shared their leading with Pastor Jeremy and he has been mentoring, teaching and essentially equipping them to become a lead pastor. Through conversations with Jeremy and also the Baba's both leaders believe Cameron and Kelsey carry an anointing. In meeting them the Board concurs that they do as well. Thus Cameron had already been chosen, set apart, equipped and anointed at the time this word was given and he was brought forward by the Lord and not by our own search just as the Lord had said.

- 2-7 - Given devotional about passing blessing and authority.

“And the Lord said to Moses: ‘Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him; set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and inaugurate him in their sight. And you shall **give some of your authority to him**, that all the congregation of the children of Israel **may be obedient.**” (Num. 27:18-20)

“Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, **for Moses had laid his hands on him**; so the children of Israel **heeded him**, and **did as the Lord had commanded Moses.**” (Deut. 34:9)

Interpretation: I believe this is a model to be followed in the actual transition, but I believe it also emphasizes the importance of Jerod's roll and involvement as a leader through the transition processes. These same scriptures were given to Pastor Jerod concerning the manner in which this transition should be made.

- 2-9 - First Service: The Lord has already chosen our next pastor. Has already called and equipped him, and He knew who would be leading Hope Anthem next at the time that He placed His vision into our hearts for Hope Anthem. Somewhere this person's church is mourning over the loss of them in their congregation. Specifically there was an emphasis

that they are weeping over him being called away from them in the same way we are weeping over Jerod being called away from us.

Confirmation Received: During the zoom call with Pastor Jeremy he laterally started weeping over the thought of Cameron and Kelsey being called away from him and Timber Creek. Mr. And Mrs. Baba told me that they were happy for Cameron and Kelsey, but at the same time when they got my message they were mourning over the thought of them leaving Texas and moving further away.

Second Service: Given 1 Corinthians 1:12-17

12 What I mean is this: One of you says, “I follow Paul”; another, “I follow Apollos”; another, “I follow Cephas[b]”; still another, “I follow Christ.” 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16 (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don’t remember if I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, **lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.**

Confirmation Received: This same scripture was given to two separate board members. I felt this was warning to the church in this service and still do. But during the zoom call Cameron and Kelsey spent a ton of time talking about the necessity of pointing people toward Jesus and discipleship.

2-10 Drawn to 1 Samuel 16:6-13

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.”

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. **The Lord does not look at the things people look at.** People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The Lord has not chosen this one either.” 9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the Lord chosen this one.” 10 Jesse had **seven** of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The Lord has not chosen these.” 11 So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Confirmation Received: There were seven brother's God chose 8th. This is the same numerology as visions given to Jerod - new beginning. The Lord further emphasized that when we look at candidates we need to try to view them through the eyes of Jesus. Further clarity was received later on 2-23 concerning this word which was given.

2-23 Given Numbers 23:19-20 in morning "God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? I have received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot change it."

Confirmation Received: Jeremy Yancey prayed over our board same evening and this was part of his prayer, that the promises made through Jerod's vision will still be fulfilled through the new pastor. Throughout our prayer God has provided assurance that His plan for Hope Anthem remains the same, that this transition was always part of the plan. That it began with Jerod but the same promises and vision would continue with the new pastor. This is not to say the new pastor will not bring new vision, as God would not make the change if he wasn't going to use it, so there will be some change. But it will be consistent with what has already been said by the Lord and the Lord will fulfill the promises that he has already made.

Confirmation Received: Lord provided additional clarification regarding word spoken on 2-10 about selecting David. The Lord reminded that He said "no" to each individual son of Jesse. He did not group them together and choose from among them, but instead passed each candidate before Him and He said yes or no. *Interpretation:* The Lord will say yes or no to each candidate we place before him, he does not require them all be grouped together in a typical application process in order to indicate to us the one he has chosen.

All Board Member's Prayer Journal's for the Week of February 25 (the week of collective prayer and fasting by the Board and Pastor) are below.

FIRST BOARD MEMBER:

Monday: The Lord told me to close the bible after prayer and then open it with my eyes shut. He placed His hand on where I was to read. This went on every day. Here are the key highlights.

Tues: I opened the bible to 1 Corinthians 15:36-38

" when you put a seed into the ground it does not grow first until it dies first. And what you put in the ground is not a plant that will grow but only a bare seed of wheat or whatever you are planting. THEN God gives it a new body that he wants it to have"

He then continued by giving me a word.

"I raised a plant and it grew and produced much fruit then it released a seed that carries a new name, a name that will grow into a new body producing a new fruit. This body will continue as the other and will bring new vision and a new type of hope. As one leaves another one is replaced. I am the great Gardner, I plant, nourish, care and prune my own to their place. "

Then the Lord had me close my bible AGAIN and then He opened the bible to a new location in the bible. Placed my hand in the place to read. This is what it said.

"For God is the one who provides seed for the Farmer and bread to eat" 2 Corinthians 9:10

Confirmation Received: During the interview, Cameron brought up the farmer and the seed in his discussion. Multiple confirmations took place during the interview.

Wed: The Lord with His hand (and my eyes closed) opened the closed bible to 1Timothy 3 Then He had me write the description of a leader in His church. They should be a person whose: Life is above reproach, faithful to his wife, must have self-control, live wisely, good reputation, must be friendly, able to teach, must not be a heavy drinker, must not be violent but a gentle person, not quarrelsome, does not love money, must manage his family well.

Thursday: The Lord with His hand (and my eyes closed) opened the closed bible to Acts 1:12-13. These verses stood out.

"they all met together and were constantly united in prayer"

"so now we must choose a replacement for Judas from among men who were with us"

"they prayed Oh Lord you know every heart. Show us which of these men you have chosen"

Then he made me close my eyes and a short vision came to me.

I saw Jesus standing there walking up to me. He said open your right hand. He then placed a figure into my hand and told me to close it. Then he provided me a word:

"I placed the image of one upon your hand, this hand will carry the image to all five and you will all see I have answered you I will soon give all five of you peace and understanding towards this decision"

SECOND BOARD MEMBER:

Quotes from Cameron and Kelsey that confirmed the Lord's will and word to me:

The meaning of Pastor is to be a shepherd and to help people to hear the voice of The Shepherd.

It is important to connect with people outside of only Sunday mornings. (I had used these exact words in a conversation with someone this past week, this was a word of confirmation to me).

It is important to us that people are seen and cared for.

Kelsey shared how God is helping her to trust Him, she shared a verse He gave her from Philippians 4: 6-7 (God impressed upon me Wednesday this week to read Philippians chapter 4, I took has as a small piece of confirmation that the same Spirit was working on both sides of this).

We, the board, have been talking about David quite a bit through this process. The Lord has led me to different scripture regarding David being a shepherd. (1Samuel 16, 17 and Psalm 78:70-71). To hear Cameron talk about being a shepherd so much in the interview was confirmation to me as well.

In Prayer last Saturday the Lord spoke this to me as encouragement that He hears the prayers we are praying and that He would answer. I didn't and wouldn't know how or when the answer would come or how the Lord was going to work all this process out until the interview today. And during the interview God just revealed, to us all, His answers, His amazing love, power and provision in that we all knew, (know), without doubt that He directed it all according to His will and timing. This is what He reminded me of in prayer last Saturday:

Abraham prayed and the sacrifice was given.

Moses prayed and the sea was parted.

Joshua prayed and the sun stood still.

Daniel prayed and the lions mouth was shut.

Jesus and the disciples prayed and the blind could see, the lame could walk, the deaf could hear and the dead were brought back to life.

When God's people pray, He answers!

(God also answered a very specific prayer that I prayed on Monday, in a unique way that could only be from Him. I also believe He did that, in His amazing kindness to me, as confirmation that I had prayed a prayer and He answered).

THIRD BOARD MEMBER:

I tried not to pray with questions or ask for answers. I just continually asked for clarity and guidance. I knew the Lord had a plan, He knew who the new pastors were, and I asked He reveal who they were when it was time.

When we first learned Jerod was leaving, it wasn't surprising, but still very heavy. Each time we met as a group, that weight was lighter, even if only the slightest bit.

This last week has been extremely heavy for reasons not church related. God seemed to keep telling me, "Stop it dummy, stop worrying, I got you".

Looking back, I'm somewhat ashamed. I pushed back, and continued the worry leading into the meeting with the Presson's. When I saw them, it felt like the air in my lungs was instantly sucked from my chest. Like God slapped me on the back and said, "See man! I got you!" It was clear, they were our new pastors.

The feeling continued to grow throughout our conversation. At no point during our time with them did I feel they were just saying what we wanted to hear. It was open and candid. I was very impressed with their willingness, and obvious desire to become family at Hope Anthem.

FOURTH BOARD MEMBER:

What moved my heart was going back over the past few months and seeing what God has been doing and saying to me in my own heart.

I felt like there could be a change coming, but I didn't know for sure in what way.

Hearing about how Cameron has felt a call on his life as a lead pastor and his approach to letting God put the pieces together impressed me. Other opportunities were presented, but he stayed steadfast in what he felt God was calling him to.

It also moved my heart to hear how he responded to the Hope Anthem opening, with the questions "could this be the one" and sensing it in his spirit.

I had a really good feeling after reviewing his resume. Confirmation came with speaking with Stephen Courtney and the icing on the cake for me was speaking with Jeremy Yancey.

Our conversation with Cameron was wonderful and seeing his heart for people and ministry was very evident. Why look any further when the obvious is standing right in front of you with many confirmations of God orchestrating and answering every question that we had as a board.

FIFTH BOARD MEMBER:

2-24 Prayed that the Lord would grant clarity and speak plainly to us about the next leader of Hope Anthem. I know that it is impossible to please God without faith, but I asked that we be allowed to please Him by exercising faith in whole heartedly following His chosen leader without question or understanding, but that He would not require faith of us in the selection process and would just speak plainly to us regarding His selection. I asked that He remove the mystery from this part of the process and provide a clear word concerning who He has chosen. I compared it to the pillar of cloud by day and fire by night guiding the Israelites. The Lord told me that this was not how the process would work and

corrected/rebuked me for believing that this was needed. He reminded me that He knows the selection we will make, and He knows what words need to be given in order for us to select the person He has chosen. So we should not be burdened by the uncertainty of an outcome simply because it is unknown to us, because it IS known to Him.

Interpretation: My conclusion is that He will speak sufficiently in order for us to know His will and choose the one He has chosen, but not so clearly as to remove the need for faith in the process. He provided sufficient assurances that although faith would be required in bravely making a choice, He would do all that is necessary to ensure that the choice that we make is His choice and not our own.

He took me to the scriptures where Solomon completed the temple. The portions about the promises to David being fulfilled through Solomon were highlighted to me. It was not lost on me that the events involved a physical temple as well (i.e. 17th and Main).

Interpretation: This to me emphasizes the continuity of the promises, and vision for Hope Anthem both in the past and into the future. That although there were changes from David to Solomon, God did not abandon the promises made to David and fulfilled them through the next leader.

A portion of one of my devotionals today stated as follows:

So many times, I think, we pray for God to make some provision for us. But when provision is made, we are not ready to receive it and we miss what God has provided because we don't take it at the appointed time. We want God to suit our schedule rather than adapting our schedule to God.

To me, life is something like a freeway with exits. And one of the things about a freeway is if you miss the exit you can't get back. I would advise you to take God's provision while it is available. See what God is doing, and align yourself with it.

Interpretation: There was some uneasiness about accepting Cameron and Kelsey without advertising the position and opening it up to other candidates. In hindsight this fear was silly as God said from the beginning that our next Pastor would be brought forward by the Lord and would not be the product of our on search. However, the fear remained as we struggled to pick something up the Lord clearly said He would carry. This devotional eased that fear and even provided the warning about the potential dangers of letting fear prevent us from boldly accepting what God was doing.

2-25 I was woken up in the middle of the night and told to look at the clock. It was 2:46. This morning I googled "2:46 bible verses" as I knew the number to be significant. Acts 2:46 is the only verse that came up. It states, "46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." I am not sure what this means, and

the message feels un-complete. I will be on the lookout for a revelation of why this verse was given.

Confirmation Received: During the interview Cameron and Kelsey placed so much emphasis on their vision for the church concerning discipleship and how Jesus called us to make disciples and not just join meetings or attend church, and what they described is similar to the vision of the Church in Acts 2:46. In addition, Mrs. Baba said that Cameron and Kelsey would create a culture of love and discipleship simply by their presence being added to whatever congregation they are taken to.

This morning I was taken to 3 verses, all of which spoke about the Lord's eyes being upon those who were upright and loved him. I had been asking him to show me who the next pastor is, and if not by name, by description of his attributes. I believe this is what the Lord did, although I would hope these attributes follow many pastors so I do not know yet what confirmation the lord will provide through these verses.

Specifically I think this may refer to character and reputation, what do people think of when they think of this pastor. Upright, beyond reproach, pure, honest, faithful, true, guards themselves from evil. Etc.

Confirmation Received: Later this same day we were able to connect with Mr. And Mrs. Baba. I am not certain if they said every single one of these attributes, but they certainly listed most if not all of these attributes as describing Cameron and Kelsey using the exact same words that I had been told earlier that morning. This was all done without prompting or request at all. When I hung up it was unmistakable that I had received a report about Cameron and Kelsey's reputation and attributes from someone other than them that lined up precisely with what I had heard described that same morning.

2-26 Prayed specifically over whether Cameron and Kelsey were God's choice.

Was taken to the story of Joseph and Potiphar's wife. The purpose was not to emphasize the attempt by Potiphar's wife, but instead the emphasis was on how upright Joseph was and how he fled from sin not just refused it. It was also emphasized that God blessed Potiphar's house because of Joseph and also that God's blessing followed Joseph even into the prison after he was arrested, i.e. went with him wherever he went.

Was led to Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." underlined part was emphasized to me.

Confirmation Received: One of the attributes that Pastor Jeremy said he appreciated the most about Cameron was how he guards his heart and places boundaries around it for himself and his family and gave examples of things they watch etc. Mrs. Baba described the same thing concerning Cameron and Kelsey and even how the two of them help to guard one another's heart. In addition, blessing certainly seems to follow Cameron and Kelsey as they move from one position to another in their church.

Finally I was led to Nehemiah where he went in the night to inspect the wall. This verse seemed to be out of place with the others, but I believe it is a sign (i.e. that Cameron has already or will come to Ottawa to check out the area "in secret")

I don't often google the meaning of verses as I like to know what God says it means, not what other people think, but I was not sure why this verse was significant and being pointed out to me so I googled it. The first resource that came up says the following about this verse:

Nehemiah's inspection is significant for several reasons. It demonstrates his leadership qualities, including his discretion, strategic planning, and reliance on God. Nehemiah's approach is methodical; he assesses the situation personally before rallying the people to the task of rebuilding. His actions reflect a deep commitment to the welfare of Jerusalem and its inhabitants.

Confirmation Received: During the zoom meeting I asked Cameron and Kelsey what specifically they had done to research this opportunity once they learned that Hope Anthem may be a place where the Lord could be leading them. Cameron began listing a ton of details he had already learned about Ottawa and the surrounding area. In addition, both he and Kelsey described using multiple of their evenings to "drive around Ottawa" using google earth. All of their references in response to this question concerned the city and the area rather than Hope Anthem specifically. This was important to me as the word given by the Lord left the impression with me that they would "spy out" the city (as opposed to the church). When I asked the question I assumed that they had driven to Kansas and driven around Ottawa in secret and I was looking to that as a sign for myself. Apparently they drove around the city using google earth rather than physically which was still consistent with what the Lord has spoken.

2-27 Today my prayer focused on what steps God wanted me to take in order to be content that I had discerned his will for the decision concerning Cameron and Kelsey. He told me to 1) seek his face, 2) to be diligent in seeking his face and in the decision making process, 3) and to be brave in making a decision knowing that God will do all that is necessary to ensure that we arrive at his choice. The list was not as detailed or as long as I had hoped so I pressed in to the Lord trying to get more detail and more clarity, He took me to the verse indicating that once I had done all of this, to "stand firm." I protested a bit thinking this was my own voice as it was completely out of context in this situation. The Lord told me that it wasn't out of context and He took me to Luke where Jesus was being tempted in the desert. The tempting came in the form of "If you are" then prove it essentially. The devil also tempted Him using scripture, i.e. God's own Word, but not given by God for the situation the devil was trying to use it. Will our decision be met with doubt? With demands for a sign? Maybe even with false prophecy or attacks concerning doctrinal arguments?

Interpretation: Though this whole process God has been consistent in assuring us that this transition was always part of His plan, and that it would require faith on our part, but that we needed to be content knowing that He will do all that is required in order to

accomplish His will in this situation. He further emphasized the need to accept what He was doing and reject the need to make it more complicated or heavier than it needed to be. Finally He has emphasized multiple times the need to be brave and bold in knowing that we have heard from the Lord and to not be timid or afraid that He has not spoken clearly enough as He knows what we need to hear in order to lead us to His choice. For the church the message is that this situation is scary and it is uncertain, but only to us; it is not scary or uncertain to God, and we can trust that what we are hearing from Him are enough to know His will. Thus we need to make decisions and take actions based upon what He has spoken, not based upon fear or uncertainty that we may feel in our flesh.

This part seems strange, but I am going to write it anyway. The Lord took my mind to the idea of "casting lots" I laughed about the idea and was amused at the idea of even thinking about that. I thought to myself that this was not a New Testament practice and started having thoughts about divination, witchcraft and sorcery. The Lord immediately took me by reference to a specific verse in Acts, when I read it I discovered that it was when the disciples were replacing Judas and it talked about them casting lots to choose the next disciple. I was shocked but I was still almost mocking at the thought that we would still cast lots today, thinking about it as antiquated or silly. But then I was given a specific reference to a verse and when I read it, it was the verse where Jesus said, heaven and earth will pass away but nothing in my word will pass away. I still felt very silly about the whole idea (and still do). I decided to flip a coin that I have, it has "faith" on one side and "love" on the other side. I told myself that Cameron should be "faith" because if I was flipping a coin for this it certainly required faith. I felt awkward about flipping the coin and refused to actually do it, but my mind kept coming back to it, and I was even corrected by the Holy Spirit saying that it sounds like "love" better represents Cameron and Kelsey so that should be their "lot" when I flipped. I protested and by the time I flipped I was arguing with myself over which side of the coin should represent them. Ultimately when I flipped the coin it fell on "love" I criticized myself for even doing it and then even more for waffling between the two sides of the coin to be used, and decided that I would leave this part out of my journal of events. I even wrote the paragraph above and closed the document this morning, but the idea of casting lots wouldn't leave me. So I read about what casting lots was and thought, I simply need a random yes or no generator so I don't waffle on it again. Apparently the internet is full of those so I simply opened the first one. Spoke to the Lord and said that I had apprehensions about this, but the concept of casting lots was consuming to me, so I asked him to forgive me if I was being deceived in doing this and to make it produce the result that He wanted if this was Him that had placed my focus on this and simply said is Cameron Presson the one you have chosen to be Hope Anthem's next pastor and spun the wheel a single time. The result came up as a "yes." Honestly, am still feeling silly about doing this, and even more so about writing down that I did this, but it is a part of the process so I decided I should record what happened.

Interpretation: I am still a bit embarrassed and humbled by this entire series of events. I do not have anywhere near enough faith to choose the next pastor of Hope Anthem by relying on something like this so it was not a factor in choosing Cameron, but the process was certainly a humbling experience for me and I still don't know what to make of it.

2-28 This morning God led me in prayer and did not really speak to me. The prayer that He led me in was over the Board. That the Lord would speak to each of us directly and reveal His will to our hearts individually so that His will would be confirmed through the collective of each of us and what God had stirred in each of us. The prayer focused on God speaking earlier in the week, but the primary focus of the prayer was on what He would speak to the board members today. I do not know the meaning of this, but I do know that it was the Holy Spirit who prayed through me and not myself.

Confirmation Received: During our board meeting on March 1, all 5 of the Board members had been spoken to by God in various ways and all five members stated without reservation at the end of the meeting that Cameron and Kelsey were God's choice.

The only word I was given was Psalm 27:12 "Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations. 13 I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. 14 Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

The Hebrew word used for "wait" here is Qavah. It means "to wait, look for, hope, expect." Even when it's hard to see, God is always working behind the scenes, aligning everything for our good. Waiting on the Lord means believing that His timing is perfect and that He will fulfill His promises in ways beyond our imagination.

We tend to think that relying on God's timing means being patient for something in the future. But his timing is perfect and in every situation there comes a time when is promised provision is now. Will we reject it simply because God blessed us with an easy path to his promise and provision?

Confirmation Received: When I was meditating on the word given above I was focused on the word "wait" and thought that God was telling us to be patient. It was a little unsettling to me. Then as I was driving to work meditating on this word and the idea of "waiting" and being patient, the Holy Spirit told me that I did not know what that word meant. The meanings of the word "wait" above are what I looked up after I got to work. Take away is that God was reassuring us that His timing was perfect, whether it was immediate or long in coming and to simply trust that. We take this as further confirmation that a long search, or open application period is not necessary and is not God's will for this situation. He has carried the entire process and does not need us to do a lot, we just need to become "ok" with that and not get in our own way.

Through one of my devotions I was given Joel 1:14 "Declare a holy fast; call a sacred assembly. Summon the elders and all who live in the land to the house of the Lord your God, and cry out to the Lord." and also Joel 2:28 "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. 29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days."

I believe this to be a call for collective prayer and fasting of the whole church. Perhaps after we have confirmed the candidate but before the congregation votes to confirm.

Interpretation: We believe this is a word about how to lead the church into this transition. We believe that it will not only produce God's choice for Hope Anthem, but the exercise of faith will also produce a spiritual blessing for Hope Anthem. The three steps I was given above come back to me as I write this, "1) seek his face, 2) to be diligent in seeking his face and in the decision making process, 3) and to be brave in making a decision knowing that God will do all that is necessary to ensure that we arrive at His choice." We need to help our church to do these three steps. We need to lead them into seeking the face of God, we need to lead them into diligence in that and also in meeting Cameron and Kelsey before simply hearing a sermon and voting, and we need to really and I mean really lead them into being brave and trusting that what the Lord has spoken to them when they sought His face is from Him and is enough for them to act upon, and that they need to act based upon what He has spoken to them and not upon fears, uncertainty, what ifs, etc.

The Board Meeting following the Interview of the Presson's on March 1

3-1 The Board had not shared any of the words that were spoken above with each other and independently sought the Lord with faith that God would speak to each member in such a way that His will would be confirmed through a unanimous decision by all Board Members and Jerod. At the board meeting each member shared how the Lord has spoken to them individually, and the Lord had spoken to each person in different ways, but the decision to move forward with Cameron and Kelsey and the confidence that this was the Lord's will, was unanimous. We will move forward bravely and with faith in bringing Cameron to the congregation for confirmation as the next pastor of Hope Anthem.

Words of Confirmation Given to Cameron/Kelsey that the Board is Aware of (likely more).

Cameron was called by the Lord to be a lead pastor in August/Sept 2024 they have been waiting for God to show them the place He chose for them since that time and Jeremy Yancey has been helping them get ready to step into the new roll during that time.

God revealed three things to Cameron about the lead pastor roll he would be stepping into:

1. It would be purpose over preference. i.e. the people he would lead and church he would lead would be more important than where it was located. (His preference was to stay in Texas, but through this the Lord began to prepare him that he may need to leave that preference)
2. The leadership role was chosen for him would come through close relationships.
3. That the leadership role intended for him would happen in a way that only God could bring about.

The news about Hope Anthem was brought to Cameron in this way, Cameron and Kelsey had been through a period of prayer and fasting (liquid only for 21 days). God was remarkably silent the entire time. Shortly after that they were feasting and praying and during a staff meeting Cameron really pressed into the Lord telling the Lord that he was literally crying out to him during the 21 days and hadn't heard much from him and that he was asking God to move, asking God to part the seas as he did for Moses, asking God to really speak to him and move for him. About an hour after this prayer, Jeremy Yancey announced to all staff that Jerod was going to work for the network office; it was mentioned in a celebratory way by Jeremy. Cameron's heart leapt in the same way that Elizabeth's baby leapt when Mary entered her presence. Cameron immediately texted Kelsey and told her that he believed God was moving and that he was going to talk with Jeremy about the possibility of Cameron reaching out to Jerod. Shortly within a few hours Cameron did speak with Jeremy and he said that they shared a moment that felt like the Lord had revealed what he was doing the entire time, and Jeremy asked Cameron if he was sure he could not stay at Timber Creek. Cameron said that he loves Timber Creek but he knew without a doubt he was called to lead. Jeremy immediately took out his phone approximately 3 hours after Cameron had prayed asking God to move and part the seas as He did for Moses and he called Jerod. During the interview Cameron and Kelsey said that everything about this transition looks and feels like God. About 30 minutes after the conclusion of this interview Cameron and Kelsey were called and asked if they could come to Hope Anthem this coming Wednesday through Sunday to meet the congregation and for Cameron to be voted on to be the next pastor of Hope Anthem Church. They agreed immediately during the call, without even asking or being told anything about the compensation or other details of the position.

NOTE: Pastor Jerod's confirmations are listed in a separate document, because he had a quite a bit of information that the Board did not have and some the things Pastor Jerod already knew were confirmed to the Board through their time of prayer. Thus, when Pastor Jerod's confirmations were inserted into the Board's confirmations above it made it seem like the Board was aware of certain facts before Pastor Jerod actually shared that information with the Board. The Board members did not share their confirmations with one another or with Pastor Jerod until the March 1 board meeting, and Pastor Jerod did not share his confirmations with any board members until the March 1 board meeting.

Note: Many other confirmations were received throughout this process, which were not journaled. The above is an attempt to share many of the more significant confirmations that were received. The Board received an extremely large number of confirmations during the interview with Cameron and Kelsey but because the Board was not focused on taking notes during such interview, many of these confirmations were not journaled. The intent of the above is to be transparent about how the Lord spoke throughout this process, and not to serve as a comprehensive or complete list of every sign or confirmation received. The prayer journals were kept by the Board members for their own personal reference to discern God's will and share it with one another, and not with the original intent or expectation that they would be shared or used for any other purposes.