

HARVEST ROCK CHURCH

VISION SUNDAY 2024 THE THREE C'S: CELEBRATION, CONNECT, AND COMMUNITY

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TEXT: Acts 2:46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

INTRO: We celebrated Christmas with the text from Luke 2:11. The angel proclaimed to the shepherds in Bethlehem, **“For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”** Jesus is the Savior of the world. The overarching vision of God’s heart (that is confirmed in His Word) is to see salvation (in the fullest sense of that word) come to the world. Salvation implies personal transformation, city transformation, and national transformation that will reflect His character and glory.

I like what Jesus says in **Luke 19:10—“For the Son of man came to seek and to save *that which was lost.*”** What was lost? **Lost people, lost families, lost cities, and lost nations.** The way He has chosen to reach “the whole world and as a testimony to every nation” (Matthew 24:14) is that the Gospel of the Kingdom must be preached globally in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Our vision in short is to see people get saved and society be transformed.** He says it in different ways throughout Scripture: **Numbers 14:21 “As surely as I live, the whole earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord.”**

God’s means for advancing His Kingdom is through the Church, His Ekklesia. That is why it is imperative that we hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church. Sixteen times God says in the New Testament, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.” Seven times this is repeated in Revelation 2 and 3 alone.

What is the Spirit saying to the churches? I believe that the Holy Spirit is saying *repent or return* (2 Chronicles 7:14). He wants us to repent of our sins and return to Him and His will. He wants corporate and national revival. On 4/14/2022, God spoke to me that we were entering into an epic season of transformation. I have asked for signs to confirm that we are in another wave of revival and reformation. Here are the signs:

- 1. *Roe v. Wade* was overturned on June 24, 2022.**



2. **America Upheld’s FEC license came on 8/22/22.** This is a game changer. Note the dates of 2222.
3. **Asbury Revival begins on February 8, 2023.**
4. **April 14, 2023, Epic Global Summit:** James Goll’s “This Is That” message about Bob Jones’ prophecy. Dutch Sheets confirming that Asbury is the beginning of the fulfilment of his vision from 2001. Jenny Donnelly being commissioned as an HIM apostle and to lead a women’s movement.
5. **January 1, 2024: Well over 100,000 gathered to seek God over New Year and ring in 2024 with revival.** 10,000 gathered at Cross Con in Kentucky. 13,500 at Strength to Stand in Tennessee. 55,000 at the Passion conference in Georgia.
6. **Dana Liberatore’s prophetic word on 4/17/2023:** Dana Liberatore gave me a prophetic word that a seed of revival was planted in my “womb” and that nine months later, on 1/17/2024, I would birth or see this present revival and reformation go to another level. She didn’t know that January 17 is my birthday. The first two conferences in 2024 had to do with revival and reformation. First, the Crown Conference was in conjunction with the Freedom Tour, “Don’t Mess With Our Kids.” On January 18, we saw 2,700 “Mama Bears” gathered to transform America. Second, I spoke on January 20 in Raleigh for the 30th anniversary of the Toronto Revival at a conference called “Revive 30.” And I felt that the water level rose from ankle deep to knee deep!
7. **The last major sign is you!** Psalm 37:23 says the steps of a righteous man and woman are ordered by the Lord. Why were you born during this time of global shaking? Why are you living in the most progressive Left and evil state of California? I believe the answer is Esther 4:14. It is an Esther generation—that you have been born at “such a time as this” to save a nation.
8. I have been asking the Lord Jesus to raise up laborers to send into the harvest field. God has brought back the Ohs, the Hubiaaks, and the Matthews, who have been with us for years and will be commissioned as pastors at HRC. But God has raised up new leadership that will be elders in our church. The elders are marketplace leaders who will be focused on helping us with the Community Outreaches. All of you are here by divine appointment, I believe in an answer to prayer.
9. On September 17, I gave a preview of the direction that Harvest Rock Church is moving towards. It is recognizing the “Three C’s” of what the church life in the book of Acts looked like. The Three C’s are found in our text, Acts 2:46-47.



- I. THE THREE C’S: Acts 2:46** So continuing daily with one accord (*homothumadon*) in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church (*ekklesia*) daily those who were being saved (*sozo*).
- A. SUNDAY CELEBRATION: Acts 2:46** So continuing daily with one accord (*homothumadon* – unity) in the temple... praising God”
1. They met in the temple because 3,000 men got saved on the day of Pentecost, and that was the largest area that people could gather to worship corporately. Keep in mind, church buildings did not come into existence until 233 years later.
 2. The Bible says in **Hebrews 10:25**—**Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.**
 3. This was a key verse to encourage us not to lock down during Covid-19.
 4. There are 2 million Christians who are not committed to a local church in LA. My appeal to you is that you find a local church to be committed to, tithe to, serve in, and follow the leadership well. It doesn’t have to be HRC. We would love for you to be a member here, but we are first and primarily all about His Kingdom and advancing His Kingdom. So, it doesn’t have to be here, but somewhere, especially those who are watching online.
 5. **The primary purpose of our Sunday morning service is to come together in unity and to worship the Father in Spirit and in truth—to give Jesus all the praise and thanksgiving for what He has done and what He continues to do in our lives.**
 6. **The second purpose is to equip you, the saints, for ministry. — Acts 2:42 “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching...” — Ephesians 4:11 “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”**
 7. **A major truth that Jesus is emphasizing is that we are all priests and kings.**
 8. **Revelation 1:6** And has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (See Revelation 5:10; 1 Peter 2:9—“A royal priesthood!”)

9. I know that you can worship online and be equipped online, but there are 50 “one another’s” in the New Testament, most of which you can’t do unless you are in person.
 10. We will also pray and minister to the people, and we will always pull in the net for those who want salvation.
- B. CONNECT GROUPS: Acts 2:46 So continuing daily with one accord (*homothumadon*)... breaking bread from house to house...**
1. This is our discipleship groups, or our discipleship program if you will.
 2. This is what Jesus described in **Matthew 18:20**—“**When two or more gather together in My name, there I am in your midst.**” This is in the context of teaching on the Ekklesia, which only appears in Matthew 16:18 and twice in Matthew 18. **God’s manifest presence will come when you intentionally gather in His name with a minimum of two or three in number.**
 3. **The Ekklesia is 24/7, every day, and you can meet everywhere, in homes, restaurants, workplaces, schools, etc.**
 4. It can be with couples, families, or singles. It can be all men, all women, or mixed. We are giving it freedom of expression because that is what was implied in Matthew 18:20. Jesus did not define what the “two or more” looks like.
 5. **But as Harvest Rock Church, we are going to structure it intentionally and proactively so that we meet a minimum of two times a month.**
 6. You can meet more often or in any place, but we want to have at least two times a month where there are discipleship meetings called Connect Groups.
 7. **We want to see three things take place in these small groups: 1) Bible Study (“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine,” Acts 2:42a), 2) Fellowship (Acts 2:42b), and 3) Prayer (Acts 2:42b).**
 8. **Specific prayer for our “VIP list.”** Every member of a small group will be given a VIP card, where you will write five names of relatives or friends that you will pray for and invite to a Community Outreach.
- C. COMMUNITY OUTREACHES: Acts 2:47 And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.**
1. The Church was birthed on the day of Pentecost when Peter preached to the masses at the temple and 3,000 men, not including women and children, became saved.
 2. **Acts 2:40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” 41 Then those who**

gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*.

3. Acts 2:47 ends the chapter that people were getting saved daily. **Acts 2:47 And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.**
4. **Community Outreaches are regularly organized outreaches to our community/city that we do together as a local church.**
5. **Community Outreaches: “Serving our community as a church community.”** This could be our motto for our Community Outreach. It is what we did when we bought the Ambassador Auditorium. I got up and shared that it is our honor to open up AA to our city because it is based on the words of Jesus in **Matthew 20:28—“Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many”** (see also Mark 10:45).
6. **Winkie Pratney said, “The best way to evangelize the lost is through community.”**

II. THREE KEYS TO REVIVAL AND REFORMATION

- A. **UNITY: Acts 2:46 “So continuing daily with one accord (*homothumadon*) in the temple...”**
 1. **Acts 2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.**
 2. “One Accord”: *homothumadon*. This important Greek word appears ten times in the first ten chapters of Acts. The word means unity. There are three types of unity we see in Acts 1-2.
 3. **Apostolic Alignment or being united with leadership: Acts 1:12 Then *they* (the apostles) returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey.**
 4. **Acts 1:13 And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James *the son* of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas *the son* of James. 14 These *all* continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.**
 5. **Family Unity:** In this group we see “the mother of Jesus... with His brothers.” But there are also Peter and Andrew, James and John, who were brothers. The Greek word *Oikos*, household or family, becomes prominent in Acts. **Acts 16:31 They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household (*Oikos*).”**

6. **Church Unity: 120 gathered in the Upper Room. Acts 1:15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty)**
 7. Stacey Campbell: “We must move from ‘Me’ to ‘Us.’” **John 17:23 “That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”**
 8. **D.L. Moody: “God has never visited a divided church.”**
 9. **Jonathan Edwards gave a famous revival message entitled “Visible Union, Explicit Agreement, and Extraordinary Prayer.”**
 10. All Three C’s we are going to do together. Like in the movie *Gladiator* with Russell Crowe, “AS ONE!”
- B. EXTRAORDINARY PRAYER: Acts 2:27 “praising God and having favor with all the people.”**
1. **The early church began with worship and prayer: Luke 24: 52 And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God.**
 2. **Acts 2:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication.**
 3. **And they continued to make prayer and worship a priority in Acts 2:42.**
 4. **Peter Wagner** in his commentary on the book of Acts said, “**It was the most extraordinary prayer meeting in history.**” Ten days of prayer. The point is that we know from hindsight that it was ten days from the time of His ascension to the day of Pentecost, but they didn’t know how long they were to wait.
 5. **Lou Engle and the extraordinary example of our House of Prayer, 1996-1999.** The crime rate in Pasadena dropped to zero from 365 homicides annually. HIM was launched in 1996. TheCall prayer movement began on September 2, 2000.
 6. **New season of prayer in Harvest Rock Church. Zechariah 10:1 “Ask the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain.” Larry Sparks.**
 7. I want to thank Lynette Marcia, Crystal Kim, Mando Matthews, and all the faithful intercessors of HRC.
 8. **Billy Graham and Operation Andrew:** I just finished reading the autobiography of Billy Graham, *Just As I Am*. The key to the Billy Graham Crusades was Operation Andrew. Andrew witnessed to his brother Peter about Jesus and introduced him to Jesus.
 9. **HRC’s VIP PRAYER LIST: Five names, primarily friends and family members, that live in LA (or wherever your campus is located), that you**

will be praying for daily and in your Connect Groups, for the purpose of sharing the gospel with them as well as inviting them to our Community Outreach.

10. Pastor Mando Matthews: “When we have prayed over our VIP list, we have seen a significant increase in harvest in our Hope California outreaches.”

III. RADICAL OBEDIENCE

A. RADICAL OBEDIENCE TO STAY IN JERUSALEM

1. Acts 1:4 And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”
2. Jesus appeared to 500 disciples, but we only have 120 that radically obeyed His word to wait in Jerusalem. The majority of His disciples were from Galilee and not from Jerusalem. Obedience is worship. Every time God speaks to you and you obey Him, that is worshipping Jesus. You are offering your bodies as a living sacrifice, which is your reasonable service of worship (Romans 12:1).

B. RADICAL OBEDIENCE TO THE GREAT COMMISSION STARTING WITH WINNING SOULS

1. Acts 1:4 And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me.” The Great Commission and the Great Commandment are about obedience. Will we obey by loving God and loving others? Will we obey by reaching out to the lost? Jesus then goes on to give the Acts version of the Great Commission. Every Gospel ends with the Great Commission, and the book of Acts begins with the Great Commission.
2. Acts 1:8 “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
3. Peter obeys by preaching the gospel to the masses on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to *them*.



4. The early church obeyed by reaching out to their friends and family members. The primary word in the phrase “house to house” in Acts 2:46 is the Greek word *Oikos*, which means family or household.
5. **Acts 2:47 And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.**
6. **80% of all who become born again come to know the Lord through a friend or a relative.**
7. We are going to start small. A number of Community Outreach meetings before Easter. Easter will be our corporate Community Outreach.
8. Four Planned Outreaches: 1) Easter, 2) Fourth of July, 3) Harvest Festival, 4) Christmas.
9. We are going to start having Community Outreaches. The Community Outreaches will be based on interests, social groupings, and career callings.
10. It will be organized around **the Seven Mountains of Culture or Influence: 1) Church, 2) Family, 3) Education, 4) Business, 5) Government, 6) Media, 7) Arts and Entertainment.** I will begin a series of teaching on the 7M.
11. We are all going to be involved. **EMI** is one of our core values: **Every Member Involvement.** Everyone will be at a different level in involvement with the Three C’s, but I want every one of you to make a commitment to obey Jesus. Obey the Holy Spirit’s leading of how you are to be involved, and secondly, I am going to ask you all to pray for your VIP list in your life, your friends and family members. Let’s pray.

CONCLUSION: Ask the people to make a fresh commitment to walk in obedience to Jesus, that is obeying His word and His prophetic voice.