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INTRODUCTION

OUR VISION:

To raise up anointed disciple-makers who are empowered to change their world for Christ.

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2023 - OUR YEAR OF GREAT GRACE

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Acts 4:33 (ESV)

And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

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Acts 17:25 (NIV)

25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.

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SERVE GOD
GRACEFULLY WITH YOUR GIFTS

1 Peter 4:9–11 (NIV)

9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 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. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 12:7–9 (NKJV)

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,



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FAITHFULLY WITH YOUR GIFTS

Matthew 25:14 (NIV)

14 “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them.”

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Matthew 25:15 (ESV)

15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

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Matthew 25:16–18 (ESV)

16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

21 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!’ You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”

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1 Corinthians 4:2 (ESV)

2 Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

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SERVE GOD'S
PEOPLE WITH HUMILITY

Matthew 20:20–21 (NIV)

20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. 21 "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

Matthew 20:22–23 (NIV)

22 “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?” “We can,” they answered. 23 Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.”

Matthew 20:24–25 (NIV)

24 When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. 25 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

Matthew 20:26–28 (NIV)

26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave –28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

John 13:3–5 (NIV)

3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.



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SERVE GOD
WITH RADICAL COMMITMENT

Luke 9:57–58 (NIV)

57 As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” 58 Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

Luke 9:59–60 (NIV)

59 He said to another man, “Follow me.” But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” 60 Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

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Luke 9:61 (NIV)

61 Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

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Luke 9:62 (NIV)

62 Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

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CONCLUSION

Galatians 5:13b (NIV)

13 ...; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

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