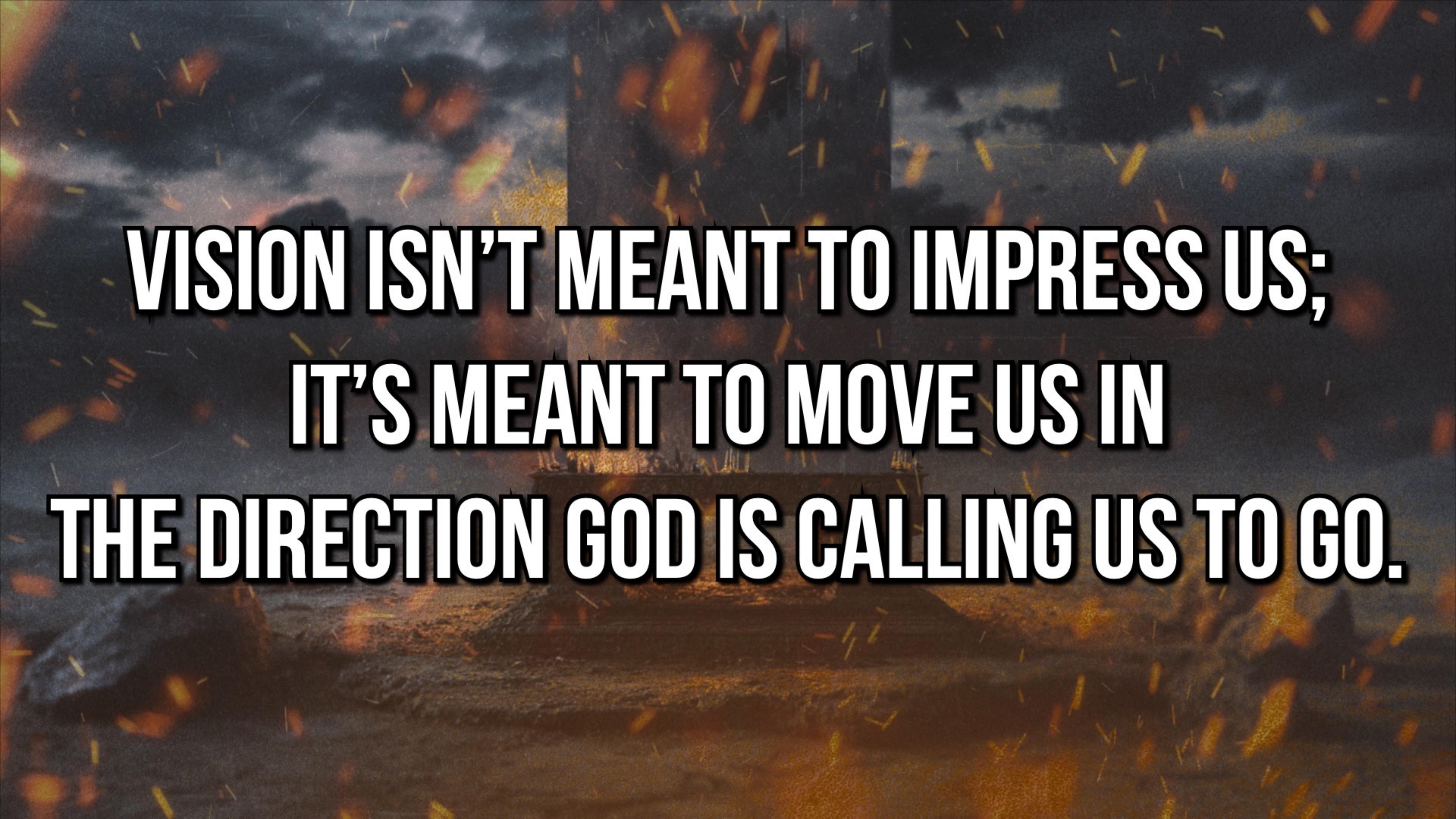


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**VISION ISN'T MEANT TO IMPRESS US;
IT'S MEANT TO MOVE US IN
THE DIRECTION GOD IS CALLING US TO GO.**



**WHY CAN'T WE STAY HERE?
BECAUSE GOD'S MISSION
ISN'T COMPLETE YET!!!**

MATTHEW 28:19–20 NLT

**THEREFORE, GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS,
BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE SON
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. ²⁰ TEACH THESE NEW DISCIPLES TO
OBEY ALL THE COMMANDS I HAVE GIVEN YOU. AND BE SURE OF
THIS: I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE.**

**TRUTH: JESUS DIDN'T GIVE THE CHURCH A
SUGGESTION... HE GAVE US A MISSION!!!**



**THE MISSION:
GO>>> REACH > REFRESH > RESTORE!!!**

PROVERBS 29:18

WHERE THERE IS NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH...



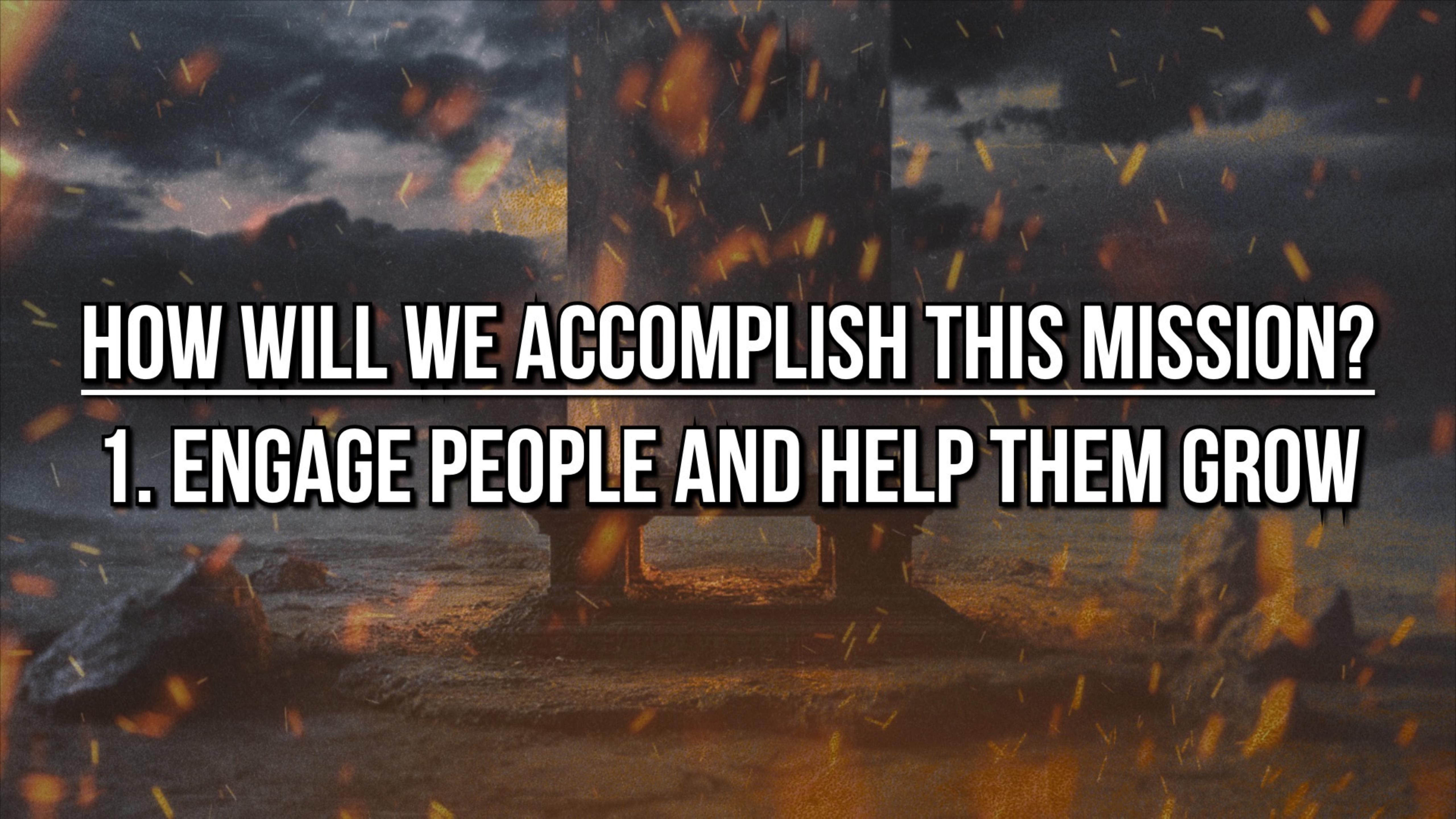


**REALITY: VISION DOESN'T CHANGE THE
MISSION, IT HELPS US CARRY IT OUT!**



WE GOT ONE DIRECTION TO GO...

FORWARD!!!



HOW WILL WE ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION?

1. ENGAGE PEOPLE AND HELP THEM GROW



**REALITY: WE'RE NOT COUNTING
CONVERSIONS, WE'RE FORMING PEOPLE!**

EPHESIANS 4:11–16 NLT

**NOW THESE ARE THE GIFTS CHRIST GAVE TO THE CHURCH: THE
APOSTLES, THE PROPHETS, THE EVANGELISTS, AND THE
PASTORS AND TEACHERS.¹² THEIR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO
EQUIP GOD'S PEOPLE TO DO HIS WORK AND BUILD UP THE
CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST.**

EPHESIANS 4:11–16 NLT

¹³ THIS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL WE ALL COME TO SUCH UNITY IN OUR FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S SON THAT WE WILL BE MATURE IN THE LORD, MEASURING UP TO THE FULL AND COMPLETE STANDARD OF CHRIST.

EPHESIANS 4:11–16 NLT

¹⁴ **THEN WE WILL NO LONGER BE IMMATURE LIKE CHILDREN.**
WE WON'T BE TOSSED AND BLOWN ABOUT BY EVERY WIND OF
NEW TEACHING. WE WILL NOT BE INFLUENCED WHEN PEOPLE
TRY TO TRICK US WITH LIES SO CLEVER THEY SOUND LIKE THE
TRUTH. ¹⁵ INSTEAD, WE WILL SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE,
GROWING IN EVERY WAY MORE AND MORE LIKE CHRIST, WHO
IS THE HEAD OF HIS BODY, THE CHURCH.

EPHESIANS 4:11–16 NLT

¹⁶ HE MAKES THE WHOLE BODY FIT TOGETHER PERFECTLY. AS EACH PART DOES ITS OWN SPECIAL WORK, IT HELPS THE OTHER PARTS GROW, SO THAT THE WHOLE BODY IS HEALTHY AND GROWING AND FULL OF LOVE.



SHOW UP, GROW UP, BLOW UP!!!

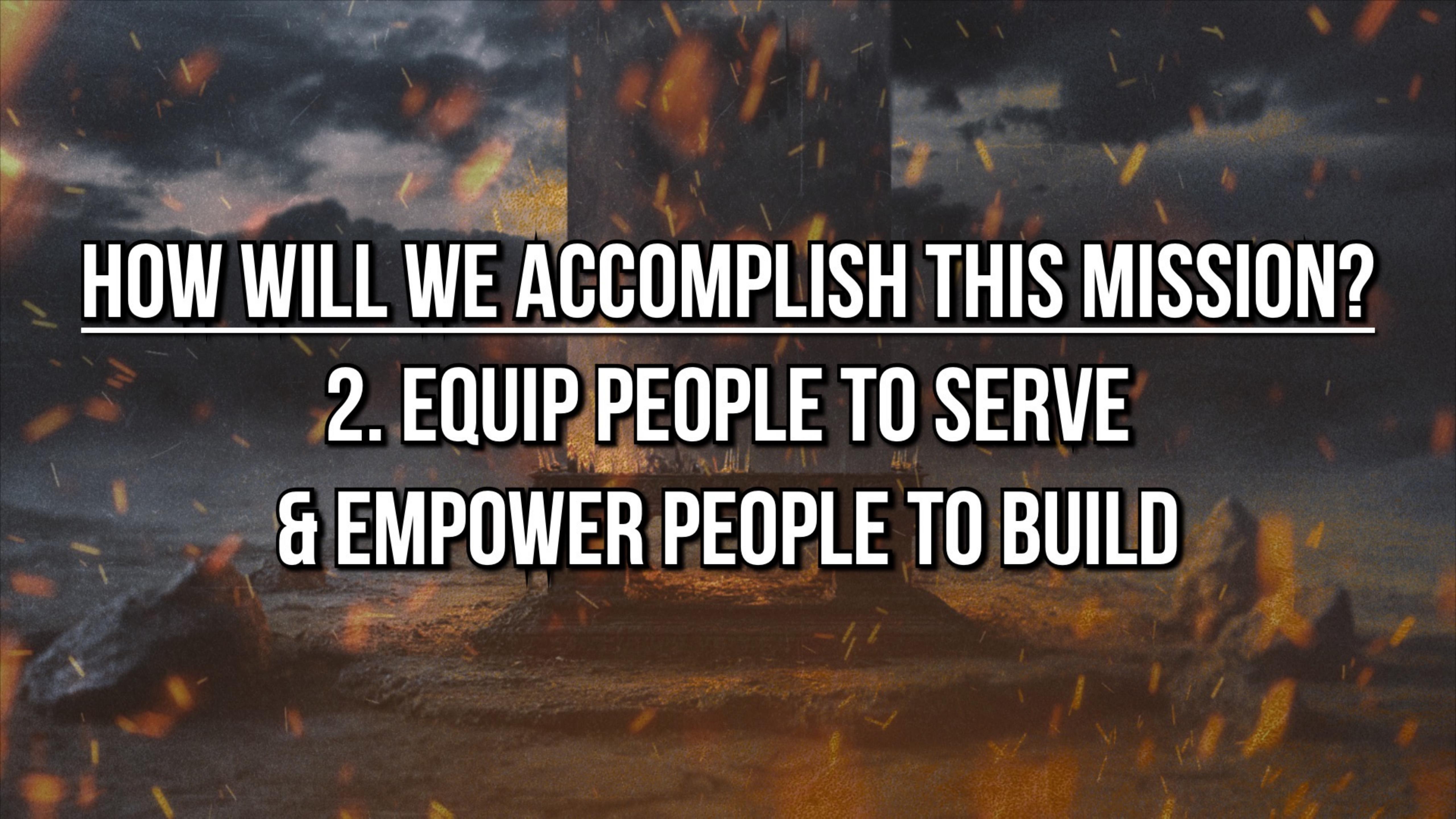


**REALITY: WE ALL MUST TAKE
INTENTIONAL NEXT STEPS**



WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

**TRUTH: THE MEASURE OF SUCCESS ISN'T
HOW MANY PEOPLE COME...
IT'S HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE BECOMING
MORE LIKE JESUS.**



HOW WILL WE ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION?

2. EQUIP PEOPLE TO SERVE & EMPOWER PEOPLE TO BUILD

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12–27 NLT

¹² THE HUMAN BODY HAS MANY PARTS, BUT THE MANY PARTS MAKE UP ONE WHOLE BODY. SO IT IS WITH THE BODY OF CHRIST. ¹³ SOME OF US ARE JEWS, SOME ARE GENTILES, SOME ARE SLAVES, AND SOME ARE FREE. BUT WE HAVE ALL BEEN BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY BY ONE SPIRIT, AND WE ALL SHARE THE SAME SPIRIT.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12–27 NLT

¹⁴ YES, THE BODY HAS MANY DIFFERENT PARTS, NOT JUST ONE PART. ¹⁵ IF THE FOOT SAYS, “I AM NOT A PART OF THE BODY BECAUSE I AM NOT A HAND,” THAT DOES NOT MAKE IT ANY LESS A PART OF THE BODY. ¹⁶ AND IF THE EAR SAYS, “I AM NOT PART OF THE BODY BECAUSE I AM NOT AN EYE,” WOULD THAT MAKE IT ANY LESS A PART OF THE BODY?

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12–27 NLT

¹⁷ IF THE WHOLE BODY WERE AN EYE, HOW WOULD YOU HEAR?
OR IF YOUR WHOLE BODY WERE AN EAR, HOW WOULD YOU
SMELL ANYTHING? ¹⁸ BUT OUR BODIES HAVE MANY PARTS,
AND GOD HAS PUT EACH PART JUST WHERE HE WANTS IT. ¹⁹
HOW STRANGE A BODY WOULD BE IF IT HAD ONLY ONE PART! ²⁰
YES, THERE ARE MANY PARTS, BUT ONLY ONE BODY.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12–27 NLT

²¹ THE EYE CAN NEVER SAY TO THE HAND, “I DON’T NEED YOU.” THE HEAD CAN’T SAY TO THE FEET, “I DON’T NEED YOU.”

²² IN FACT, SOME PARTS OF THE BODY THAT SEEM WEAKEST AND LEAST IMPORTANT ARE ACTUALLY THE MOST NECESSARY.

²³ AND THE PARTS WE REGARD AS LESS HONORABLE ARE THOSE WE CLOTHE WITH THE GREATEST CARE.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12–27 NLT

SO WE CAREFULLY PROTECT THOSE PARTS THAT SHOULD NOT BE SEEN,²⁴ WHILE THE MORE HONORABLE PARTS DO NOT REQUIRE THIS SPECIAL CARE. SO GOD HAS PUT THE BODY TOGETHER SUCH THAT EXTRA HONOR AND CARE ARE GIVEN TO THOSE PARTS THAT HAVE LESS DIGNITY.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12–27 NLT

²⁵ THIS MAKES FOR HARMONY AMONG THE MEMBERS, SO THAT ALL THE MEMBERS CARE FOR EACH OTHER. ²⁶ IF ONE PART SUFFERS, ALL THE PARTS SUFFER WITH IT, AND IF ONE PART IS HONORED, ALL THE PARTS ARE GLAD. ²⁷ ALL OF YOU TOGETHER ARE CHRIST'S BODY, AND EACH OF YOU IS A PART OF IT.



**REALITY: WE DON'T RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS
— WE RELEASE MINISTERS.**



HOW WILL WE ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION?

3. EXPAND THE KINGDOM!

**REALITY: EXPANSION ISN'T ABOUT
SPACE, IT'S ABOUT STEWARDSHIP.
EXPANSION ISN'T ABOUT BUILDINGS
AND PROGRAMS, IT'S ABOUT ETERNITY.**

**TRUTH: EVERYTHING WE DO, EVERY
PROJECT WE PLAN, EVERY PROGRAM WE
RUN, EVERY IMPROVEMENT WE INVEST
IN, IS ALL CONNECTED TO A SOUL AND
BUILDING THE KINGDOM!**

**TRUTH: GREATER THINGS ARE YET TO
COME; GREATER THINGS
ARE STILL TO BE DONE IN OUR CITY!!!**



HOW WILL WE ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION?

4. LOOK FOR NEXT STEPS!

JAMES 1:22 NLT

**BUT DON'T JUST LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD. YOU MUST DO WHAT IT
SAYS. OTHERWISE, YOU ARE ONLY FOOLING YOURSELVES.**

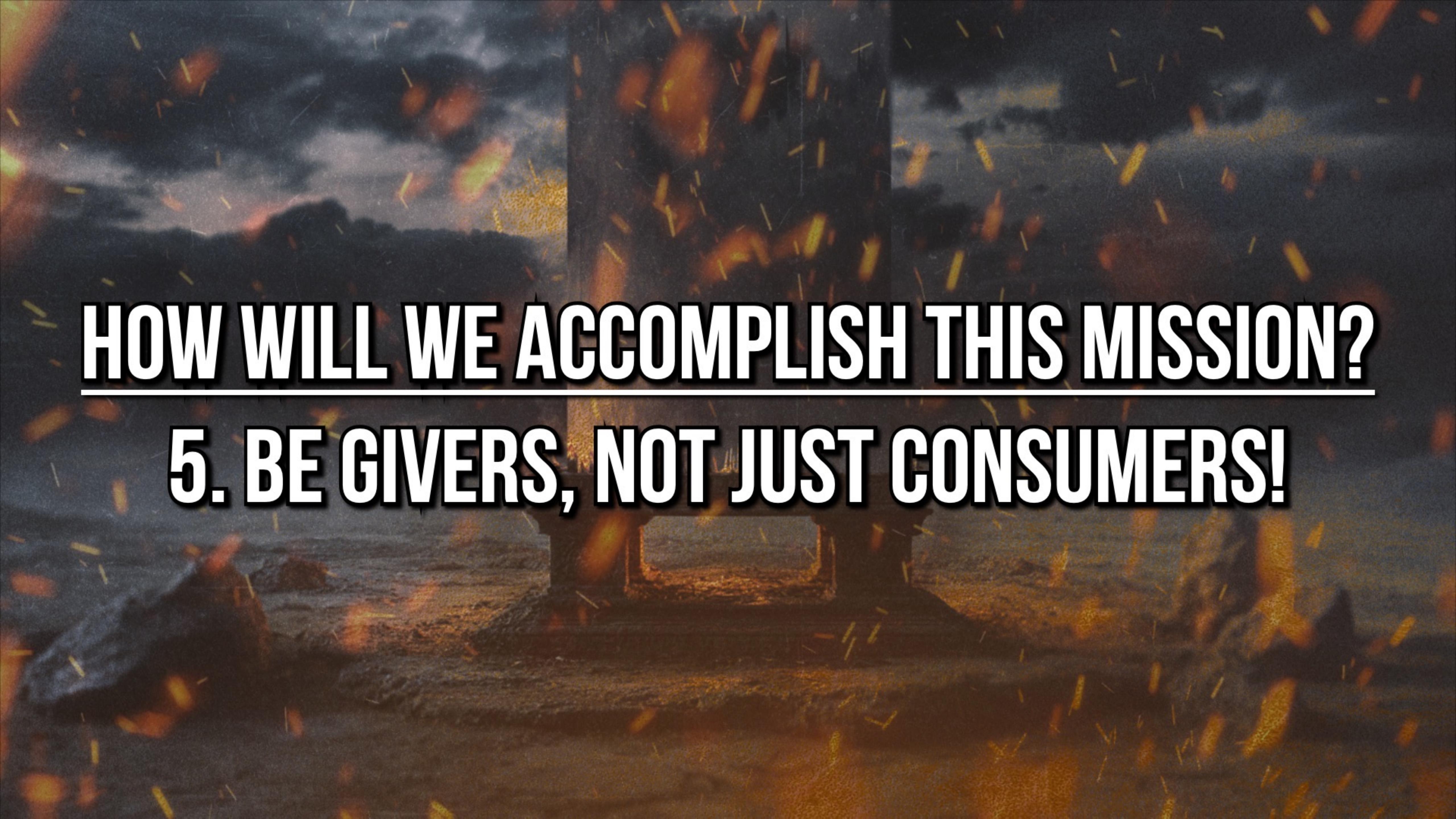
1 SAMUEL 15:22 NLT

**WHAT IS MORE PLEASING TO THE LORD: YOUR BURNT
OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES OR YOUR OBEDIENCE TO HIS
VOICE? LISTEN! OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE, AND
SUBMISSION IS BETTER THAN OFFERING THE FAT OF RAMS.**



**STAY UNDER THE SPOUT WHERE HIS
GLORY COMES OUT!**

**TRUTH: FOUNDATIONS ARE BUILT STEP BY
STEP, AND FIRE IS SUSTAINED BY
CONSISTENT OBEDIENCE!**



HOW WILL WE ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION?

5. BE GIVERS, NOT JUST CONSUMERS!



**REALITY:
WE WILL FUND WHAT WE BELIEVE IN!**

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6–8 NLT

**REMEMBER THIS—A FARMER WHO PLANTS ONLY A FEW
SEEDS WILL GET A SMALL CROP. BUT THE ONE WHO PLANTS
GENEROUSLY WILL GET A GENEROUS CROP.⁷ YOU MUST EACH
DECIDE IN YOUR HEART HOW MUCH TO GIVE. AND DON'T GIVE
RELUCTANTLY OR IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE. “FOR GOD
LOVES A PERSON WHO GIVES CHEERFULLY. ”**

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6–8 NLT

⁸ AND GOD WILL GENEROUSLY PROVIDE ALL YOU NEED. THEN YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED, AND PLENTY LEFT OVER TO SHARE WITH OTHERS.

MATTHEW 6:19-21 NLT

**DON'T STORE UP TREASURES HERE ON EARTH, WHERE MOTHS
EAT THEM AND RUST DESTROYS THEM, AND WHERE THIEVES
BREAK IN AND STEAL. ²⁰ STORE YOUR TREASURES IN HEAVEN,
WHERE MOTHS AND RUST CANNOT DESTROY, AND THIEVES DO
NOT BREAK IN AND STEAL. ²¹ WHEREVER YOUR TREASURE IS,
THERE THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART WILL ALSO BE.**

PROVERBS 3:9-10 NLT

**HONOR THE LORD WITH YOUR WEALTH AND WITH THE BEST
PART OF EVERYTHING YOU PRODUCE.¹⁰ THEN HE WILL FILL
YOUR BARNS WITH GRAIN, AND YOUR VATS WILL OVERFLOW
WITH GOOD WINE.**

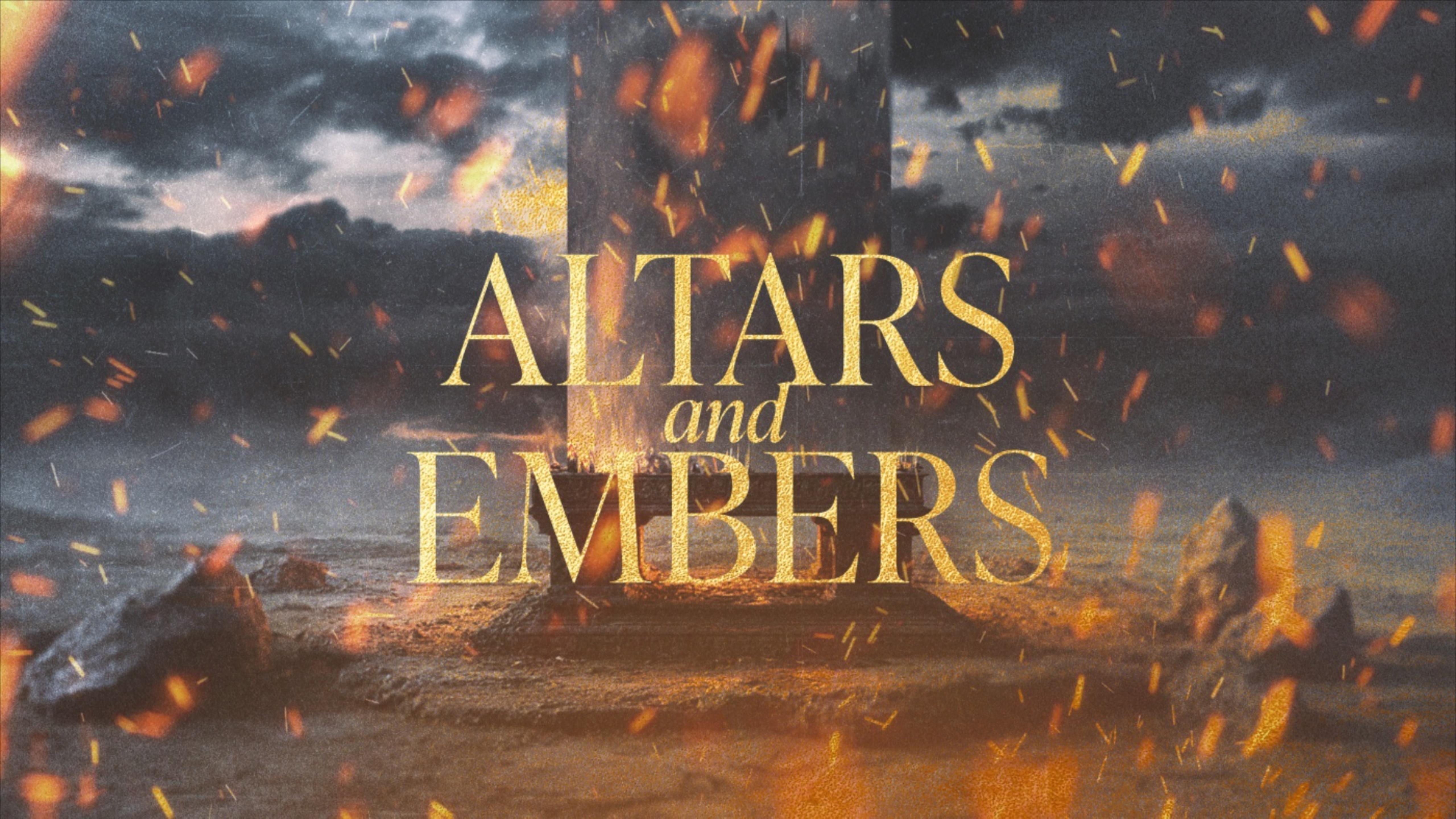
LUKE 6:38 NLT

GIVE, AND YOU WILL RECEIVE. YOUR GIFT WILL RETURN TO YOU
IN FULL, PRESSED DOWN, SHAKEN TOGETHER TO MAKE ROOM
FOR MORE, RUNNING OVER, AND POURED INTO YOUR LAP. THE
AMOUNT YOU GIVE WILL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT YOU GET
BACK.

**REALITY: GENEROSITY ISN'T PRESSURE,
IT'S PARTICIPATION! GIVING ISN'T ABOUT
MEETING A BUDGET—IT'S ABOUT
MULTIPLYING MINISTRY.**



**TRUTH: GOD'S VISION MOVES FORWARD
WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE MOVE TOGETHER.**



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