

## ***“The Future is NOW!”***

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As we venture into 2026, know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. The Future is now. We must SEEK the Lord with our whole heart, we must SHARE the Kingdom of God/Good News with the least, last, and lost, AND SHAPE intentionally our family and other believers as the HS enables us.

This is not an option for a believer. This is the command of Christ as we recognize that  
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### **Luke 2:29-32 (NLT)**

<sup>29</sup> “Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. <sup>30</sup> I have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared for all people. <sup>32</sup> He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!”

### **Matthew 3:1-3 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup> For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

### **Mark 1:15 (NLT)**

<sup>15</sup> “The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!”

### **Matthew 4:17 (NLT)**

<sup>17</sup> From then on Jesus began to preach, “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”

### **Matthew 10:1, 7-8 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to cast out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and illness. <sup>7</sup> Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!

To live forth the **Kingdom NOW** you must.

- 1. SEEK**

### **Matthew 6:10 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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"We must pray for God's power to be shown among men and His purposes to be accomplished on earth at this present time. This includes following Jesus' instructions and exercising God's power among His people in order to destroy the works of Satan, heal the sick, save the spiritually lost and promote truth."

"To pray '*your will be done*' means that we truly desire that God's purposes, plans, and desires are fulfilled in our lives and in the lives of our families. God's will is accomplished when we pray for '*the kingdom of God and His righteousness*' to be active in our lives."

"We must keep in mind that if we are praying for God's will to be done, we will be ready to take action toward accomplishing his purposes as he reveals them to us."

### **How can we seek the Lord?**

- Prayer/Meditation
- Reading/Studying the Scriptures
- Fasting
- Praise and Worship

## **21 Days of Prayer and Fasting**

- A. **"The Future Is NOW"** phase 1 building campaign. What would the HS speak to you in how you would invest in it.
- B. The **least**, the **last**, and the **lost** to encounter Christ in our community.
- C. **Servant leaders** to recognize and be willing to commit to using their gifts in serving the local church.

## **Personal Prayers**

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2. **SHARE**

### **Acts 16:31 (ESV)**

<sup>31</sup>And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

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## **SHARING is not OPTIONAL for a Christian!**

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### **3. SHAPE**

**Who are we to shape?**

#### **a. Family**

#### **Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NLT)**

<sup>6</sup> And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. <sup>7</sup> Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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#### **b. Believers**

#### **Proverbs 27:17 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

#### **1 Corinthians 11:1 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.

#### **Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)**

<sup>42</sup> All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>44</sup> And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup> They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. <sup>46</sup> They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— <sup>47</sup> all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.