

Heart 2 Heart

Preamble

- My heart - One of Love, A desire to obey Jesus
- My history - Almost 30 years in this Family
- My challenge - These are the most significant changes but also the most significant season
- My conviction - The Lord has spoken clearly, frequently
 - Obey the Great Command - Love God, Love people (Matt 22.37-40)
 - Obey the Great Commission - Make Disciples (Matt 28.18-20)
 - A changing wineskin - Structures (Mark 2.22)
 - An expectation for new wine (Psalm 67, Habakkuk 2.14)
 - Change, transition causes shaking, stripping. This results in pressure and challenge

Introduction - The one we serve

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. [2] Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. **Psalm 90:1-2**

Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. [3] Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him. **Psalm 115:1,3**

Jesus is still the way, the truth and the life - And he is still saying come follow me!

‘Blessed is he who is not offended at me.’ **Matthew 11.6**

I believe the Lord wants us to get our eyes firmly fixed on him first.

- Not looking at ourselves
- Not looking at what others are doing or not doing
- Not looking even at our works
- But first and foremost to sit at the Lords feet and look into his eyes

‘Let us fix our eyes on Jesus’ Hebrews 12.2

A Charge for us a a AN Family

because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me. **1 Corinthians 16.9**

- Opportunity and Opposition
- Change and Challenge
- The new and the unknown

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. [14] Do everything in love. **1 Corinthians 16:13-14**

1. Be on your guard - *‘to watch over to protect’*

Guard your heart

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Proverbs 4:23

- Guard your relationships
- Guard your thoughts
- Guard your words, speech

Be aware of the enemy

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. **John 10:10**

- Slanderer
- Accuser
- Liar
- Thief
- Destroyer

2. Stand firm in the faith - *‘Being solid or having an unyielding structure’*

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, [7] rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. **Colossians 2:6-7**

- Stand firm in the Word
- Stand firm in Spirit
- Rooted firm in the Body

3. Be courageous - *‘Not deterred by danger or pain’*

Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. [7] “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. **Joshua 1:6-7**

- Change demands courage
- Following Jesus demands courage
- The days in which we live demand courage

4. Be strong - *‘Exerting great power or force’*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **Ephesians 6:10**

Now my beloved ones, I have saved these most important truths for last: Be supernaturally infused with strength through your life-union with the Lord

Jesus. Stand victorious with the force of his explosive power flowing in and through you. **Ephesians 6:10** TPT

5. Do everything in love - *'Unconditional intense love'*

- This is the hallmark of our people
- We love

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. [2] If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. [3] If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. [4] Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. [5] It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. [6] Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. [7] It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. **1 Corinthians 13:1-7**

Conclusion

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. [14] Do everything in love. **1 Corinthians 16:13-14**

- We are family - Let's stand together
- Let's not be offended at the Lords leadership
- We will obey fully and with faith and courage