

We Made It! It's June 2024!

Greetings Family!

We made it! We are at the mid-year mark of 2024. Can you believe it? This year has been like no other. We have experienced much this year and we have another half to go. Let's lean all the way in and take it to another level! Some may be asking, PJ, how do we lean in and take it to another level? I'm so glad you asked.

Leaning in (from my perspective) means that we are fully aware of and engaged in what has happened and is currently happening in our life. To be more specific, at the close of every month, we have been challenged with taking a moment to reflect, ponder, or recall events. That's right, we have been taking a personal survey of all that has happened. Hopefully, beyond the highs and lows of the month, you have seen God with you every step of the way! Second, (as a result of your reflection) you were able to make needed adjustments: (1) letting go of the things which brought NO value to your life and (2) embracing more of the things that bring you closer to God and what He has for you! (That's so good!) My prayer is that you will continue with leaning in while taking it to another level!!!

Taking it to another level (again from my perspective) means stepping up, going beyond the norm, doing more than expected, and stretching ourselves! Wait!!! This is not about works for special favor from God! I can hear it, OK PJ, if it's not about DOING MORE, what does 'taking it to another level' mean? Answer: It's about positioning ourselves for what God wants to do in our lives. We position ourselves through joyful expectation! That's right, joyful expectation! I am literally looking forward to what God will allow me to see, hear, and feel in the coming days. We are saying that I know for a fact that God wants the best for me and my family...and I'm ready, I'm in receive mode, let's go Jesus!!! It's like going to a concert. You are in the arena, there is excitement, energy, and people are ready for the lights to go down!!! They are eager for the performance to start. WHY? Because they know it's going to be good! They don't know the details of the song selection, or the special guests that will come to the stage, but they (no we) are convinced that it will be amazing! That is joyful expectation.

Again, taking it to another level is a posture that says, I don't know what June will bring, but one thing I know is Jesus will be there with me...and it's going to be good!

We get to declare in advance: I will experience ALL that He has for me...challenges, rest, struggles, peace, pain, sorrow, and joy! And when it's all said and done, I will be better for all that I have experienced!

We get to pray in advance: Lord, I thank you for June, for what is to come, for what I shall experience and learn...it's going to be a great month, because YOU will be with me, and YOUR plans will unfold in my life and in the life of my family. In Jesus Name, Amen!!! (OK, I'm fired up!!!)

As I end this long letter, allow me to put some bible on this:

[Romans 8:28](#) And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

[John 16:33](#) These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

[James 1:2-4](#) My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

[John 10:10](#) The thief does do not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Finally, be convinced that June 2024 is going to be a great month - filled with the endless blessings of the Lord! Let's lean in and take it to another level!!!