



Vision Sunday 2018

Great churches are built with people who are faithful in the little things.

Luke 16:10-11

10 “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. **11** If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?”

Matthew 25:21

“You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much.”

The principal is the same in both these verses:

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This last year has been a year of spiritual formation. It's really been a year of God preparing us and conditioning us and making us fit to be used by Him. He's making us faithful in the little things that we might be entrusted with true riches, with advancing the gospel in people's lives.

Are you different this year than you were last year? Can you pinpoint some spiritual movement in your own life? Has your knowledge and your relationship with Christ grown this last year?

Little things done well equal one good first impression. Little things done well the next week lead to trust. Little things done well over a long period of time equal the advance of the gospel.

Little things over the long haul.

We often don't realize the impact little things have on the life of the church.

- Steve and Kourtney, the Geer's home, the Wagoner's garage, etc.

Today, we're going to look at 3 points of faithfulness in little things.

1. Ways you have been faithful this last year...

Galatians 6:9

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

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Our leadership team met 23 days last year, approximately every other week for 90 minutes.

Yes is a little word that leads to more.

"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much."

In our Children's Ministry, we have 19 people serving in addition to our children's ministry director, Kourtney Pefley.

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- **New Director of Children’s Ministry**

Seeking Him series - helped create deep roots in us so we may have deep impact - Approximately 22 people in our Center Groups met for 12 weeks to go over the daily study guide.

- **Faithfulness in Bible reading**

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- **Attendance**

Church Planting - supporting San Bernardino with 5% of every offering. (Daniel Garcia)

2. We are faithful, so that we can be fruitful.

John 15:16 (NIV)

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

Now, there are conditions to be met before we bear fruit. That’s why the Bible is full of agricultural analogies.

“Farmers are anything but rock stars. They get up early and work. They sow, plow, toil, and protect. In all of it, they beg God for rain. That’s a good description of ministry.” Tony Mirada, content director of Acts 29, which is a church planting network.

Easter 2018

Invite Your One 2018

Youth Group

Partnership

By-Laws

Leadership Pipeline

Sermon Series 2018

The 10 Greatest Misconceptions about Heaven - the Bible actually teaches that the people who are the most heavenly minded do the most earthly good.

The Five Solas - Nothing makes a Christian feel more secure than the gospel.

Every Spiritual Blessing - “It is a tragedy that we live as spiritual paupers when God intends us to be princes.”

Bible Kids - Our children teach us how to be God's children. (If children are examples of faith, maybe we have something to learn from them.)

Center Church Values - Our values are our program. It's through them that we move toward our goals.

Behold Your God - Because nothing is more important than knowing God.

From Barren to Blessed - The miracles that foreshadowed the birth of Christ.

3. We are faithful, so that we can be fruitful. And in being fruitful, God is glorified.

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1 Corinthians 3:6-9

6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8 He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor.

9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

You're the program.

God gives the growth. But notice the context of this truth. "Each will receive his wages according to his labor." So, there is no growth without faithful planting and watering. If we're not planting seeds of the gospel in the lives of people around us and watering those seeds, don't expect to see growth. But we do that faithfully and expect God to bring the growth.

Facing some hard truths about evangelicalism — I know of a local church that is dying. It has been dying for years. Now, some members of that church are leaving because it's dying.

But here's a hard truth I don't think most of those leaving are willing to face — that church is dying because they were not Christians who planted and watered faithfully. They were not Christians who shared the gospel.

The gospel creates the church. Growing churches are gospel sharing churches. The hard truth is most church attenders are unwilling to make the necessary changes in

their lives and in the life of the church in order to become a people who reach people.

This is why being mission-minded is one of our values as a church.

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