Our role as an intercessor at Identity Church **Teaching #1**

God's plan, his purpose in our position here at Identity Church

Identity Church Vision statement on our website:
"Identity Church is founded with the same mission that Jesus gave to His followers,"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". With the purpose to create (1)**a community of authentic believers** and to (2)**witness a region transformed** by the (3)**life changing reality of the gospel**, as people come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior, (4)**establishing their identity in Him."**

1. **Community of authentic believers:**

Authentic: real, genuine not fake or an imitation. Acting with sincerity in a way that represents a person's true nature, beliefs or character. **The quality of being verified, to prove authenticity.**

This is what is happening right now and has been happening for months. I believe it all began with PC's Storm messages, where we began coming to the realization the "status quo" was not working anymore. God moved upon PC and leadership to begin to challenge our thinking and our complacency. Looking through the journals of records of Sunday prayer, it was the Spirit of God challenging us to move forward. **To move forward into authenticity.** There have been many teachings on what intercession is, what it is not, who are our greatest examples in the Bible were and the many men and woman in our modern day and in the last few hundred years. Standing in the role of an intercessor requires obedience, submission to authority, willingness to submit to others, flexibility, steadfastness, focus and determination. I'm sure each of you could add several , if not many additional adjectives.
It states in the vision of the House that **authenticity is at the top of the list,** the top attribute to strive for. This is no different than during the times of Christ, even at His own behest when He spoke to His people saying,"If you want to be my disciple, take up your cross and follow Me." When you are authentic, you may make mistakes, but if your heart is right with God, He surely will turn all things to work for your good and ultimately for the good of others. **The vision of the house states your personal authenticity is to serve the community of believers. Can you imagine how powerful we all would be if each of us would just be authentic in who God created us to be.**

Examples:
Hannah, Jeremiah, Nehemiah, Daniel, Moses, Charles Finney, Seymour, Wigglesworth, the ladies of Azusa street, Watchman Nee, E.M. Bounds, all were authentic, and many others. Were they all the same? No. Did they all hold the exact same beliefs or doctrines? No. But each and everyone named and unnamed, were able to see God's supremacy and partner with Him in prayer. Did each one see fruit of their prayers, yes.
They all submitted to authority and the the vision they were given personally or by those they were serving. **The key is who were they serving?** Even in the midst of devastation, political turmoil, barrenness and even immense pressure as leaders, they didn't cast off the vision they served, they pressed in to God and received from Him, supernatural strength to continue on.
What does authenticity as an intercessor in this house look like? Or in any house the Lord God places you. The expression, **"All in!"** should come to mind and be the plumb line. "All in " means it is all about collaborating and coming to the place where the **tip of the sword is the goal,** breaking into the enemy's camp by the light of God. For the Word of God is our lamp, our light, and as the Word points out, it is the **Light that pierces the darkness.** This is the most dramatic visual available in the Word to show us what the light of God can do. The light of God turned the chief Pharisee into the greatest NT teacher/preacher/evangelist there ever was. The light of God slaughtered the enemies of Israel as Gideon cracked the pitchers, the light of God led millions through a desert, it birthed the world into existence. And we are called to be children of light. So, **if light destroys darkness, then we are not light bearers for nothing, but light bearers to pierce darkness.**
If our Pastor, the one responsible before the Lord to Apostolic-ly lead us as a corporate body into the vision of the house, **then it is imperative we fall in line,** fall in place and do what the Father has equipped us to do to support him and leadership through prayer. James warns us about what becomes of the double-minded man. Paul tells us: "make your calling and election sure."

This church is a trail blazing church. It is not part of a conference or organization, but rather a trailblazing church. It reminds me of the "Star-Trek" phrase, "To go to where no man has gone before." The intercessors of the house should look at the courage and fortitude of Joshua and Caleb. **There may be giants in the land, but the God we serve made them for a purpose, possibly to discover within ourselves, how far will we go to attain the promise!** How much we will choose to **discipline ourselves to corral our own thoughts and intentions in order that we might join forces with each other to co-mingle our**

prayers to create a great light that insures victory over the enemy! Many years ago PC gave a pointed message regarding wattage of different types of lights sold on the market. How many lumes are we giving out? One light only will get you so far, but lots of lights together can really expose the enemy's plans.

2. **Witness a region transformed**

Before a region can be transformed, we need to be open to transformation. No fear; fear cripples the plans of God. **Fear of the Lord, honoring His plans is what transforms a region. Repentance is key.** Repentance for our own personal actions and identificational repentance for others. How many times have we heard our Pastor say: will you go to the cross for someone else? The power is in the man that hung on that torturous tool of degradation. It was meant to drive men to fear, the Romans thought that, the Jews of the day thought that, even satan thought that. Fear never wins over the Spirit of God, the Word of God, the salvation of God. If your heart is right, fear in the emotional and even physical sense will drive you to God. God's love, kindness, goodness, mercy is the remedy for fear. **As an intercessor, there is no room for the fear that deters you from the mission, the vision or the calling.**
With boldness we walk in the path set before us by our Pastor and our leadership. Without authenticity, an "all in" attitude,there is no true continuity that is needed for teamwork on a team. Any team, not just a prayer team. If in our region a Gideon's army is needed, a team like Joshua and Caleb or a determined leader like Nehemiah, then let's dig in and see what God can do with our team of intercessors! If He can shape a nation with one man, like Charles Finney or shift a set in stone paradigm, like using the three little ladies in the Bonnie Brea house on Azusa Street, then in reality , **He can use us**.

3. **Life changing reality of the Gospel**

What does that mean, "the life changing reality of the Gospel"? How does this life changing reality show itself? The gospels are actually just written words recorded on paper for us that tells stories of what Jesus did in His actions to effect peoples; minds, wills, emotions and their spirits, souls and their bodies. **The Holy Spirit breaths the life and light into those words to create Rhema, the tangible evidence.**
Jesus gives His disciples the same power. He gives us Exousia power to administer His Word through the execution of our understanding and our voice. His word is voice activated. We are the ecclesia on the earth. We are it's

caretakers. His Dunimas power is the creative power He gives us. Signs, wonders and miracles are the dinner bell of the Gospel. We have heard Pastor Charlie say this may times. The word this year has been evidence. We want the evidence of God's heart to be made manifest in our body. We can not limit Him. We can not have an attitude that we know what is best, or even the "best way to do it."
God can give us a famine to get our attention, he can use leprosy, lameness, blindness. He can use adultery, drunkenness, sickness of any kind, etc. He is sovereign so He can use whatever He wants. He shows us these examples through out the Word, that all things were created by Him, and for Him for His purposes. When we see Him at work we have to ask the Father what's up and not jump to the conclusion we have to fix it because we are moved in our emotions, but rather ask to see what He is after. **And in the counsel of many there is safety; that is why we submit to authority and our team members God has placed us with. We all see in part and when we put all the parts together, we get the picture He is conveying.**

4. **Establishing Identity in Jesus Christ**

How do we establish identity in Christ? WE know (yada) our identity is in Christ, there are an innumerable amount of scriptures to support that. Words on paper(as I said before) but **how do we own it, understand it, live it?** Without the Holy Spirit power we will get nowhere fast. We can get to some places; we will remain on the milk of the word for sure. The vision of the House says, **"Establishing Identity IN Jesus Christ." We have a responsibility as believers to put the work in, spend time with Jesus, and get to know(yada) him. "In Him we have our being."** We don't have to "pray about everything". If we are in him; yada looks like an undisturbed flow of water. When we live "in Him", and we open our hearts to others on our team, and others in our sphere, we are operating in YADA. The Spirit of God is unobstructed and is able to empower our words of agreement with the life breath they need to bring forth the light that pierces darkness. When we have established our beliefs in Jesus Christ we are truly "IN HIM". Intercessors, ones standing in the gap for others must know who they are and who's they are. To be established IN Christ is the safest place to be!

Establish: to permanently institute something by enactment or agreement. The covenant agreement made at the cross of Jesus is between two people: Him and us.

I am asking you to consider/challenging you to make your calling and election sure. Let's be the most effective intercessors God intends us to be for the House!