



CFA Finding Our Vision

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The Triumphant Church Is A Church Of Purpose

- **Serve**
- **Worship**
- **Outreach**
- **Relationships**
- **Discipleship**

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The Triumphant Church Is A Church Of His Presence

- *To Know Him And Draw Near*

The Triumphant Church Is A Church Of Holy Spirit Power

- *You Shall Receive Power To Move & Operate In The Leading Of The Holy Spirit – (Acts 1:8)*
- (Mark 16:17-18 NIV) “these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name...”

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Our Values At CFA

- *Values answer the question “What’s important to our church?”*
- **Values are deeply held, beliefs and principles that guide our culture, decisions, and actions.**
- **Every church needs to have guiding core values –bedrock.**

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What Are Some of Our Values?

- *The Bible Is True*
- *Lost People Matter To God -- We value the Harvest (souls)*
- *We value Christ and desire to be like Him*
- *We value the Holy Spirit --His fullness & His move*
- *We Love God and We Love People*

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Values And Vision Are Distinct

- **Values are unchanging beliefs**
- **Vision is a call to action.**
- **Values define who we are and what we stand for.**
- **Vision is the direction we are headed**

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Vision Leads To And Calls For Change

- It Is Not Where We Are – It Is Where We Are Headed
- It Is What God Is Calling Us To Be.

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Vision is: Seeing – Believing -- Doing

- **God gave Moses** *a vision to deliver the Israelites from Egyptian bondage.*
- **God gave Joshua** *a vision to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land.*
- **God gave Nehemiah** *a vision to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem.*
- ***The Problem Is Not The Problem It Leads To Fresh Vision***
- **When God gives us a vision, our job is to:**
Receive It Believe It and Do It

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- *At CFA We Are....*
- **Looking Forward With Expectancy to Embrace The Vision That Shapes Our Future**
- **Our Vision Is Where God Is Taking And Leading Us To**
- **And That Is Exactly Where We Want To Be!**

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VISION – Comes from the Latin- ‘visio’ –“to see”

- ■ **noun**
- 1 the state of being able to see.
- 2 the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom.
- ► a mental image of what the future will or could be like.
- “Vision is the ability to courageously explore possibilities”

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Vision comes from God -if we ask Him, He will give it.

- **God gives us vision**
- We must know God before we can know His vision.
- **(Jer 29:13 NIV)** You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.
- **God gives us vision to guide and direct us**
- **God gives us vision to show us our true potential**

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**God Given Vision Drove All The Worthwhile
Accomplishments Recorded In The Bible**

• ***Abraham***

Moses

Joshua

• ***Nehemiah***

Esther

Zerubbabel

• ***Jesus***

Paul

• **Vision Comes To God's People So That They Can
Accomplish All That He Wants Them To Accomplish**

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Discovering Our Vision Helps Us To Understand Who We Are And What We're Uniquely Designed To Do.

- *Vision goes beyond current truth into the future*
- *Vision unites us to focus on a destination*
- *Vision causes us to believe for something better*

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- ***To Get To Where God Is Calling Us To Be -- Change, Focus, & Redirection Is Necessary***
- Vision can be risky because it invites criticism
- *But the risks are worth the reward*
- *Fresh vision is amazing*

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Every church has the Great Commission as its mission

- *When we forget why we are here --We start focusing inward*
- *Both purpose and vision are set aside --The result is decline*
- Alton Garrison: A Spirit-Empowered Church

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- *Our vision must be outward focused, thinking of “them” and not “us.” Without this, we perish*
- *Casting a vision for your church isn’t about pulling visionary material out of yourself (looking inward) but about seeing what God is already dreaming for your church.*
- *God’s dream for your church always involves people.*
- **Alton Garrison: A Spirit-Empowered Church**

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- ***CFA doesn't exist w/o people***
- *Gods' dream for our church involves people*
- *God is calling to this church to have a vision that includes His heart for people*

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A VISION FOR PEOPLE FOR THE CFA CHURCH FAMILY

- *The lost would be found*
- *Those without hope & direction would find it*
- *Those w/o meaning or significance would learn about it*
- *Those who were alone would find a place to belong*
- *CFA is People learning to love God and love others*
- *People being equipped to “go, and make disciples”*

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Vision isn't solely about buildings, plans, or numbers

- *It isn't simply programs or ministry tools.*
- *Vision is us being the kind of people God wants us to be*
- *Our Vision Is God's vision for our church and community!*

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Vision is not our dreams and ambitions

- **Vision is God's dream & vision for our church, our neighborhoods, and our cities.**
- ***He Puts This Vision And Speaks These Things To Our Hearts***

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God gives us vision so that we can see the true potential of a situation

- **God's is always possible**

1. God does not guide where He will not also provide
2. God does not have impossible in His vocabulary
3. God's power has no limit

- **(Mat 19:26 NIV) *"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."***

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At CFA We Have A Vision

- To Glorify God thru Preaching And Teaching His Word
- A Church Bathed In Prayer, Where God's Spirit Moves
- To Connect With Our Community and Become A Place to Belong
- Use Facilities to Glorify God & Impact People for the Kingdom
- Train, Equip, and Utilize Believers for Ministry

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At CFA We Have A Vision

- Be a Sending Church for Missions
- Grow New Levels of Excellence in our Ministries
- Develop and Use Technology to Increase our Gospel Reach
- Promote Relationships & Spiritual Growth Through Small Groups
- To Foster Healthy Living Thru Sports & Recreation

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- **Every one of us must be personally committed to the vision**
- ***If just a couple people grab the vision, it won't happen***
- **If we all find and to do our part -- it will come together**

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Catching the vision is like “Spiritual Surfing”

1. *See the Wave*
2. *Catch the Wave*
3. *Ride the Wave*

- *Rick Warren*

- ***Sometimes the wave is not a huge wave -- it is a small ripple-- and we need to find our individual place in it***
- *Too often we wait for someone else to “ride the wave” when God is waiting for us to be the one*

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God wants you to be personally committed and personally involved in the work.

- *We should expect to make some personal sacrifices:
Time – Money – Comfort -- Effort and Energy*
- It is never for nothing
- “Give and it shall be given unto you” “Sowing & Reaping”

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- **DAVID =**

- *Warrior*
- *Worshipper*
- *Winner In Life*

- **SOLOMON =**

- *Wisdom & Knowledge*
- *Wealth*
- *Builder*

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- **David Had A Vision To Build The Lord A Temple**
- **God told Nathan: David would not build it**
- ***David Would Not Build A House For God***
- ***God Would Build A House For David***
- **Solomon – Would Be King And Would Build The Temple**

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The Vision To Build The Temple Was Birthed And Stayed In David's Heart–

- *Yet David Was Not The One Who Actually Built It-- It Was Accomplished By Another*

What did David do in the meantime? He gave the plans; He gathered materials; designed the layout ; assembled a team;

- ***He didn't quit on the vision -- He kept acquiring, and amassing resources, to see the vision be fulfilled***

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- **David had the initial vision**
- **Solomon fulfilled the vision**
- **God is calling us to fulfill the vision of the Lord**
- **To find our part and to do it with all our might**
- **To assemble the resources, expertise, and team**
- **To build something a place for God's plan to be enacted**