

## TRANSFORMING THE WORLD ONE SOUL AT A TIME VISION SUNDAY

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**TEXT: Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

**INTRO:** I want to welcome all the campuses watching us live: Sacramento, East Bay, Corona, and Orange County. We are in an extraordinary time. Only twice has a global shaking taken place in 2,500 years since Haggai prophesied in Haggai 2:7, “I am going to shake all the nations, and they will come with the wealth of the nations, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts.”

Covid-19 and the lockdown. Open borders: 5 million people have attempted to cross our southern border under Biden since 2020. Nonsensical war in the Ukraine. Forty-year high inflation. Highest gas prices. Passing of Prop 1 in California. We have seen 39 mass shootings since January 1, and 69 people have died to date. We feel the pain of what happened in Monterey Park and Half Moon Bay. We have had massive rain, floods, power outages, mudslides, and 19 people have died as a result in California. This is not including our personal loss. We send our deepest condolences to Chris and Angel Arceo and the whole Arceo family as their father, Ignacio Arceo, went home to be with Jesus this past week.

What do you do in a time of shaking?

1. Obey Jesus and His Word. Be a person who builds his house on the rock, and you will endure the storm (Matthew 7:24-27).
2. Rejoice. In everything give thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Offer the sacrifice of praise (Hebrews 13:15).
3. Be committed to a local church. The gates of hell will not overcome the Church (Matthew 16:18-19).

People ask, “Is this shaking judgment from God?” The answer is complicated, and I don’t have the final say. There is not one storm that Jesus blessed. He rebuked the storm. Jesus also said that the thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10). However, in Romans 1, we see that God gives people over to their sins. The reformers taught that there is saving grace and common grace. And sometimes God

lifts common grace of protection from the enemy because of man's sins. I believe that is what we are seeing here. Is it possible since Newsom became Governor, we have seen massive droughts, fires, floods, and shootings? Especially after Prop 1 was passed. E.g., 9-11 in New York, which was the first state to legalize abortion in 1970, three years before *Roe v. Wade*. In 2019, Gov. Cuomo passed a bill that legalized late-term abortion, and then Covid-19 hit New York first and the hardest.

But all that is redemptive because God "shouts to us in our pain!" (C.S. Lewis). What the enemy has used for evil, God will turn everything out for His good. His purposes will prevail. He wants to see people saved and come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4). But in His sovereignty, He has left the job for us, His children, to preach the Gospel and to reach the lost. He has given us the Great Commission.

PURPOSE STATEMENT: First, I want to share the biblical basis for our vision for 2023. Second, I want to unpack our revised Vision Statement. Finally, I want to share our nine Core Values that will provide the support and culture for us to fulfill our vision as a church community.

- I. THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR OUR VISION IS THE GREAT COMMISSION: Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.**
- A. HIS AUTHORITY**
- 1. Matthew 28:18b "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth."**
- 2. Jesus took back the authority from Satan that was usurped from man and woman in the Garden.**
3. Keep in mind that one of the temptations that Satan gave to Jesus in the wilderness was to give Him all the kingdoms of this world if Jesus would worship Satan (Matthew 4:8-11). Also keep in mind, some of the titles of the devil are "prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2), "god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4), and "ruler of this world" (John 16:11).
- 4. Colossians 2:15 He disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public display over them.**
- 5. He now holds the keys to death and hell (Revelation 1:18).**



**A. MAKE DISCIPLES OF NATIONS.**

1. It begins with winning souls. This then goes beyond winning souls and discipling them to discipling nations with Kingdom values.
2. Seven Mountain Mandate. In 1973, Bill Bright and Loren Cunningham met for lunch. Both had received the revelation that if you want to disciple a nation, you have to divide a nation into seven spheres of influence and have believers who are already on these seven mountains transform them.
3. **The seven mountains are: 1) Religion, 2) Family, 3) Education, 4) Government, 5) Business, 6) Media, 7) Arts and Entertainment.**

**B. BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT**

1. **I like the way one leader said it: “Baptizing the nations with the Father’s love, baptizing them with Jesus’ authority and baptizing them in the power of the Holy Spirit!”**

**C. TEACHING THEM TO OBEY ALL THINGS THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU...**

1. If you want to learn more about the Seven Mountain Mandate and about apostolic and prophetic ministry, let me encourage you to enroll in Wagner University.
2. **“Wagner University is called to train urban leaders of the world that would transform their world through God’s Word and the power of the Holy Spirit.”**

3. In my opinion, and I know I am biased, WU is the best seminary in the world.

**D. I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE**

1. **This is the key: His presence and power are with us.**
2. This is the key to winning souls. E.g. My encounter with a young man in Mammoth Lake a few months ago.
3. **Jesus emphasized that you cannot fulfill the Great Commission without the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8).**

**II. VISION STATEMENT: HARVEST ROCK CHURCH IS AN APOSTOLIC CHURCH COMMITTED TO WINNING SOULS, PLANTING MUTI-SITE CAMPUSES, AND TRANSFORMING SOCIETY IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**A. APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

1. We believe that apostles are for today.
2. HRC is led by a Senior Leader who is an apostle.



3. HRC is an apostolic center: Ambassador Foundation of Pasadena, Harvest International Ministry, Wagner University, Ché Ahn Ministries, Revive California (501c4). America Upheld (FEC approved).
4. The Church is the *Ekklesia*, and it is a legislative body to establish righteousness and justice on earth.

#### **B. COMMITTED TO WINNING SOULS, ONE SOUL AT A TIME**

1. **2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he* is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.**
2. **“Transform lives, transform society”**
3. Frankly, I am tired and a little bit frustrated to see the evangelical church awakened in California. Part of it is to undo false religious eschatology of the church in SoCal. I feel that we need a John the Baptist or Jeremiah to uproot and then plant. **Eric Metaxas, “*Letter to the Church in America.*”**
4. We have a counterfeit pursuit of heaven. People are eager for the rapture—but we are to bring heaven to earth. This escapism is one of the most selfish things in the Church.
5. We would rather go to heaven and allow billions of souls to go to hell, instead of fulfilling God’s purpose on earth and seeing a global harvest.
6. We need to get back to the basics and win souls and disciple them. This is the focus of this ministry.

#### **C. PLANTING MULTI-SITE CAMPUSES**

1. Prophetic word from Cindy Jacobs at our HIM board meeting in 2018.
2. God catapulted us during the 2020 Covid lockdown, and instead of going back to two services at Ambassador Auditorium, we chose to plant campuses.
3. By doing so, we are reaching more cities, reaching more new souls, in smaller campuses so there is a sense of community and family, while activating and caring for more leaders. This is the wineskin for the new wine. During the Jesus People movement, we were not ready for the harvest.
4. We have to penetrate the marketplace, where unbelievers are at.

#### **C. TRANSFORMING SOCIETY**

1. **This is what it means to disciple nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.**
2. **Transformation of society is bringing heaven’s culture to earth, as it is in heaven.**

#### **D. IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**



1. For our church, HRC, this is the key. Zechariah 4:6 Then he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel saying, ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the Lord of hosts.”

### III. HARVEST ROCK CHURCH’S KINGDOM VALUES: “THE HELPER”

#### A. T.H.E.

1. **T – TRUTH OF GOD’S WORD, THE BIBLE (JOHN 14:6, JOHN 8:31-32).** The truth of the Gospel. The death and resurrection of Jesus.
2. **H – HOLY SPIRIT, HIS PRESENCE, HIS POWER, AND HIS PROPHETIC ACTIVITY (JOHN 14:16 & 26).** *Spirit-Led Evangelism.*
3. **E – EVANGELISM: PERSONAL AND POWER EVANGELISM.** WE HAVE CORPORATE EVANGELISM PLANNED, APRIL 1 AT THE ROSE BOWL, BUT THE REAL FRUIT COMES FROM PERSONAL EVANGELISM. We are asking you to invite unbelievers to this event. I will be preaching the Gospel with signs and wonders taking place.

#### B. H.E.L.P.E.R. – ACTS 16:31, JOSHUA 24:15

1. **H – HEALING: PHYSICAL, MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL (MARK 16:15-17).** This is part of the discipleship process. During the Jesus People movement, there was so much deliverance and healing taking place.
2. **E – EQUIPPING THE SAINTS (EPHESIANS 4:11-13).** I will be starting a new series on our **RICHES IN CHRIST, Ephesians Series** starting next week.
3. **L – LOVE: LOVING GOD AND LOVING OTHERS, BEGINNING WITH OUR FAMILY (MATTHEW 22:37-39, EPHESIANS 5:1-2, 25).** 80% of those who come to know Jesus is through a family member or a friend.
4. **P – PRAYER: MY HOUSE WILL BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS (MARK 11:17).** “It is doubtful a soul is saved apart from the believing prayer of a saint.” J. Oswald Sanders
5. **E – E.M.I.: “EVERY MEMBER INVOLVEMENT” – Romans 12:4** For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, *each of us is to exercise them accordingly*: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; 7 if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; 8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads,



**with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.** Use your motivational gifts to reach a soul for Jesus. Robert Morris gave a \$100 tip to a waitress for two cups of coffee that he and his wife ordered. This led to the waitress coming to know the Lord and becoming one of the first members of Gateway Church. Use your gifts to serve the church and the lost.

6. **R – REVIVAL AND REFORMATION (MATTHEW 28:18-20, ACTS 1:8, MATTHEW 6:10).** Keep the big picture in mind. God’s will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**CONCLUSION:** Reggie White was the greatest football sack specialist of all time. He is number two in sacks only to Bruce Smith, but Smith played over 50 more games. Reggie was also a pastor. I knew Reggie White personally. I had the privilege of having breakfast with him. I asked him what the key to his success was. He said, “Focus.”

God is calling us to refocus on our vision as a church. We are to win souls for Jesus, one soul at a time. It begins by praying for our friends and loved ones. It continues by serving them with the love of Jesus. Then, as the Spirit leads, we look for the open door to share the good news of Jesus’ death and resurrection. As lovers and followers of Jesus, we must make a fresh and focused commitment to this vision.

Let’s pray. I am going to ask you, if you don’t know Jesus, to make a commitment to Him. If you are not committed to a local church, pray about being a member of HRC. Those who are members, I am asking you to make a fresh commitment to transforming our world, one soul at a time.

