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## “I QUIT MY JOB!”

Yes, you read correctly! I left the comforts of a full-time teaching job to pursue what God has been calling me to my entire life. At the age of 10 I wanted to be a pastor or teacher. In 2008, at the Kanakuk Institute I wrote my life purpose statement of “Transforming the sports world for Christ.”

Now I get to use more energy to see the sports world transformed for Christ through Freedom Hoops. This opportunity excites our Freedom Hoops team of coaches to more intentionally design a basketball program to reach and disciple urban youth.

I am now working full time to cast a vision for Freedom Hoops, disciple coaches and players, and develop opportunities to reach more youth at schools and community centers. We are praying that God would move mightily amongst our coaches and young men. Thank you for your support to help us get to this position.

Here is a story of a recent text message I just received:

“How’s your day?” \*David texted.

“Great, I just had a solid meeting. How about you?” I replied.

“I’m cool. **My cousin just was murdered last night, but I’ll be cool.** Can you let me know when you are free for a lunch?” he said.

Immediately I called and made plans to have lunch with David at Raising Cane’s, his favorite spot. David and I talked for two hours. I did more listening than talking as David vented about how rough life was, the daily threat of gun violence, and how each day he tries his best but something like this always seems to distract him from his goals.

This situation overwhelmed me for David, and at the same time I would not have been able to step into a situation like this had I been teaching. **The ability to go full time will allow for more flexibility to step into moments like this** and help in a time of need.

Stay tuned to see God’s hand at work...



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*Several of our young men face the threat of gun violence each day. There have already been 79 homicides in Kansas City, Mo. in 2018.*