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Mr. Bob Shank The Master's Program

Dear Bob.

Three years ago, a great Christian friend of mine suggested that I check out The Master's Program. We were in a breakfast group together, where a small gathering of guys spent one morning per month talking about family, faith and our busy professional lives. The Master's Program seemed like an oasis for my thirsty soul – an opportunity to grow closer to God with other Christian leaders dealing with similar demands on their time but yearning for something more, something bigger and everlasting.

Now three years later, it's been an absolute pleasure spending one day per quarter with a Godly group of men all searching for the same thing – our true Kingdom calling and both the courage and capacity to aggressively pursue it. Guided by Bob and the Holy Spirit, we've spent intentional time asking ourselves some of life's hardest questions – For what particular purpose was I made? How is it that I can best glorify God? How do I create margin in my life to pursue that place where God's purpose overlaps with my passion and potential? What "stuff" am I carrying around that hinders me from living out God's perfect plan for my life?

I'll admit that I am still working through the answers to these questions in my own life. And I am doing so in a world where Satan desperately wants to distract me and keep me from living in the middle of God's will. I believe that all marketplace leaders, given our potential to influence others for Jesus through our words and our actions, are subjected to Satan's fiery arrows daily. In my own life, since joining The Master's Program three short years ago, I've changed jobs twice, put my house up for sale, laid off my entire department at work, and struggled to make large pockets of time to meditate on God's word and to plan for a "second half" that will be meaningfully different from my first half.

In all of this, one thing I do know is that God is good. I also am comforted in that The Master's Program has taught me to "Do Hard Things" and equipped me with a wealth of tools to explore God's plan for my life and to evaluate my steps through the prism of His Word. I am truly grateful for Bob and his example of a Godly man living out his teaching and his calling, and I remain excited about what God has in store for me and my family.

Regards.

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