

Dear Raleigh & Greater Memphis,

Over the past 4 years and 10 months, it has been an absolute privilege to serve you and be a part of For The Kingdom Camp & Retreat Center. My time in Raleigh, the first community entrusted to my care, has been filled with profound connections and shared accomplishments.

Together, we have walked alongside principals, coaches, student athletes, CEOs, pastors, civic leaders, and countless anonymous yet incredibly generous individuals. The journey has been one of learning, love, and unity. The opening of the Marketplace, a beacon for Raleigh, was a testament to our shared vision, supported by entities like Methodist North, AARP, Amazon, City Council grants, the family of Doug Ferguson and numerous others.

The recent closure of the Marketplace, filled with the sustenance our community needs, is a heartbreak. Change is never easy, and I never anticipated saying goodbye in this manner. The decision to temporarily close the campus, taken by the Board of Directors, was unexpected, and I am also heartbroken by the sudden disruption.

I want to make it clear that this was not a transition I had envisioned or planned for. The sudden decision left little time to wrap up our full calendar of events for the Marketplace. I am sorry for any inconveniences this may have caused.

As we navigate this unexpected turn of events, I ask for your patience and understanding. The Board has chosen a different direction, and while I may not agree with the decision, I hope you know that my love and support for Raleigh will always endure.

For those who understand the spirit of unity that defined our work, please honor that by offering up patience with For The Kingdom as they assess, plan, and prepare for the future. The shared vision and the miracles we've witnessed together is what made me coin the phrase Raleigh Love, and this a home for me and my family. .

Consider this not a farewell but a "see you later." I hope the positive impact we've had together will continue to spread like wildfire until Memphis and beyond can truly offer equity to all.

Thank you for your understanding, your support, and the love you've shown me throughout this incredible journey. Any questions about the marketplace can be directed to [Henry@ftkmemphis.com](mailto:Henry@ftkmemphis.com) .

Here to serve,

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