







### **WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS**

SATURDAYS 5PM SUNDAYS 8:30AM / 10:30AM / 12:30PM

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES** 

WEDNESDAYS 12NOON AND 7PM AT THE CATHEDRAL THURSDAYS 12NOON AT THE POWER CENTER

# **CENTERED LIFE**

TV BROADCASTS

WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS AT 8PM COMCAST CHANNEL 20 /SUREWEST CHANNEL 19

#### THE CATHEDRAL

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## WEEK TWO: The All-Included Vision

# **ENVISIONING THE PROMISE**

We have previously learned that many of the Children of Israel did not embrace God's vision for their lives, but instead came up with a new vision and sought to fulfill it. This caused them to lose God's favor and be forbidden to receive what He had promised them (Num. 14:36-45).

To gain a deeper understanding of why their thinking was so contrary to God's will, we'll look back at the moment God spoke the promise to Abram. (Gen. 12:1-5) We find in the words spoken by the Lord, both *individual* and *collective* vision. "I will make you a great nation" (collective). "I will bless you and make your name great." (personal). In comparison to the promise of God, the hearts of many of the children of Israel seemed to be more concerned with their individual blessings than greatness of the nation.

# FOR ME OR US?

What does this mean for us today? If the vision of God the Father has not changed, He indeed wants the same **blessings** for us as He wanted for Abraham. But we too can become more committed to our individual visions then we are to God's collective promise. Jesus prayed in John 17, "that they may be one" (v.11), "that they may ALL be one." (v.21, emphasis added).

Being united as ONE does not mean we lose our individual <u>uniqueness</u>. In fact, oneness enhances our individuality! Jesus' desire was and still is for us to be just as **united** as He and the Father are. (Jn. 17:21). But is that our goal? Or do we simply come to church, to be inspired and encouraged in our individual endeavors?

### **ALL-INCLUDED**

Our 2018 [Re] Vision must embrace the God-ordained complete <u>overlay</u> versus the <u>overlap</u> at the fringes. God's vision is for us all to be IN the Body of Christ as functioning members. Not disjointed next to one other.

At Center of Praise our goal is to accomplish this UNITY of VISION through the engagement of our ministry vision:

To make individual disciples who WORSHIP, LEARN and SERVE because God is HERE, HE KNOWS and HE'S ABLE.

Our commitment to these responses unto the Lord unite us collectively and individually. We never cease TO BE the church! Therefore we should see our personal visions as taking place within the collective vision of the Body of Christ.

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