



|| CORE VALUES ||
WHO WE ARE AS A CHURCH

- October, 2025 - From blessing to building.

Over the first 3 Sundays of 2026, we are going to talk about the Vision, Mission, and Core Values of our church.

Why do we exist (Vision), what are we doing (Mission), and who are we (Core Values)?

Every organization has values. Every family has values. Every church—whether written or unwritten—lives by values.

Values answer the question: 👉 *How do we live this out?*

Jesus didn't just preach truth—He **modeled a way of life**. ***Matthew 9*** gives us a snapshot of His ministry rhythm, His heart posture, and His priorities.

Matthew 9:35-38 NKJV

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with

compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

What we see here isn't accidental—it's intentional. These **7 Core Values** flow **directly from the ministry pattern of Jesus Himself.**

I call this, **Living the Harvest Life.**

HFC Vision Statement:

To reflect the heart of Jesus for every person, joining Him in the work of gathering His harvest by making and sending disciples empowered by the Holy Spirit.

"His Heart. His Harvest."

HFC Mission Statement:

We gather to grow in the life of Christ, and we go to serve our community, our region, and the nations—answering Jesus' call to labor in His harvest.

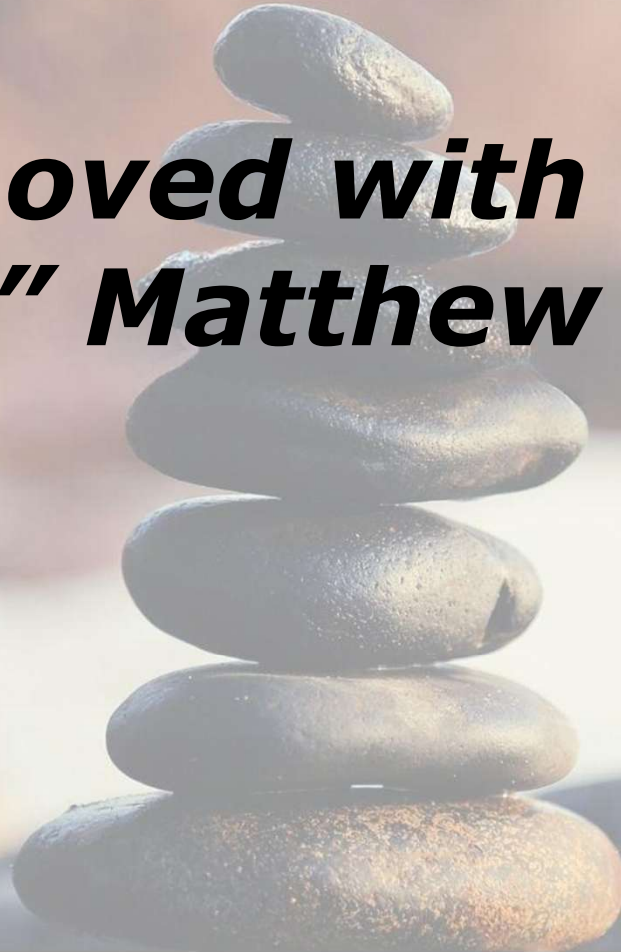
"Gather to Grow. Go to Serve."

Harvest Fellowship Church

A Great Place to Grow and Go!

1.COMPASSION FOR PEOPLE.

***"He was moved with compassion
for them..." Matthew 9:36***



Jesus didn't look at the crowds with annoyance. He didn't see them as interruptions. He saw them as **sheep without a shepherd.**

The word ***compassion*** literally means ***to be moved in your inward parts.***

Harvest people move toward broken people—not away from them!

Matthew 22:37-40 NKJV

37 Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

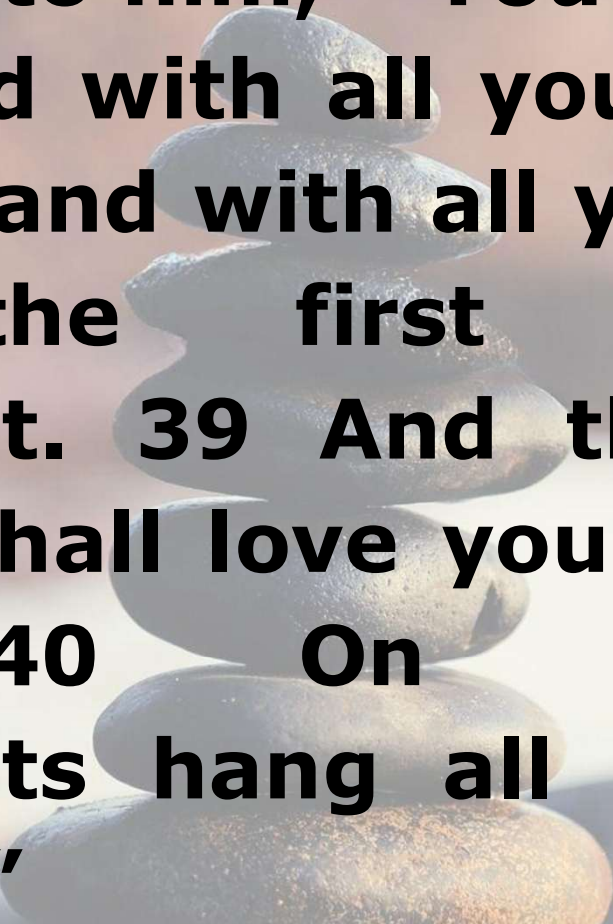


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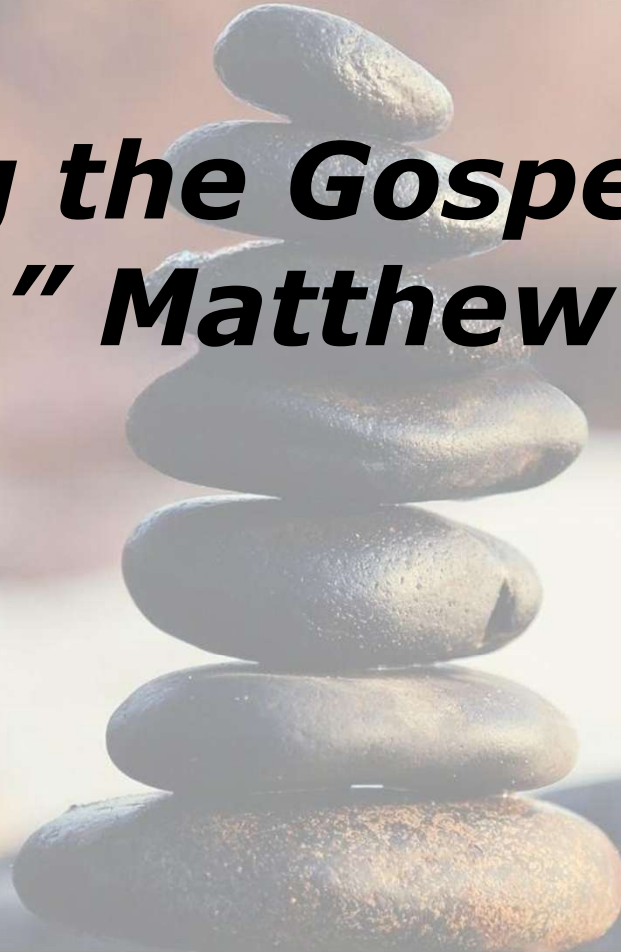
Most people step back when they see brokenness. Jesus stepped closer.

Luke 10:30-37: The Priest and Levite crossed the road. The Good Samaritan crossed the pain to the person.

Compassion is the doorway to harvest.

2. GOSPEL PROCLAMATION.

“Preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom...” Matthew 9:35



Jesus didn't just heal bodies—He announced the Kingdom. The Gospel is **Good News**, not good advice.

It's not:

- Try harder.
- Be better.
- Clean yourself up.

It's:

- The King has come!
- The Kingdom is here!
- Salvation is available now!

We preach the Gospel in both word and lifestyle!

Romans 1:16 NKJV

“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes...”

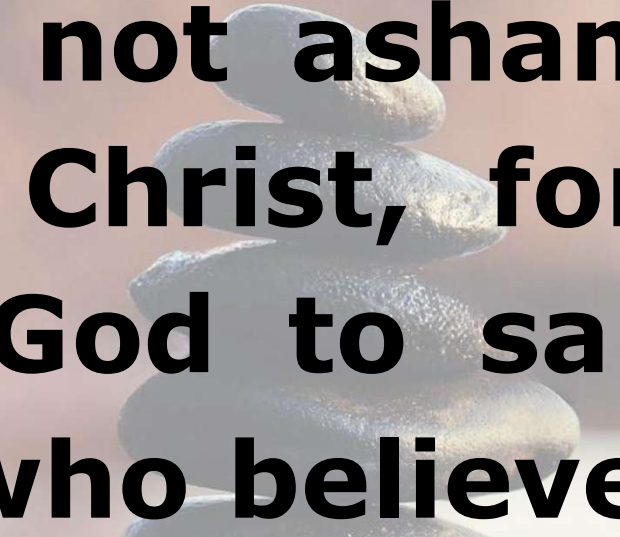


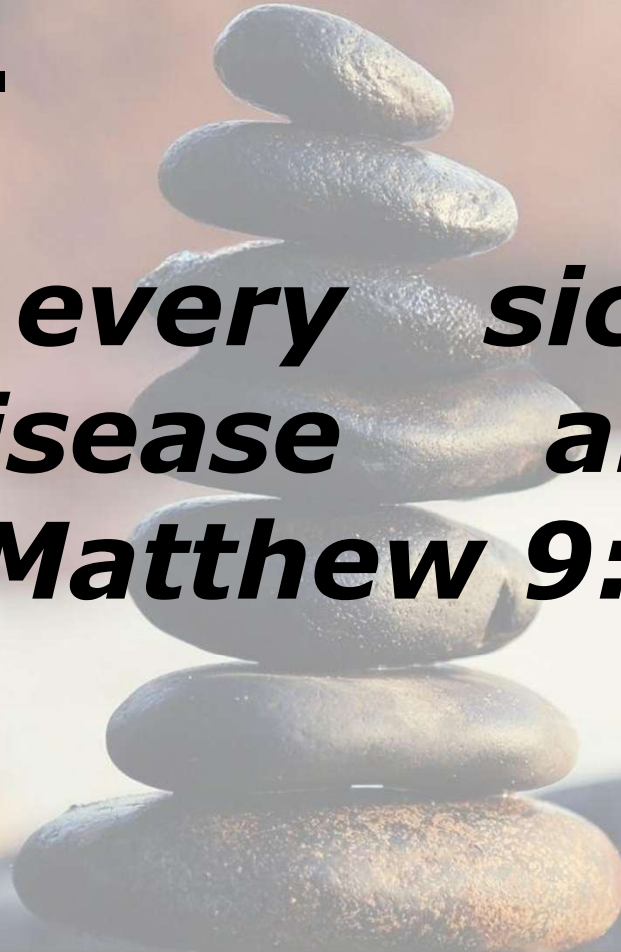
Illustration:

A silent Gospel is not the gospel. But a loud Gospel with no love is noise.

**Our words give meaning to our works,
and our works give credibility to our
words!**

3. HOLY SPIRIT-EMPOWERED MINISTRY.

***"Healing every sickness and
every disease among the
people..." Matthew 9:35***



Jesus didn't operate in human strength. He ministered in the **power of the Holy Spirit.**

Harvest work cannot be done by giftings and talents alone. Programs don't produce harvest. God's Presence does. **We don't rely on charisma or talents—we rely on the Holy Spirit!**

Illustration:

A chainsaw without fuel looks impressive—but cuts nothing. The church without the Holy Spirit may look active—but lacks power.



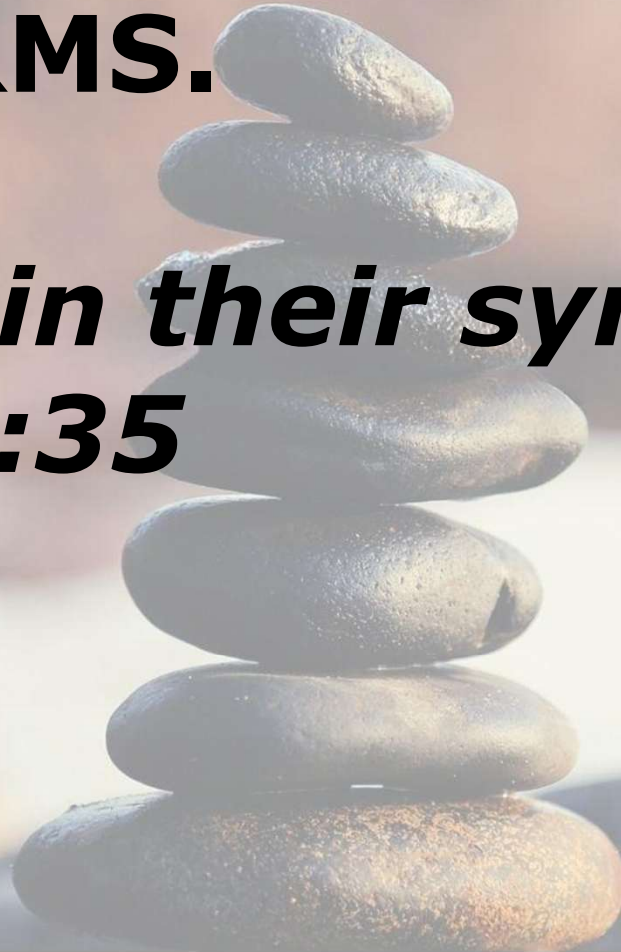
1 Corinthians 2:4 NKJV

“And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.”

Apostle Paul

4. DISCIPLESHIP THAT TRANSFORMS.

“Teaching in their synagogues...”
Matthew 9:35



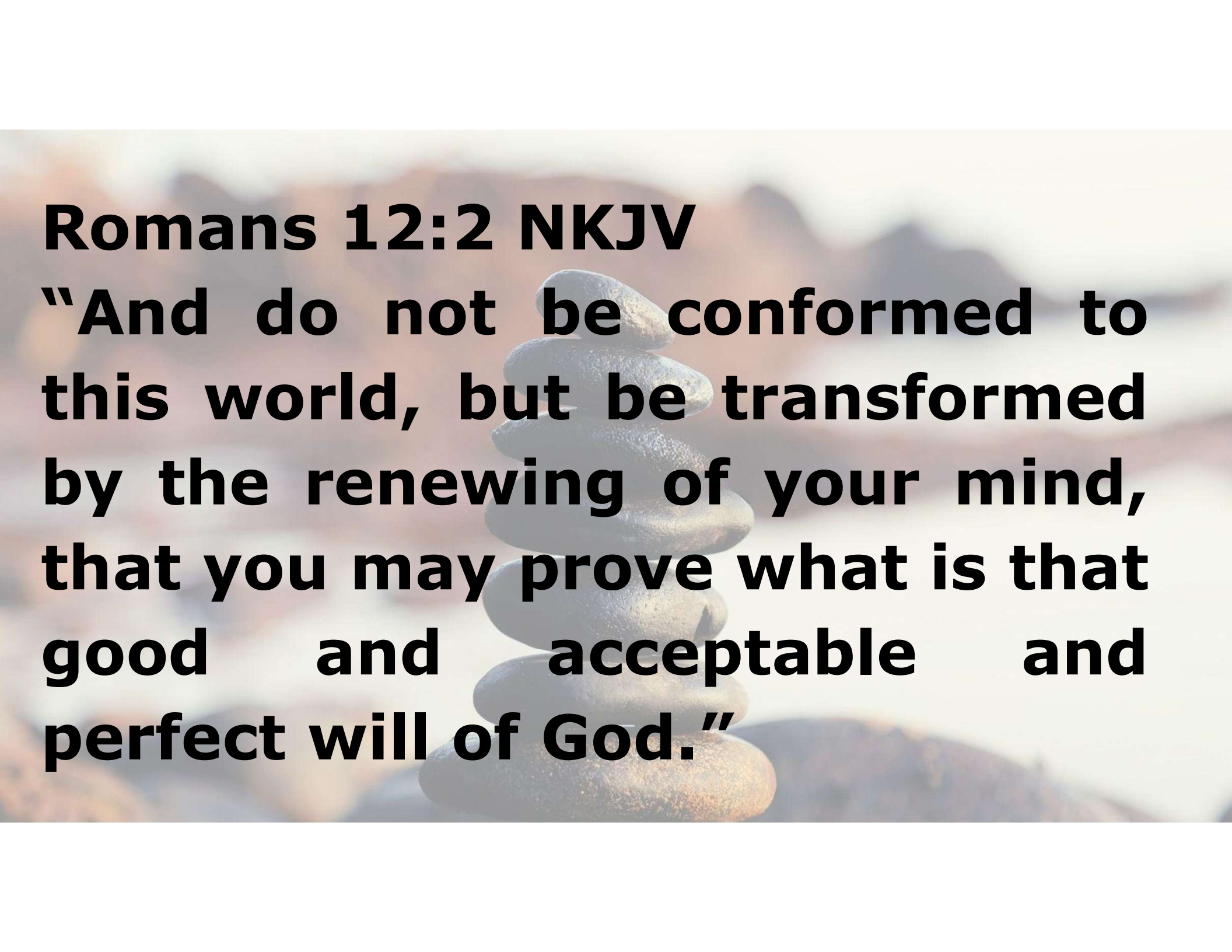
Jesus didn't just gather crowds—He formed lives.

We don't just make converts—we make disciples. ***Matthew 28:18-20***

Salvation is instantaneous. Transformation is intentional. **Discipleship is not information—it's formation.**

Illustration:

You don't measure maturity by attendance.
You measure it by obedience.



Romans 12:2 NKJV

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

5. PRAYER FOR LABORERS.

"Pray the Lord of the harvest..."
Matthew 9:38



Jesus doesn't tell them to recruit. He tells them to pray.

Prayer is not the pregame warm-up. Prayer is the game.

“The harvest is plentiful...” The problem isn't supply. The problem is workers.

Prayer aligns our hearts with God's harvest priorities.

Illustration:

Prayer doesn't prepare us for the work.

Prayer *is* the work.

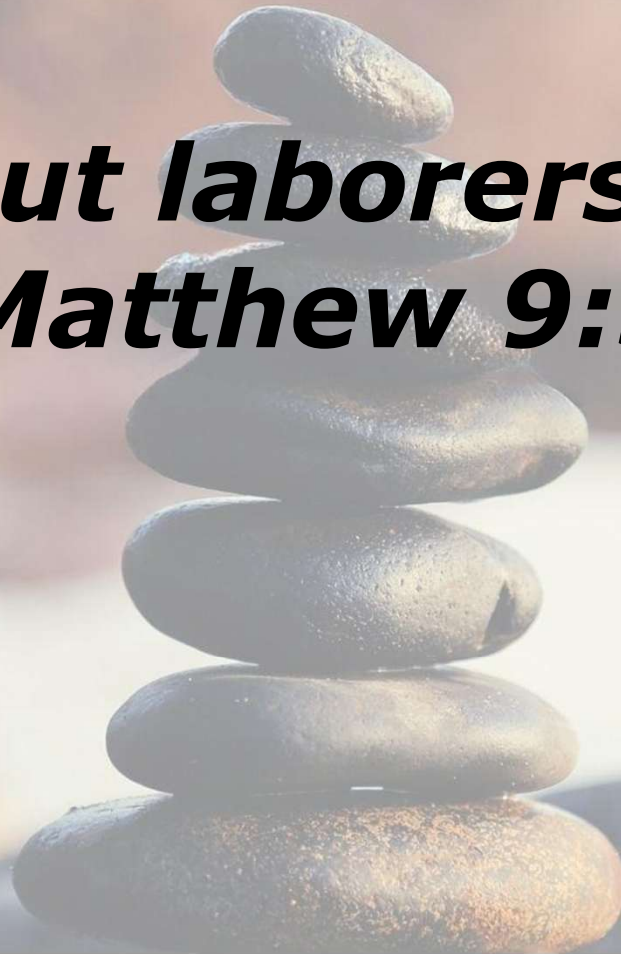
James 5:16 ESV

“The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”



6. SENDING CULTURE.

"To send out laborers into His harvest." Matthew 9:38



Healthy churches release people. Unhealthy churches retain them.

***We don't cling—we commission!**

Illustration:

If you hold seeds too tightly, they never multiply. What you release is what God multiplies.



Acts 13:2-3 NKJV

2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

**The church at Antioch sent
their best—and God sent
revival!**

7. KINGDOM IMPACT.



Fruit > Fame

Obedience > Numbers

God isn't impressed by platforms. He's looking for fruit.

Success in the Kingdom is measured by faithfulness.

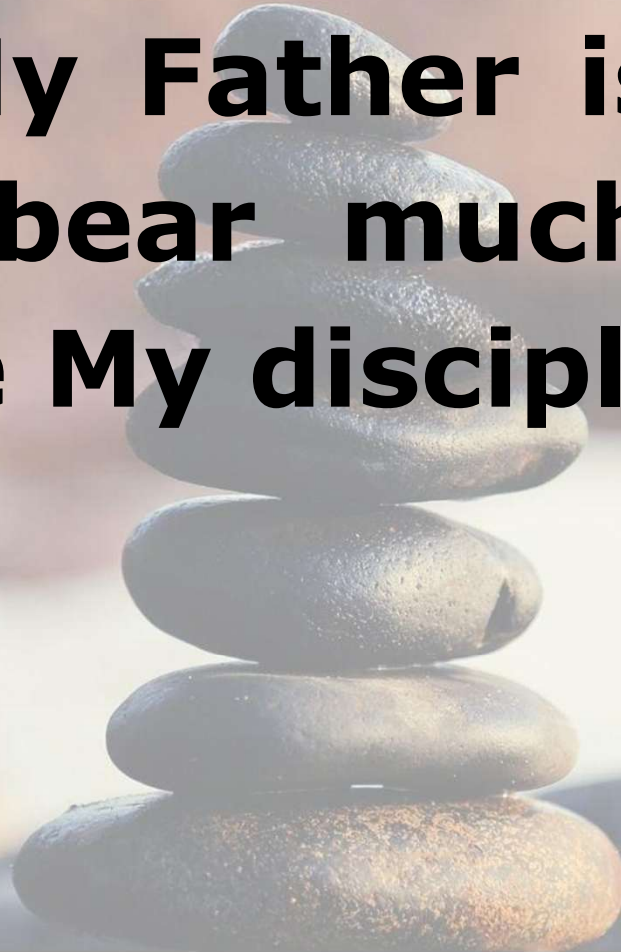
Matthew 25:21

Illustration:

A tree doesn't advertise—it produces. Fruit speaks for itself.

John 15:8 NKJV

**“By this My Father is glorified,
that you bear much fruit; so
you will be My disciples.” *JESUS***

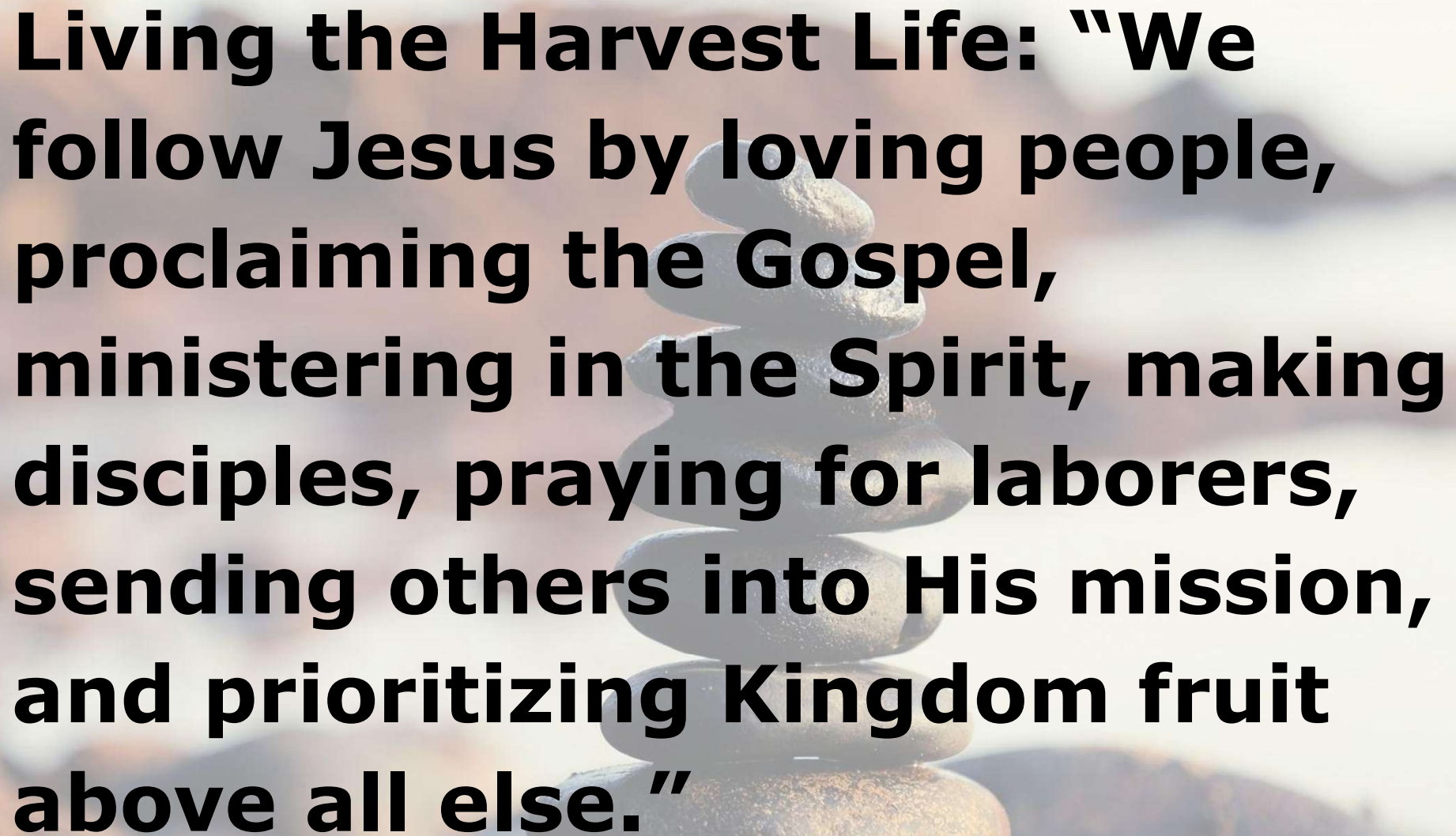


CLOSING ILLUSTRATION:

A farmer doesn't celebrate seed in the barn. He celebrates seed in the ground producing fruit.

Stored seed looks safe. Planted seed looks risky.

But only planted seed produces a harvest! True celebration is fruit in the field, not seed in the barn!



Living the Harvest Life: “We follow Jesus by loving people, proclaiming the Gospel, ministering in the Spirit, making disciples, praying for laborers, sending others into His mission, and prioritizing Kingdom fruit above all else.”

FINAL CALL:

This is who we are. This is how we live. **YOU BELONG HERE!** Harvest Fellowship Church is *A Great Place to Grow and Go!*

- Grow in Christ.
- Go into His mission.
- Live with His heart.
- Live for His harvest.

Lord of the harvest—send us. And start with us. 



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