# BRINGING HOPE. BUILDING LIVES.

# O1: BRINGING HOPE

2 Corinthians 5:15 (NLT) — "He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them."

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### Our GOAL is to be more like JESUS in thought, word, and deed.

Romans 8:29 (NLT) — "For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters."

Romans 12:2 (NLT) — "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

**Ephesians 4:11–13 (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. 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."

### What does a SPIRITUALLY MATURE person look like?

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"Image is Everything."



#### **SUBSTANCE** is Everything:

- Tired of religion that doesn't work
- People want true change
- True seekers can tell difference between IMAGE and SUBSTANCE



#### Why the Un-Churched don't go:

- Hypocrisy of Christians
- Most won't commit lives to Christ if don't see consistent patterns in lives of Christians they know

### "Christians are to BE good news before they SHARE the good news."

**Matthew 5:16 (NKJV) -** "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."



### People are looking for authenticity, compassion and sacrifice.



1. Authentic Identity



#### **Authentic Identity**

- Just be you.
- God made each of us.
- We are all different.
- God likes what He made!

"You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. <sup>15</sup> You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. 16 You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. <sup>17</sup> How precious are

#### Psalm 139:13-18 (NLT)

your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! <sup>18</sup>I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!"



### Stop Denying Your INDIVIDUALITY.

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2. Authentic Emotional Life

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John 11:32-35 (NLT) "When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell down at his feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' 33 When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, he was moved with indignation and was deeply troubled. 34 'Where have you put him?' he asked them. They told him, 'Lord, come and see.' 35 Then Jesus wept."

#### Seekers need to see how you handle your emotions



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3. Authentic Confession

James 5:16 (NLT) – "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results."

### How do you deal with FAILURES in your life?

### Genuine humility and confession are a powerful witness to unbelievers

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4. Authentic Conviction





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