



*Jesus has always been and will continue to be the head of his church.*

Knowing that brings a lot reassurance as I step into this new role. I must admit, following men like Ben, Brian and Doyle is humbling. I lack Ben's experience, Brian's charisma, and Doyle's humility. I often feel like that kid in John 6. He's surrounded by heroes of the faith, yet all he has to offer Jesus is a few fish and loaves - *"I don't have much, Jesus, but the little I have is yours. Do with it what you will."*

I've learned a lot by watching Doyle faithfully offer his fish and loaves. And we've all benefited from the miracles Jesus did next! We've seen lives changed and hundreds of baptisms. We've navigated harsh waters and a global pandemic. We've stepped into difficult conversations that shape the way we view others and ourselves. We've witnessed Jesus' goodness, all because Doyle offered what he had to Jesus. That example is one that I commit to in this next season. I unashamedly ask you to do the same - *"We don't have much, Jesus, but the little we have is yours. Do with it what you will."*

I have to be honest, I don't know exactly where we as a church are going in the years to come yet. But if Jesus is the head of his church, I'm ready to follow! Personally, my heart beats for Jesus' gospel message. I want to see St. Louis transformed by it. I want to see doubters believe in it. I want to see a diverse church reflect it. And if we seek and follow Jesus together...we'll see that and more. I can't even begin to imagine the stories we get to pass down to the next generation! But I'm ready to find out!

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