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Dear Bob:

Three years ago when I decided to try out the Masters' Program I thought, *this better be good!* For me to take the time and sit still for an entire day, it was going to be tough.

Well, it hasn't been good, it has been great!

First of all, what began to strike me is how unique we all are in the class. We are committed Christians; we have stable marriages and families; we have the time, resources and most of all the DESIRE to be in the Masters' Program. I can see why you are so passionate about your calling. You are creating true *outliers* in the Christian world.

As I reflected further on this, I thought about all the relationships that have shaped me through my life: father/mother ... father-in-law ... pastors ... co-workers ... uncles ... friends ... and of course, wife and kids.

These people have each contributed to my life and I feel blessed to have a heritage of faith and people who have guided me on my journey. However, I believe the Masters' helped me to merge these influences and brought me closer to my true calling.

Here are a few specific things I believe I learned from the program:

- An understanding that there are prerequisites to Christian leadership
- Freedom to be who God made me to be, and the confidence that comes with that
- Made me open for God to lead and to act on His calling

I am grateful for the timeliness of the Masters' Program. It increased my enthusiasm for the second half of my life and made me ready to continue seeking out 100x opportunity for ministry.

Thank you, Bob, for being a significant mentor in my journey.

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