



## Stay on Target | Aiming at What Matters

### Matthew 1:18-25 | Jordan Hansen, Lead Pastor

Fruit grows...where commitment is PLANTED & discipline is CULTIVATED. → Proverbs 16:3

Zig Ziglar said, "If you aim at nothing, you'll hit it every time!" How many of us want to be successful at nothing? On the other hand, how many of us want to be successful at the wrong things? A "New Year" provides an opportunity to pause, reflect, & re-aim at what matters most. Am I GOING in the direction God desires? Am I the person God created me to BE? What does success look like for a community on mission?

→ **How can we be successful at becoming the people God has called us to be?** → Like John Huntley?

[Proverbs is generational wisdom passed down from the older to the younger. SO IT WILL GO WELL WITH YOU!]

**Proverbs 16:3:** Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed. NLT

Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established. - ESV

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. - NIV

Put God in charge of your work, then what you've planned will take place. - The Message

**All the best things in life come when we COMMIT!** → Commitment involves both **intentionality & discipline**. Our part!

- Can you IMAGINE if Abraham, Moses, David, Nehemiah, Ezra, Peter, & Paul had NEVER committed?! → JESUS?!?!?
- The best things in my life resulted... I COMMITTED! → Relationship w/God. Marriage. Kids. Church. Career. Ed.
- **COMMIT!** → We are a community on a mission! → What is our mission? → God has called us to love people into a growing relationship with Jesus. → **That is OUR definition of discipleship.** → We do it with four spiritual guide posts.
- **VISION: Know God - Commit your heart to Christ.** → How can I make sure my heart STAYS committed to Christ?
  - PERSONAL: A Bible Reading Plan
  - PERSONAL: Prayer / Fasting
  - CHURCH: Make Sunday morning a PRIORITY... & don't wait until the music starts to "enter in."
  - Prayer: Lord, we commit our HEARTS to you.
- **VISION: Find Freedom - Commit to deeper relationships.** → Christ centered relationships is where change happens.
  - PERSONAL: Find a battle buddy.
  - PERSONAL: Investigate the role of the Holy Spirit in your life.
  - CHURCH: Small Group (Rooted Wednesdays, AA: Discovery through Recovery, Tuesday Night Support)
  - Prayer: Lord, we commit our RELATIONSHIPS to you.
- **VISION: Discover Purpose - Commit to your calling.** → NOT just making money or your career. FOR THE KINGDOM!
  - PERSONAL: SHAPE - spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality, experiences...
  - CHURCH: The Mixer - We need to know YOU... before we can know what you can DO.
  - CHURCH: Growth Track - What you are passionate about, gifted for?
  - Prayer: Lord, we commit our CALLINGS to you.
- **VISION: Make a Difference - Commit to serving people.** → How is my calling impacting others for the Kingdom?
  - PERSONAL: Give - Give regularly.
  - CHURCH: Dream Team - Serve regularly.
  - CHURCH: Invite people to church regularly (Top Ten, Invites/Door Hangers)
  - Prayer: Lord, we commit our TIME, TALENTS & RESOURCES to you.
- **What does the WIN look like?** → A changing life. HOLISTIC transformation. Disciples are made!

→ Friends, God has called our church family to COMMIT to this missional life in our community. If we are successful, our lives will change & those that God uses us to reach WILL CHANGE... FOR ETERNITY!

→ **God grows fruit when we decide to commit!**

## TALK ABOUT IT - Questions to GROW through with family, friends, & myself.

1. What aspects of my life have been positively impacted by my decision to commit?
2. What do I want to succeed at in life? What matters most to me? How can I grow in these areas?
3. How do I understand the words intentionality, commitment, and discipline?
4. Why does my effort actually matter in the pursuit of spiritual growth? How is God involved?
5. **PRAYER:** "Father, help me to commit to the things that matter for eternity in 2023!"

## QUOTES:

"If you aim at nothing, you'll hit it every time!" - [Zig Ziglar](#)

## RESOURCES & TOOLS:

- Learn "How to Read the Bible": [Click here!](#)
- Sign up for Mesa Church's "Read the Bible in a Year": [Click here!](#)
- Learn More About Fasting: [Click here!](#)
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