

Series: Independent Message

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VISION

Vision for a church is its preferred future. We see what God's design looks like.

- The picture of this future starts with God and is revealed through the Holy Spirit to the leaders and members of the church.
- It is a picture of who we are and who we will be, no matter the name, a place or the numbers.

CHURCH VISION

As the Church we live our lives to **exalt** the person of Jesus Christ in all we think, say and do and invite all people to do the same. We find ways to **embrace** people where they are and continue to love them through their journey with Christ. We **enjoy** our walk with God and our walk with one another. We intentionally **engage** with our community and the world to have a voice in the market conversations of our times. We strive to be **equipped** in order to accomplish the work set before us as ambassadors of Jesus Christ and His kingdom.

EXALT

Psalm 35:27

May those who delight in my vindication shout for joy and gladness; may they always say, "The LORD be exalted, who delights in the well-being of his servant."

"You cannot exalt God and yourself at the same time."
— Rick Warren

Psalm 107:32

Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

"When we allow God to be exalted in our difficulties we are in the perfect place to smell the fragrance of His Presence."
— Aiden Wilson Tozer

To acknowledge and to make known the supremacy of the King is our highest calling.

ENJOY

1 Peter 1:8-9

⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

"The apex of glorifying God is enjoying Him with the heart. But this is empty emotionalism where that joy is not awakened and sustained by true views of God for who He really is."
— John Piper

"I am not asking whether you know things about Him, but do you know God, are you enjoying God, is God the centre of your life, the soul of your being, the source of your greatest joy? He is meant to be."
Martyn Lloyd-Jones

To experience the fullest measure of joy in our walk and work is our greatest treasure.

ENGAGE

Matthew 5:13-15

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵ nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house..."

"No one has ever become poor by giving." — Anne Frank

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention." — Oscar Wilde

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EMBRACE

Proverbs 19:17

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." — Winston Churchill

Hebrews 6:10

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

To partner with God in reaching out and caring for the needs of people is our truest act of kingdom living.

EQUIP

Hebrews 13:20-22

²⁰ Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, ²¹ equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. ²² But I urge you, brethren, bear with this word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly....

2 Timothy 3:17

...so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

God's work, done in God's way, will never lack God's supplies.

- Hudson Taylor

If God called us to a task, He will then qualify us for the job.

- Jack Hyles

Ephesians 4:11-13

...¹¹And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Good works do not make a good man, but a good man does good works.

- Martin Luther

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CHALLENGE

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- Am I living each day and making each choice with God as SUPREME as the foundation of truth?

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- What steps must I make daily to experience the JOY of His salvation?

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- What can I do weekly to make a mark on another with the Love and message of Christ?

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- Am I seeing to the needs of others and doing so as an act of love toward God?

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- What steps am I taking to grow in my walk with the Lord and to pass on lessons learned to others?

This Year I will be bringing messages that are intended to **equip you for every good work.**

- Prayer
- Faith
- Goodness lived out
- Maintaining the temple of your body

We will also be making a few changes to the service

Worship in Music

Worship in Message

Worship in Ministry