

God's leading and direction in my life really started 6 months ago, when I came home from a hard day at work. It had been a frustrating, no-good day, and I came home and vented to Shelby. This had happened before, but unlike before Shelby gave me a piece of advice that has proved huge in this process.

She said, "Brett, you are not going to leave WRCC when things are bad, you will leave when things are good. And God will show you an opportunity so obvious, that you will know that it is from Him..."

I spent this summer in the most reflective space that I have had in a long time. I had the time to read several books, spend time with God, and really have felt closer to him than I have been since being here at WRCC.

It was mid-July on a Monday, and I felt a whisper from God (that is best way I can describe it) and I simply heard that my time at WRCC was coming to an end. Not knowing exactly what that whisper meant, I naturally had some questions and wasn't sure what to do. I realized and felt it was wrong to continue working somewhere when you felt that God was calling you somewhere else, even when you don't know where that is.

On the following Tuesday, I had a conversation with Shelby about what I had heard from God and what I felt led to do. It was obvious that God was in the midst of our conversation, and it went very differently than the one six months prior. We both came to the realization and were at peace, and we knew that my time was indeed coming to an end at WRCC, but still had no idea what that meant for our future.

The next Sunday, I went to my in-laws farm, and as we pulled in the driveway, I heard another whisper, and heard God say that I was going to be given an opportunity today.

About 10 minutes later, Ray, my father-in-law, says to me, "I am looking for a operations manager, you interested?"

My first thought was, "Are you talking to me? You sure you got the right person?"

As we talked for several hours that afternoon, Ray shared his vision, and talked more about what the job would look like. I started to dream with him about what it would be like, even though it meant huge changes for our family.

I asked Shelby that night what she thought of the idea, and she said, "Absolutely not."

My prayer in the coming days was that God would open Shelby's mind if it was a possibility, and if she was closed to the idea, then it was a closed door.

On Wednesday of that week, it was our anniversary, and I took the day off. In the morning I asked her if she had thought more about the opportunity. She said she hadn't and she couldn't understand why I was still considering and dreaming about it. Later that day as we

were walking through Forest Park, we started to talk about life on the farm, and over the next few hours I watched how God opened her mind right in front of me.

Over the next few weeks as I talked more about it to both Shelby and Ray, and after spending some time on the farm, God continued to work. Through prayer and seeking God, Shelby and I have decided to follow God's lead and accept the opportunity on the farm.

We also feel like that we want to be a blessing to the church as we leave, just as the church has been a huge blessing to us over the past 3+ years. I continue to come back to 1 Peter 3:8-9:

"Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters.[a] Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. ...Pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do..."

As we have sought God's direction for our lives over the past few months, Shelby and I have reflected on our life in Noblesville and we realized all of the things we will miss so much. We will miss White River Sports, our church, our small group, our friends, and most of all we will miss all of the wonderful people we have come to know over the past three years.

We also know without a doubt that this is the next step that God has laid out in his sovereign plan for our lives.

We would appreciate your prayers over the coming months. We aren't saying it will be easy, but we know that following God's leading is the best move we can make EVERY TIME!