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Dr. Joe here, it's an honor to serve at AFC Naz and The many communities that surround our campuses. I want to speak for a minute about the new year and where God is leading us.

How cool would it be if all of us made the decision in 2024 to unleash Jesus over everything. Okay, so in that moment many of you rolled your eyes. Right? Let me explain what this means. For me I have had to unleash Jesus over my past. I have finally in the last couple of years been able to let Jesus into the darkest places of my past. It wasn't like my past was causing me to mess up but it was effecting my decision making processes, my thought patterns, my insecurities and so much more. I finally said enough. I need to begin to have conversations with Jesus, honest conversations with Jesus about my past and the impact it has had on me. As I have been committing more and more of this to prayer I have found that my confidence has grown, my faith has grown, and I still have a long way to go. Let's go back to this idea of unleashing Jesus over everything.

So picture this with me-if every person that encounters the ministries of AFC and is challenged to make the step of faith to allow Jesus to be unleashed in the areas they struggle most with what would that look like? Wow that would be a people that aren't perfect but are willing to at least take the step to allow Jesus into their struggles with their identity, past, failures, home and family, choices, and so much more. As Christopher says It's about taking that

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one area that we all have and at least opening it up for the eyes of Jesus to come in and begin to have an impact on. We will be starting an 8 week journey beginning Sunday January 7th in all services and the journey is titled unleash Jesus over everything. You will see that theme repeated throughout the year.

Church if we would all be willing to release those closed areas and unleash Jesus in them the impact will be huge. We will examine people in the Bible who allowed those very things to happen and we will celebrate the victories that they had at the same time learning how to apply those life principles from the word to our lives in 8 very specific areas. Be praying about this new vision God has given us for the new year.

Apparel, many have asked about a/c apparel. It's back and you have 8 choices. This is the cool part. Let's say your prayer right now is that Jesus would be unleashed over your family. Then choose that hoodie or tee shirt that says that. That becomes your prayer. On the back bottom right hand corner the words are different. This is a chance for you to personalize your swag to your journey. I have one that says unleash Jesus over your past. I think I want one that says family as well.

To go along with this series we have written a weekly devotional guide. This will help you take the principles learned and experienced on Sunday and



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continue to study them throughout the week. They will be on sale when we get them from the company soon. These will be a sermon supplement like we have never done before. We will have a limited supply and I pray that each family will make the commitment to purchase one and use it. This is the first time afc is doing this and how cool is it that we have the possibility to all be studying the same thing every day. That will bring unity to our church. That's why the enemy has been fighting so hard. So let's fight back and enter the new year open to unleashing Jesus over everything personally and in our church. Grab your apparel today, grab the devtional when it arrives and begin to pray! Pray that Jesus would be unleashed in 2024 and that nothing would hold him back as He is unleashed over you and your church! You are so loved and so appreciated!

Blessings,
Dr. Joe