To engage or not engage, that is the question?

While that might not be Hamlet’s exact quote, it seems to be a question I run into every day. As a parent, a husband, and a leader, things happen each moment that lead me to wonder whether this is something I should put my energy and attention to, or not. Sometimes it is better to get involved—but sometimes it’s wise to not engage.

One of the greatest joys I’ve had working at Desire Street since 1997 is watching countless people decide to engage with the brokenness in the under-resourced neighborhoods around them.

Our partners have been called to engage in an incredibly deep way, committing their lives to serving in difficult spaces. Desire Street exists to support them on their journey.

Additionally, I get the privilege of seeing multiple people from around the country come together to support the leaders and their ministries, engaging as volunteers, donors, board members and prayer warriors. Desire Street often gets to be the bridge making these connections.

Ultimately, this reminds me that our entire existence—our lives and our salvation—is possible because God decided to engage with us. May God guide us all as we decide where to invest our time, talents and resources.

Thank you for engaging with Desire Street on our journey to revitalize under-resourced neighborhoods.

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- Bridget Thomas, The Forge for Families

Upcoming Ministry Event Schedule

- Leadership Retreat - January 30 – Feb 2, 2023
- Men’s Retreat - March 2 – 5, 2023
- Spring Partner Cohort - April 2023
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Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”
- Galatians 6:9

One of the greatest contributors to disappointment in life is the confusion between sowing and reaping. Frequently we outsource much of our hope and joy to the fruit of our labor in our families, work, and communities. With hard work and faithfulness, we anticipate a substantial return on our investment. But this isn’t always the case.

Faithfulness to what God has called us to do and the diligence to stay the course are ultimately the acts of sowing. We obediently and consistently toss the seeds of what the Lord has entrusted to us into our families, work, church, and communities. But what happens with those seeds is ultimately the Lord’s doing. We sow. He reaps.

In Galatians 6:9 Paul reminds us to not grow weary in sowing. Weariness can occur from the work of doing good itself, but usually it comes from trying to control the harvest. Paul says that “doing good” does produce a harvest – it’s just not always on our timeline.

As we consider Advent season, we recall that the Father sent the small Seed of His Son Jesus in the form of a precious baby. That seemingly insignificant and vulnerable Seed produced a harvest of righteousness, and the world has never been the same since. Let’s continue doing good alongside our Savior!

Follow our partners on social media to stay connected with the work God is doing in their neighborhoods.

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