

**LET'S GO** April 23, 2023  
*Moving Forward with God*

**Hebrews 12:1b AMPC** ...let us run w/ patient endurance & steady, active persistence; the appointed course, of the race that is set before us...

**Philippians 3:12b** ...I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. 13 No, dear brothers & sisters, I've not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past & looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on to reach the end of the race & receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

***PURSUE JESUS  
 EXPERIENCE LIFE  
 FULFILL PURPOSE  
 MAKE A DIFFERENCE***

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**1 Timothy 6:11b AMP** ...aim at & pursue righteousness; true goodness, moral conformity to the character of God, godliness (*the fear of God*), faith, love, steadfastness, & gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith...

***You'll never go beyond loving Jesus; you'll never get so accomplished that you don't need to love Jesus.***

*People who love Jesus don't need to say a lot, they exude His presence.*

*People who love Jesus are humbly aware that they need to love Him more.*

***Loving Jesus is more powerful & impactful than strategy or giftings or communication skills, financial success...***

***Loving Jesus is like an invisible shockwave that transforms the hearts of people in the most beautiful way.***

***EXPERIENCE LIFE - The Church***

**Matthew 16:18b** ...upon this rock I will build My church, & all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

**TPT** ...I will build My church—My legislative assembly, & the power of death will not be able to overpower it!

*The Church is built & founded upon the truth & confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, the Savior of the world.*

**Acts 1:8** ...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you...

THE CHURCH IS EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

*God has made a way for the Church to succeed in its mission to equip & empower people to passionately love Jesus.*

**Acts 2:41** Those who believed what Peter said were baptized & added to the church that day-about 3,000 in all. 42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, & to fellowship, & to sharing in meals, including the Lord's Supper, & to prayer. 43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, & the apostles performed many miraculous signs & wonders. 44 And all the believers met together in one place & shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property & possessions & shared the money w/ those in need. 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, & shared their meals w/ great joy & generosity- 47 all the while praising God & enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

JESUS ESTABLISHED THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH.

*The Church is growing, as we commit ourselves to Christ & to one another. **The church isn't a building, but a gathering of Jesus people.***

**1 Corinthians 12:27** All of you together are Christ's body, & each of you is a part of it.

**Romans 10:13** For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." 14 But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they've never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?

THE CHURCH'S MISSION IS TO REACH THE WORLD.

*Jesus' plan is to use the Church to spread the Good News about Himself to the whole world. The local Church is the hope of the world!*

**Psalm 92:13 NKJV** Those who are planted in the house of the Lord,  
Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

## **WE BENEFIT WHEN WE'RE INVOLVED IN CHURCH**

**Hebrews 10:25 AMP** not forsaking our meeting together as believers for worship & instruction, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*...

**Ephesians 2:19b** ...You are citizens along w/ all of God's holy people. You're members of God's family. 20 Together, we're His house, built on the foundation of the apostles & the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus Himself.

*As we're planted in God's house, the Church of Jesus, we have faith & expect to flourish in all areas of our lives & can bless others because of it.*

## **8 EXPECTATIONS FOR OUR CHURCH LIFE**

1. A powerful experience in the presence of Jesus.  
*2 Corinthians 3:17 ...freedom where the Spirit of the Lord is...*
2. A Spirit of joy in the House.  
*Acts 13:52 ..believers are filled w/ joy & the Holy Spirit!*
3. A passionate & Spirit-filled musical expression.  
*John 4:24 ...God is looking for spirit & truth worshippers...*
4. An encouraging & empowering attitude of faith.  
*Romans 10:17 ...faith comes by hearing, & hearing the Word...*
5. Prayer for physical, emotional, & mental needs.  
*James 5:13 ...call elders of the church to come & pray in faith...*
6. The Word of God spoken in power to encourage & equip.  
*Ephesians 4:11...pastors & teachers to equip & build the church.*
7. Biblical & spiritual wisdom that leads us to transformation.  
*Romans 12:2 ...be transformed by the renewing of your mind...*
8. A life of serving & generosity.  
*Luke 6:38 Give & it will be given...*

**THIS IS WHO WE ARE  
THIS IS WHAT WE DO  
THIS IS HOW WE LIVE  
THIS IS OUR CHURCH**