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“Remember Who You Are”

One of the most powerful moments of any movie I've seen is from the original, animated Lion King, 1994. The lesson in the scene applies to each of us...and to Lake Beauty Bible Camp, especially during this current season of transition between executive directors. If you've seen the movie (or any version of the story), imagine the scene in which Simba (now a grown lion but still in need of life experience) is chasing after Rafiki (the story's sage and mentor character) through a tangle of undergrowth. Rafiki has teased Simba with a hint that he knows something that, when understood, will result in greater clarity and sense of purpose for the young lion.

 The Lion King 1994 Remember Who You Are Full Scene 4k kok1

I was 34 when I saw the movie in a theater with our two pre-teen daughters...and had an encounter with God that stayed with me for decades. That encounter also shaped how I approached my roles of parent, camp director, executive pastor, consultant, executive coach, and now Interim ED for Christian camps, currently LBBC. Follow me for a moment through a little historical undergrowth.

I've learned that, for individuals and organizations, a God-given identity, lived into with humility and leaned into with integrity, is where the Triune God more fully extends His blessing. Those lessons started becoming practical during my years at LBBC, where I started asking questions about how ministries as organizations worked well...or sometimes not so well. At the core of God's lesson plan for me was the concept that, like any living organism, a God-inspired organization has an original DNA and purpose. When it knows clearly what that is and acts consistently according to it, God deepens its wells and broadens its reach.

Lake Beauty Bible Camp's history is rich with such stories. In addition to guiding LBBC staff through this season of leadership transition, I've been asked to help the Executive Director Search Team prepare for and execute its sacred task. To do that well, the staff, Board, and Search Team need abundant clarity around LBBC's original DNA and how it's been fruitfully lived out over the years. The more stories and insights we gain, the greater the clarity. We know it from the inside. You know it from your perspective. I'd like to hear from you.

So, please send me stories of what is important to you about LBBC, how Jesus has used it in your life, and even how it has not fulfilled expectations (or worse). One of my purposes in this temporary role is to help the Board search for and select someone who is already aligned with LBBC's core values and who will help it remain clear about who it is and how to further develop how it does what it exists to do: *to provide environments and experiences in which Jesus transforms lives*. If you'd rather tell the story than write it, email a request for a phone call. Contact me at interim@lbbc.com.

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