

Rosh Hashanah 5777 – Feast of Trumpets – October 3rd 2016

Break 1

The word simply means head of the year, or New Year's Day

Wed Sep 28 – Day 1 Let there be light

Thu Sep 29 – Day 2 Light and Darkness Separated

Friday Sep 30 – Day 3 Land & Vegetation

Sat Oct 1 – Day 4 Stars. Etc

Sun Oct 2 – Day 5 Oceans

Mon Oct 3 – Day 6 Animals and Man

Tue Oct 4 – Day 7 Sabbath

Dick Clark and now Ryan Seacrest leads the world across nations and time zones to ring in and celebrate the new year every new year's eve, with no real mandate. It's just fun. But something in us knows it's worth celebrating.

But all of the biblical feasts have a mandate from God to celebrate them.

Exodus 12:14 "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord - a lasting ordinance. [Hebrew, 'ôlām].

Not a law demanding it, but an invitation to encounter Him. Rosh Hashanah is when God says "let's celebrate the day I first thought of making you nearly 6,000 years ago. I didn't end the world before I created you. Because I treasured you and wanted to know you. Let's celebrate when I first began this journey." **The day you first met the one you were going to marry.**

The Jews have two primary calendars – a spiritual and civil calendar

3 Spring Feasts

Passover - Begins the first day of the spiritual calendar – this calendar was created second (about 1,500 years after creation and the civil calendar) – it was created at the first Passover in Egypt. It represents Jesus on the cross - We're born again (henceforth 2 calendars)

First Fruits - Resurrection Day

Pentecost - Holy Spirit was poured out

(Moses received the first set of 10 commandments - after fasting 40 days)

He broke them at the golden calf but also interceded for the people telling God to strike his own name from the book of life rather than killing all the people (beautiful picture of Jesus).

3 Fall Feasts

We actually begin on the 1st day of Elul (exactly 30 days before Rosh Hashanah when Moses started his 2nd 40 day fast)

Rosh Hashanah - New Year - first day of the civil calendar (6th day of creation)

The 10 Days of Awe (Awesome Days) end on Yom Kippur with fasting and prayer all day
This is the only holiday that fasting is explicitly commanded by the Lord -
"you shall afflict your souls" (afflict doesn't mean to punish yourself but to humble yourself)

The Jews wear white (or burial clothes) - to live all day as if they were dead (fasting)
It's humbling yourself before God and reminder that you are mortal
It's a day to encounter God personally
(Moses received the second set of 10 commandments - his face was glowing)
These days are for repentance - so they determine your destiny
Every time you repent - you change your destiny

Leviticus 10:11 "distinguish between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean"
As a Christian you might say these days help set the course for your year
The choices you make and directions you choose
These 10 days are like a preview of the year ahead or a snap shot of trends
What you conquer now - impacts your entire year ahead - decision count more now

Both Passover and Rosh Hashanah kick off the new year (6 months apart).
Why celebrate two new years for each year?
It's a shadow. We are born and then born again.

So almost happy New Year, again. If you use the Gregorian calendar, Monday is your 3rd New Year's day in the last 7 months. (Jan 1; Passover; Rosh Hashanah)

Break 2

What are we celebrating? The God who created all things is sustaining and redeeming all things. Creation has been groaning for this season...

Romans 8:18-22-18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for **the revealing of the sons of God**. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. **For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.**

If you Google the year 5777, 99% of the sites are about the end times. Because one of the more obvious analysis of those numbers points to God with a broad sword, which some feel points to judgment, possibly to the great tribulation period. If your theology holds that Jesus can return at any moment, then those numbers could easily create that kind of conclusion. There is a lot more to those numbers, and no reason to take a worst case scenario perspective.

Around 52AD Paul wrote the first epistle to Thessalonica. Soon after someone forged a letter from the apostles that seems to have implied that Jesus second coming had already occurred. Since it took weeks or even months to send a letter, when they got it, it caused obvious concerns. So, when Paul heard what happened he wrote a second letter.

2 Thessalonians 2:2-4 Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the

teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

So, yes we could be looking at the beginning of the end, or we could be looking at several other things. God definitely has a broad sword, but what does that mean?

The Hebrew Alphabet and Number System

Genesis 1:14-15 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.

1 Chronicles 12:32 describes the "Men of Issachar, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do;" They understood the times (they had revelation and insight) and knew what Israel should do (wisdom)

Matthew 10:30 And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. (Why? – numbers are significant to God.)

My hope is to give you that today

When we begin a new year, we literally step onto a new path with opportunities and dilemmas for each of us to choose between; in our case that path includes numbers:

5776–5777 / 2016-2017 / 6000?

The Hebrew calendar does not include years when the Jews were in captivity or not in the promised land for one reason or another. There are several opinions of what year it is including those that believe it the year 6000 (223 year deliverance).

Both camps believe that the time works like a week. Each millennium is like a day. After 6000 years, comes the Sabbath or the millennial reign of Christ (end of the world).

So the year 5777 is just as exciting as 6000 because of the significance of the prophetic language within the numbers.

Let's take time to learn about Hebrew numbers to help us understand the year we are exiting and entering and what we should do to triumph

Break 3

The Hebrew alphabet isn't just letters.

Each character is a letter, number, word, picture, and story

Hebrew and Greek are very different from English

In Hebrew every letter is numbered, as are the words and ordered, they all have pictures, descriptions, and lots of meaning

1 speaks of being full or complete – it starts everything

2 speaks of difference or contrast (light/darkness, marriage, empty/full)
3 is perfection or complete (omni attributes of God; time is past present, future; human ability is in thought, word and deed; types of matter animal, vegetable, mineral)
4 is creation (4 directions, seasons, dimensions, rivers in Eden)
5 is grace or redemption
6 is man, wickedness, judgment

The number 6 is associated with man because he was the most significant creation brought about on the 6th day. The number 666 is associated with the Beast. Revelation 13:18 "This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man (Or is humanity's number). That number is 666."

Since this current year ending was 5776 / 2016 coming up next we will look back at what we thought those numbers would mean and see if we were accurate.

7 is rest, perfection, purity (most common number in scripture)

The Hebrew symbol for 7 represents a sword.

8 since it follows perfection, is by default the start of a new order, regeneration, change
Obama in 2008, 44th president, 1st black president, he wanted to change everything.

Very scary for a democracy when socialism is called change.

9 ending, birth, wrath, adversary, to gaze at (to adore or envy)

10 order

10 fingers – nothing lacking, nothing over

10 – the cycle is complete – you start with 10+1 for 11

10 plagues, 10 kingdoms of the antichrist

10 commandments sum up the law

10 righteous can save a city

the 10th verse of Genesis is the creation of the land apart from the water

the 10th chapter is the genealogy of Noah

he was the 10th generation from Adam

100 names are mentioned in the genealogy – 10x10

After Adam came Shem

There are 10 generations from Shem to Abraham – the next covenant

10 Passovers – 1st in Egypt – 10th at the last supper

10 rebellions in the wilderness

10 times fire fell from heaven

10 virgins

10 curses – 1st serpent - 10th fig tree

10 "I am's..." said by Jesus

10 younger sons preferred over the elder

7 is spiritual perfection

10 is spiritual order

7x10 or 70 is perfect order and power

70 people went to Egypt under Joseph and became the whole nation of Israel

70 elders saw God on Mt Sinai

70 sacrifices were made for the nation at Sukkot

Israel went into exile for 70 years

The land of Israel received a Sabbath for 70 years
70 members in the Sanhedrin
70 words in the Kiddush
70 names of God
70 birth pangs until the coming of messiah
70 disciples that Jesus sent out
70 7's in Daniel to complete the transgressions and bring in everlasting righteousness

Break 4

Last year at Rosh Hashanah what did we expect from 5776 (2016) and did we see it?

The number 6 in scripture symbolizes man (man was created on the sixth day - along with all other land animals). The number 6 also represents human weakness, the evils of Satan, and the manifestation of sin. **According to the numbers, Man should have been a focus in 2016.** The serpent was one of the land animals created on the 6th day, 1 Peter 5:8 says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." In the same way we know to plant certain crops at certain times of the year, so there are seasons when Satan is more predatory. **According to the numbers, evil should have raged in 2016.**

Because the number six is all about man, we expected conflict to be at the forefront in 5776. From the savagery of ISIS to violence in the streets of America there was a steady opportunity for good to triumph or evil to rage.

Likewise, men are appointed six days to labor and then to rest. The focus of "labor" is on earthly concerns. This was one of the most pressing issue. Did the worldly lead the way into darkness or did the church shine brightly to reveal God in all His glory? **It was a dark year.**

In my opinion, the general expectations held true. So let's see what the new year holds...

History Events

In 2008 on Rosh Hashanah, the stock market plunged 777 creating an economic downturn that still continues. Since Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the harvest – and you reap what you sow – an economic sign on that day stood out. Gold closed selling at \$888 per ounce. (888 is the number of Jesus). **God was in it. Here we are 8 years later ready to enter 5777.**

5777/2017 is a Jubilee Year (the last one was in 1967)

Rabbi Judah ben Samuel (1140-1217)

"When the Ottomans (Turks) conquer Jerusalem they will rule over Jerusalem for eight jubilees (400 years). Afterwards Jerusalem will become no-man's land for one jubilee, and then in the ninth jubilee it will once again come back into the possession of the Jewish nation – which would signify the beginning of the Messianic end time."

The Mamluk Bahri dynasty was conquered by the Ottoman Turks in the year of 1517, three hundred years after the death of Rabbi Judah ben Samuel.

The Turks were not conquered until 1917 (**400 years later**), by the British.

But, beginning in 1917, the city of Jerusalem remained a "divided city" for 50 years. Jordan controlled the eastern part. A strip of land divided Jerusalem. The strip was called "The **No-Man's Land**" by both Israelis and Jordanians. It was fifty years later that the Israeli army

captured the city of Jerusalem in the Six Day War on June 17, 1967. So, exactly **one Jubilee later, 50 years**, Jerusalem returned for the first time to the control of the Jewish-Israeli ownership since the day when Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 CE.
5777 marks the 11th Jubilee since that prophecy of the beginning of the Messianic Age.

10 years ago – 2007 (rest, perfection, purity)

Jan 9th Apple Inc CEO, Steve Jobs announces the iPhone.

Apr 16th Virginia Tech massacre: The deadliest mass shooting in modern American history.

Aug 7th Barry Bonds breaks baseball great Hank Aaron's record by hitting his 756th home run.

Sep 11th Russia tests the largest conventional weapon ever, the Father of all bombs.

Let's follow the trail of 7's in recent history to see what issues may mark this year:

50 years ago - 1967 Jubilee (rest, perfection, purity)

Jun 5th-10 6 day war between Israel, Syria, Jordan, Iraq & Egypt

Israeli troops capture Jerusalem, Jericho, Bethlehem, Gaza

100 years ago - 1917 (rest, perfection, purity)

Russian Bolshevik Revolution began

US entered WWI

Britain defeated the Turks and captured the land of Israel/Palestine

British forces under General Allenby capture Jerusalem

Balfour Declaration - It read: His Majesty's government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people.

War is a continual theme in years ending with 7. What will that look like since God is holding the sword?

What is our response to war possibilities? Pray for those who lead and protect.

Jeremiah 29:7 And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace. (if it prospers, you too will prosper)

Shimon Peres, the last of Israel's founding fathers, dies at 93 on the Eve of Day one of creation. His funeral and burial on the Eve of Rosh Hashanah

When the last founder dies, the foundation is completed.

God is ready to do a new thing we have not seen in the last century.

Moving from 6-7. 6 connects two things. Last year was the last year of the founding. It's time to build on that foundation.

Break 5

The Meaning of 5776 / 5777:

5000 in scripture has Jesus feeding the masses (5 means grace) 5 = beginning in grace.

700 represents Christ - The Chi Rho (ki-row or kee-row or chrismon) is symbol made up of the first two Greek letters of the name Christ. Its numerical value is 700.

70 is the word Ayin - The ayin is described as having 2 eyes – the choice of using good or evil to perceive things. Seventy also symbolizes perfection, completeness, and judgment. So it's also reasonable to assume that God is bringing His kingdom, His church, and His servants into order. One of His tools for doing that is judgment, but that doesn't mean it's the end of the world as we know it.

"For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world." 1 Corinthians 11:31-32

It is likely that both of those aspects of judgment will be a significant aspect of the year ahead. If we are quick to humble ourselves we will experience deliverance through the events of life. If we ignore God, then Romans 1:28 will rule the day, "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting."

We are in the second half of a ten-year period that is all about learning to see. Think "glasses". The Lord is correcting vision impairments. How you see Him, how you see yourself, how you see others, how you see obstacles, how you see blessings, how you see life.

"One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple. When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek." "Do not hide Your face from me; do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation. I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living." Psalm 27: 4-13

7 - Zayin (Zah-yeen) The number seven speaks of fullness, completion, rest, covenant, and blessing.

Seven days of Creation (Genesis 1)

God rested on and sanctified the seventh day (Sabbath)

Seven days of the feast of Passover

There are 7 annual Feasts with Holy Days, beginning with Passover and ending with the Last Great Day (the day after the Feast of Tabernacles in the 7th month.

The Menorah is a seven-branched candelabrum

In the genealogy in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is 77th in a direct line

Seven loaves multiplied into seven basketfuls of surplus

Peter asked Jesus if he should forgive up to 7 times; Jesus responded 'seventy times seven times'

The seven last words (or seven last sayings) of Jesus on the cross

Break 6

The Hebrew symbol for 7 represents a sword. (77 represents the two edge sword of the word of God).

The pictogram of the number seven looks like a sword because it is that of a "vav" (the number 6) with a crown on it. The letter vav is used as a connector. "In the beginning God created the heavens and [vav] the earth." Heaven and Earth connect.

One of the significant meanings of (7) is that God is calling us to our priesthood in Christ and to ruling and reigning as kings in Christ.

Revelations 1 describes Jesus as: the ruler over the kings of the earth. And describes the church: and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father. Revelation 5 adds: And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

Because these are promises of God, we need to understand just what they mean for us.

The double seven represents double rule which is what Jesus taught us to pray "thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven", making 5777 a year of God's kingdom coming to earth, or the kingdoms of the earth becoming the kingdom of our God and His Christ.

Since the kingdom is within us, the first focus is to make our heart fully His.

The bible describes each of us as kings and priests. That's a little odd.

If everyone's a king, what's the point? If everyone is the ruler, then who gets ruled?

There is more to being a king than ruling.

My lesson on kings ascending

As the years have gone by one of the continuing lessons I am learning is why God sees us as kings and why it matters.

Understanding this is crucial. Jesus is the king of kings.

We need to grasp How Kings give to kings.

Kings give Provision to those who serve them.

But kings give abundance to other kings.

They are trying to bless not meet a need.

For a king to consider what another king needs is an insult.

Kings don't lack provision. They understand their authority.

So a king treats another king differently then he treats a servant

Until you understand who God has made you, by His death and resurrection, you will approach Him wrong and petition Him wrong.

When you discover that God has made you a king on the earth, it may widen your calling and give you a sense of responsibility for meeting the physical needs of those around you, not just the spiritual.

You may have a Joseph type of anointing. When he began to walk in his authority he saved countless lives.

If you see yourself as a just a man, then you will lack vision. If you see yourself as a king, you will ask God to show you your domain and then ask Him to increase it. If you are faithful with a little He promises to give you more. Increase is His idea.

God's eyes are looking over the earth for Cupbearers and armor-bearers.

Cupbearers drink before the king to prevent them from being killed

Gossip, offense, time-burner, etc need to be dealt with by cupbearers.

Likewise the armor bearer carried his own armor, was a skilled fighter, and carried the king's armor and cared for the king in battle. (Kelly)

We need to invest our energy into the life and mission of the one God placed above us in ministry or work. They shouldn't have to bear alone the weight or concern for excellence. (I did this for 20 years for Barry, now do it for Pastor Don).

God is raising up men and women who will invest themselves into another man's domain.

If you have a goal let it be to be faithful. There will always be those with more gifts and talents and strengths but you can always be the most faithful.

Break 7

7's in Revelation

In the Book of Revelation, seven is a central figure:

Jesus revealed himself to John walking in the midst of 7 candlesticks, holding 7 stars, and dictates a letter to 7 churches. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches. **Jesus is going to walk in our midst in the coming year in a new dimension calling us to be those lively stones builded together with other believers**

Other appearances of 7 in Revelation: Seven Spirits of God (the sevenfold spirit), torches of fire (4:5) seals (5:1), angels and their trumpets (8:2), last plagues (15:1), golden bowls (15:7), thunders (10:3), horns and eyes (5:6), diadems (12:3) and kings (17:10).

If 7 is a sword, and 77 is a double edged broad sword, then 777 is God with the sword

Revelation 1:16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

Revelation 2:16 Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Revelation 19:15 Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

Revelation 19:21 The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

6 = is the number of man (when we yield to the grace of God (5) and the word of God (77) **we shift from 5776 to 5777 by putting on Christ in a new and fuller dimension.**

5777 may not be the end of the world, but rather a going forth of the Word in a Power we have not yet seen. It could be revival like we have not seen. Evangelism with signs and wonders.

Isaiah 55:10-13 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."

Break 8 - Elul to Tishri

It's important to note that every Hebrew year ends and begins the same way, With a transition from the month of Elul to Tishri, This includes a forty day period of returning to God and agreeing with His word and commands.

The month of Elul includes the beautiful imagery of "the King is in the field". Which is to say that God has drawn near to look closely at how you are tending the fields (blessings and responsibilities) that He has given you.

The King is in the Field

Isaiah 55:6-9 Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

"For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD.

"For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Elul, is a time of paradox -- the Jewish calendar distinguishes between "mundane" and "holy". Ordinary workdays are "mundane" portions of time; Sabbath and the festivals are examples of "holy" time. On "holy" days, you disengage from labor to focus on the spiritual.

Elul is a "holy" month when you assess the year gone by; a time to prepare for the "Days of Awe" of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur by repenting the failings of the past and resolving for the future -

But the days of Elul are workdays.

The activities of Elul are conducted amidst our workday lives at work.

The king's usual place is in the royal palace.

To approach the king you have to jump through a lot of hoops.

However, there are times when the king comes out to the fields outside the city.

At such times, anyone can approach him;
The peasant has as much access as the highest ranking minister in the royal court.
The field is the workplace of our daily lives.

Elul is when you are preparing to meet God for judgment -
But He comes to the field to be most approachable so we can truly know Him in His mercy.
The activities required to build the tabernacle in the Bible were the same activities forbidden on the Sabbath. We are called to rest when we are with Him. Our obedience and our rest are His dwelling place.

Break 9

Sabbaths - Holy times are compared to a Lookout Tower, where we rise high above our labor to see the purpose of the work from a higher perspective.

The exception to this rule is the month of Elul - when the king comes to the field.
No one labors for the sake of labor. The king is the reason for the labor.

When we see the king in his field, do we keep working?
Do we behave as if this were just another day? Of course not.
We might still be in the field, but the field has become a holier place.
Likewise, we don't clean up to be in His presence - no - we commune with Him in the field.

This is a time to be nurtured, to allow Him to fix what has been broken and to nurture us back into a place of health and prosperity.
There are some things that have been recorded in our life's history that are incorrect, because God has come and dealt with them.
There are accusations and condemnations that need to be removed and mistakes that need to be reconciled.
God wants to rewrite our story and change the way we see it.

Moses spent 40 days to receive the 10 commandments then smashed them by the golden calf.
After destroying the golden calf and judging the guilty, Moses went back up Mt. Sinai for 40 more days to intercede for the Israelites.
Moses came back to camp and one day later on Elul
1st God called him back up the mountain to receive the 2nd copy of the 10 commandments.
Moses came down the mountain on Yom Kippur with the new tablets.

So, the month of Elul (plus the first 10 days of Tishri in the New Year) is used for repentance in preparation of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

September 28th (evening of 27th) is first day of creation (Let there be light).
October 3rd (evening of 2nd) is creation of man on 6th day and Rosh Hashanah

Teshuvah - often translated as repentance but it's much bigger than that.

Shuv means to return or to turn back (to God and from evil).

Since God is the means by which we turn from evil, shuv is more about turning back to God with all of your heart, soul, and strength to change your direction or destiny.

1 forsake the sin (agree with the Word of God - or saying the same thing)

2 regret the break in your relationship with God

3 confess the truth and make amends

4 accept forgiveness

Break 10 – Summary

Watch the news during the Days of Awe October 3rd-12th

The King has been in the field and we know He has a sword. What is His intentions?

Stock market plunged 777 - God was in it. Here we are 8 years later ready to enter 5777.

War is a continual theme in years ending with 7. What will that look like since God is holding the sword?

7 - Zayin (Zah-yeen) The number seven speaks of fullness, completion, rest, covenant, and blessing.

5777 a year of God's kingdom coming to earth, or the kingdoms of the earth becoming the kingdom of our God and His Christ.

Since the kingdom is within us, the first focus is to make our heart fully His.

Jesus is going to walk in the midst of His churches/church in the coming year in a new dimension calling us to be those lively stones builded together with other believers.

God's eyes are looking over the earth for Cupbearers and armor-bearers.

God is raising up men and women who will invest themselves into another man's domain.

If you have a goal let it be to be faithful. There will always be those with more gifts and talents and strengths but you can always be the most faithful.