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Happy 50th Birthday Pastor Dave!

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- Building communities, changing lives together through the **<u>power and love</u>** of Jesus.



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C. These things are happening now because God is **on the move**, and we've determined to intentionally **join Him** in all that He's doing.




JESUS REVOLUTION

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- The Christian Church has reached over **<u>2.5 billion</u>** people.



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B. Jesus is **building** His Church, and He's created/called us to be an integral **part of it**.



1 Peter 2:5-6 (NLT)

And you are living stones
that God is building into His spiritual temple.
What's more, you are His holy priests.
Through the mediation of Jesus Christ,
you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.
As the Scriptures say,
"I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem,
chosen for great honor,
and anyone who trusts in Him
will never be disgraced."



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Matthew 5:13-16 (NLT)

"You are the salt of the earth.
But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor?
Can you make it salty again?
It will be thrown out
and trampled underfoot as worthless."



Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)

“You are the light of the world –
like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.
No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket.
Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand,
where it gives light to everyone in the house.
In the same way,
let your good deeds shine out for all to see,
so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”



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1. **Compassion** of Christ



1 Peter 3:8-9 (NLT)

Finally, all of you should be of one mind.
Sympathize with each other.
Love each other as brothers and sisters.
Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude.
Don’t repay evil for evil.
Don’t retaliate with insults when people insult you.
Instead, pay them back with a blessing.
That is what God has called you to do,
and He will grant you His blessing.



Mark 1:40 (NLT)

A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus,
begging to be healed.
“If You are willing,
You can heal me and make me clean,” he said.
Moved with compassion,
Jesus reached out and touched him.
“I am willing,” He said. “Be healed!”
Instantly the leprosy disappeared,
and the man was healed.



Matthew 20:33 (NIV),

Jesus had compassion on them
and touched their eyes.
Immediately they received their sight
and followed Him.





“When people begin
to witness our compassion,

they’ll begin to care about
our convictions.”

– Kyle Idleman

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a. “Our lives are the test
of whether we’re living by our beliefs
or convictions.”

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1 Peter 3:10-12 (NLT)

If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days,
keep your tongue from speaking evil
and your lips from telling lies.
Turn away from evil and do good.
Search for peace,
and work to maintain it.



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Luke 6:28 (NLT)

“Bless those who curse you.
Pray for those who hurt you.”



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John 10:30 (NLT)

“The Father and I are one.”



John 17:21 (NLT)

I pray that they will all be one,
just as You and I are one –
as You are in Me, Father,
and I am in You.
And may they be in us
so that the world will believe You sent Me.”



Acts 2:42 (NLT)

All the believers devoted themselves
to the apostles' teaching,
and to fellowship,
and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper),
and to prayer.



Philippians 2:1-2 (NLT)

Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ?
Any comfort from His love?
Any fellowship together in the Spirit?
Are your hearts tender and compassionate?
Then make me truly happy
by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other,
loving one another,
and working together with one mind and purpose.



1 Corinthians 1:10 (NLT)

I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters,
by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to live in harmony with each other.
Let there be no divisions in the church.
Rather, be of one mind,
united in thought and purpose.




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