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Vision Statement

We live to see lives transformed through Jesus

Mission Statement

We are a family committed to seeing lives changed. We connect people to God and others, make disciples of Jesus, and are Spirit-empowered people who live out the Good News in our world. **And we are each determined to fulfill our unique purpose in God's mission** to everyone, everywhere, every day.

3 Pillars

Connect | Disciple | Empower

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PURPOSE is about the full, redeemed expression of who you are because of Jesus. Not just a job, not just a skill, not just a talent. Our life is for His glory.

Psalm 19:1- creation declares God's glory when we look at the stars... when science reveals how precise the design is for life, the laws for mathematics, physics, and science, it speaks to the glory of God

Isaiah 43:7 NIV everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

- We bear the mark of our Creator in that we were made in the image of God
- We also enjoy knowing and becoming like Him

This theme through scripture: Ephesians 1:17-19 NIV ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, **the glorious Father** (relationship not performance) may give you the Spirit^a of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your **heart may be enlightened** in order that you may know the **hope to which he has called** you, the riches of his **glorious inheritance in his holy people**,¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

- God delights in His creation and ongoing redemption

All of our life for His glory. Our individual lives matter to God. We have a place in His story. Everything in our life is through Him and for Him

- We are participants, not fans

“We are each determined to fulfill”:

Unqualified mindset

- Do you lived like you are valued? Do you think like you are valued?
- Redeemed- reordering value of our life
- We are no longer judged by our past life. The cross determined our value.
- The cross represented condemnation; Now, consecration and sanctification. The cross now determines God’s commitment to you
- You are ready now

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- Amy Groeshel

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Why each? Every person has a role and a part in the story of redemption

- Paul shared how the church is like the physical body.

Why determined? It involves both our head and heart; Jesus said count the cost

- All-in decision

Faith is conviction, commitment, endurance, perseverance, growth, transformation

- And, to invite us into the family business, relationship driven, the participation of His mission- sharing the Good News
- 1 Corinthians 3:9 NLT **“For we are both God’s workers.** And you are God’s field. You are God’s building.
- Every person involved

2 Cor 5:20 Ambassadors, representatives of Him

- we reveal a different kingdom with How we love, how we work etc.
- Everything should be better because we show up

To Fulfill - I want to do the best I can to live for Jesus

- 1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV **“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.**”

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We are each determined to fulfill our unique purpose:

We believe we each have a unique story to share.

Pastor Jason often imagines heaven as an ongoing celebration as we tell each other how God saved and changed us, and how we lived because of it.

When we speak of purpose, it is not simply one thing. It is the sum total of who we are and how we live, and how God desires to redeem every aspect of our life. There is nothing in your life that is off-limits to God’s power.

Ephesians 2:10 ESV ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

- Workmanship/handicraft - "poiema" (Greek), poem. God is expressing something about Himself through us
- Our purpose flows from what Jesus has done in us and through us
- This ongoing work of Jesus on the earth through us
- John 8 story - grace with truth
 - The woman at the well; the woman caught in adultery
 - Jesus was revaluing her; in front of everyone
 - Jesus was redefining her value so that she could live truth
- Good works come from experiencing the goodness of God - overflow

God has no intention of leaving you where you are: He is the author and finisher of our faith.

1 Peter 4:10 NIV ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

NKJV ¹⁰ "Manifold wisdom of God..."

"Manifold" - Multi-faceted

- Reflection: we know a truth (information) about God that we can share, but not necessarily personal experience (example: sexual abuse. You know that God can meet someone in that situation and heal them, even if you haven't experienced it yourself)
- Refraction: Ministering through personal experience. God's grace refraction bends differently because He meets each of us differently, personally.

Ephesians 2:10

Intellect and natural personality. Which of you are...

- Risk takers? Calculated?
- Shy? Bold?
- Includer? Challenger?
- Encourager? Exhorter?
- You don't have to change your personality to be used by God

Skills: It could be a learned skill in school or at a job that can be utilized to help serve people (eg. Listening).

Talent: a natural ability or talent (eg. Singing).

Profession: What you do at work and what you do at church can intersect.

The greatest untapped resource is our marketplace leaders. You can take Jesus into your work, and you can bring your work into the Church.

Revelations of God to you, you can give away: love, grace, power, compassion

Our past: Part of our purpose is discovered from our past. God is the great Redeemer. He does not want us to live in shame, anger, or bitterness or fear. There are people who have felt the same things, experienced the same thing, dealt with the

same things, thought the same things as you, and God can use you to bring transformation in their life.

God is both the great Redeemer and the great Multiplier

- The 4Purpose Project was born out of a desire to help people realize their God-given purpose, giftings, and passions.
- How do we give away what we *do not know* we have?
- How do we honor God if we devalue who we are, what we have or don't acknowledge what God can do?

"I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ is no mere man. Between him and every other person in the world there is no possible term of comparison. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I founded empires. But on what did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded His empire upon love; and at this hour millions of people would die for Him."

- Napoleon Bonaparte

1 Peter 4: 11 NLT. "Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen."

It is not the gift that matters...are you looking to honor God and bring glory to Jesus with your life, with your gift? Unique purpose is the unique way God utilizes you to honor Him and serve others.

Titus 2:14 NLT ¹⁴He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

2 Thes. 1:11-12 NIV ¹¹With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. ¹²We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.^[a]

Reflection/discussion Questions:

- Do you feel a sense of unique purpose or is this something you need to discover?
- How are you using your unique gifts and skills to be on Mission for God?
- Do you lived like you are valued? Do you think like you are valued?