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Chapter 1

The Great Need...

There is a '*disconnect*' in the lives of most people; a void that cannot seem to be filled with all the things and pursuits people chase. There is a recognizable void of happiness that is rampant throughout mankind and a great need to reconnect with something valuable; something worthwhile; something meaningful. This '*connect*' may not be as far off as most would believe. This reconnect is as simple as being in harmony in proper relationship with our Creator, life, people, and all the universe around us.

We were designed to be in relationship with our Creator, our planet, and others. When we are in proper relationship with all the above, we can then begin to live in peace and harmony with the fulfillment we were created to live in. Only in proper relationship in these areas, can we live in the joy and happiness we were meant to live in. We will be discussing proper relationships between our Creator, our planet, and mankind in the hope of redefining life as it is meant to be. Only then, can you begin living a life of purpose and fulfillment.

If this is what you want, then I encourage you to keep reading, as we will examine these relationships and try to redefine life in a practical and meaningful way. We will help you redefine how you think about these relationships and help move you into healthy and purposeful ones. We will be talking about our relationship with our Creator; God who expresses Himself in three persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit. We do not have to understand the Trinity to understand that we have a loving God who created each of us to live in perfect harmony with Him, our world, and the people around us.

Each expression of God is actually a way to move closer into relationship with Him, as we understand more of His goodness and kindness towards mankind. Should you have a different view of God, I encourage you to be open to understanding that He is on your side and created you to have a relationship with Him. This is our primary purpose in life; to commune with a Holy God who loves and accepts us through His Son Jesus, who died in our place so we can live with Him forever. This is the Source of life. Until we make this connection, all other attempts to live in true happiness will never develop as God designed.

I am not going to dedicate a section in this book to our connection with nature and the environment we live in. I want to keep my focus on a new paradigm through connected relationships with people. I will just say this; we are the overseers and stewards of this world and all that is in it. We have a certain relationship with the earth, nature, the animals, and all that exists in this world. When we start to understand our relationship as a ruler and steward; we can then live in it with peace and purpose, without harming it through selfish motives. All of creation was designed to serve us and we can accept it with gratitude toward our loving Creator.

We will discuss one of the major disconnects I believe man has; the disconnect we have with each other. Many of you have had some involvement or belief about what church is and may be for it or against it. I will say that I am for church as God intended, but disappointed in what church has become in many instances. You too, may be disappointed with your experience of church, but again, I encourage you to hang in there as we redefine this area of life as well. I may challenge your thoughts in this area some, but if you want to redefine your life into something purposeful and meaningful as we spoke about, then give me a chance throughout this book, and be open to greater understanding in this area.

Church is all about relationships with God and people. If we have the proper relationships, then we will be functioning in a healthy lifestyle. I will be spending much time on this subject. One

of my greatest goals for this book is to redefine a church structure that promotes a healthy lifestyle in growth, accountability, and purpose. I will try to move you from a thought of church as a place to go... to a way of life. I have been involved in both sides of that statement, and I can tell you for sure, that having a mindset of lifestyle with purpose is a lot more fulfilling than viewing church as simply a brick-and-mortar experience.

There may be some, reading this that do not have a problem with growing closer to God or improving their relationship with the world around them, but may have a much harder time with redefining church than any other area. Whatever we were taught since childhood becomes our paradigm of what church is. It is sometimes very difficult to change. Everything that Jesus taught while on earth, and what we have in the Bible, is all about relationships. It is about “*being*” the church, as opposed to simply “*going*” to church. This does not mean that we do not go somewhere to fellowship and be encouraged, but it is more about a mindset and the purpose of who we are, rather than just going to a building to hear someone speak.

There is currently a grass-roots effort to redefine life in this area and you will find great fulfillment as you move into a life of purpose and simplicity. One of the greatest secrets in having this fulfillment in life is the simplicity that it offers in our complex world. I would like to introduce you to an organic system of church that promotes prosperity and proper relationships with your Creator, your world, and mankind. It is one which concentrates more on making Disciples of Christ through biblical coaching, rather than on programs and shrines. Again, I will be spending more time on this section to help you get into a lifestyle that will propel you into position to prosper in all areas of life. Church was meant to be practical, effective, and fulfilling.

I want to help you redefine life, so you can walk in all that God desires you to walk in. In this new paradigm of thinking, you will find a refreshing look on life along with your current and future relationships. My prayer is that you will redefine *your* life to begin

walking in the fullness of God's prosperity in spirit, soul, and body, maximizing your influence upon this world. This is the position the church was designed to operate in!

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Chapter 2

The Greatest Relationship...

As I have already stated, life is all about relationships. When we understand our proper relationship with our Creator, the world around us, and mankind; we can then begin to walk in the peace and harmony we were created to walk in. Only in this perfect peace can we receive and release life as God intended. When we begin to see what our proper relationship with others should be, we will see that we all have something to give and always something to receive. Our hands will never have room to receive if we continue holding on to what we currently have.

Our primary relationship in life is with our Creator, God. God is a spiritual person. It is difficult to grasp this concept because we cannot see or touch God physically. We relate to Him based on faith and His Word. I am not going to spend time defending God or trying to prove Him in this book. I will come from the viewpoint that most people reading this have already accepted this as truth, and if not, then I pray you will be open and allow this book to influence the way you think in this area. I trust my God to reveal Himself to you (*Rom. 1:19-20*).

God expresses Himself in three persons, which man has termed the Trinity. Though the word "*Trinity*" is not in the Bible; it is in these Triune expressions that we see levels of relationship which God desires us to move into. These levels are not related to a hierarchy or importance, but only to show us that He wants us to know Him more and that we can walk in a progressive revelation of who He is. Our knowledge is a progressive knowledge that continues our entire life. We serve only one God and all the persons of the Trinity are one God, expressed three ways. Again, I would recommend not trying to reason this out with your natural mind. We

cannot fully grasp this truth this side of glory. We must believe it by faith as the Word reveals.

My goal is not to produce a big theological discussion on God, but to help you move into an organic system of relationships that will redefine your life and promote prosperity in spirit, soul, and body. I hope I have made that clear. My calling in life is not only to live these things first, but to help coach others in redefining *their* life, so they can succeed in all they do as well. My calling from God has helped me to bring hope to others and allowed me the experience of meeting people's needs with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I base my levels of relationship with God from what He showed me through the scripture in *2 Corinthians 13:14*.

2 Corinthians 13:14 says; “*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.*”

Let us begin with the first level; “*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ*”

In this verse, God showed me the different levels He wanted with me and how I was going to experience them. Every relationship with God begins with understanding and accepting the grace of Jesus. It is through this grace that we can even have a relationship to begin with. Most people understand grace as God's unmerited favor or mercy. While I would not totally disagree with this definition, I find that it is much more, and the more... is what makes it so amazing!

Grace is God's ability, given to mankind to be like Him. We were created to be like God because we were created in His image. The world would twist this to say that we are, or are becoming, God. This is not what I am saying. We will never *be* God, but we were created to be like Him in His image. This means that we can walk in the same power, authority, and ability that He gave us, to co-create life with Him in this world, as we work in partnership with Him.

Proverbs 21:3 says; *“To do righteousness and justice is desired by the Lord rather than sacrifice.”*

The word “do” means to make, create, or build. It means to fashion together the created objects. It is the same word used to describe God’s creative activity when He created the world which we know today. So, we are to fashion together the things of righteousness into our world, where it is not. We are not creating righteousness, as if we were the instigators of it, but are the instruments of God in partnership for flow of His righteousness and love into a dark world. From this perspective, we are co-creators with God, utilizing His spiritual laws to create heaven on earth.

This brings up the question; *“Why did God have to give us grace to be like Him if we were already created in His image?”*

The answer lies in the beginning of the creation of man. In the Garden of Eden, man disobeyed God and chose to know good and evil for himself, resulting in him becoming a sinful creature. Our nature changed through this one decision of Adam and Eve to disobey God and seek self-exaltation. The whole deception of the devil was to convince man that he needed to step out of relationship and dependence with his Creator and seek fulfillment on his own. Man has been aimlessly seeking ever since and will never find the fulfillment sought without reconnecting with our Creator.

This is where Jesus steps in and what grace is all about. God, expressed in the form of man as Jesus, came to this earth to buy back or redeem mankind, and reposition man in relationship with Himself. Remember that life is only through relationship.

John 17:3 says; *“And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.”*

Eternal life is found in knowing Jesus. We lost our spiritual relationship with God at the fall and Jesus bridged that gap so we could reconnect. All our sin was placed upon Jesus as the perfect

sacrifice, so that all who would believe, could now walk as God walks... in righteousness. We receive God's righteousness through this amazing grace which makes us right with God, the same way that we were in the Garden.

This grace of Jesus Christ not only transforms our nature into a new nature (*2 Cor. 5:17*), but also gives us the power to walk as God walks. This power is grace, to accomplish all that God wants for us. This means that we can walk in the fullness of this life now, through this power (*or grace*) by knowing and accepting Jesus as our Savior. *Romans 10* tells us how to bridge this relational failure.

Romans 10:9-10 says; “that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.”

As you confess that Jesus is Lord and Savior and submit your heart to Him as such; He will change your heart and fill your life with His grace to know Him more. You will receive His nature and begin a new walk, in proper relationship with Jesus. This can be done by a simple prayer expressing what we have just talked about. Tell Jesus that you do believe these things and want Him to come and change your heart forever. Do not worry about ‘*cleaning up*’ first, because we could never clean up good enough to deserve Christ. We receive this unmerited gift just the way we are! The words are not as important as your genuine heart expression to God.

Before we move on to the next level of relationship, let's review our base text in *2 Corinthians 13:14*; “*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.*” (*Emphasis mine*)

The next level of relationship that we receive, after the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, is the love of God. Remember these are not in order of importance of the Trinity, but in order of knowing God

more intimately. We now move from our foundation with God by accepting Jesus and His grace, to understanding and walking in the love of God the Father. This is where we taste how good God is and know that He is only good! In the book of James, we see that all good things and only good things come from God.

James 1:17 says; “Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow.”

This means that God is not going to change His nature. He is good and all beliefs otherwise, do not align with His Word. He is on our side and desires only the best for us. This is also revealed in the book of John.

John 10:10 says; “The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came [Jesus said] that they might have life and might have it abundantly.” (Brackets mine)

Here we see that God only gives life and He only gives it in abundance. You may be thinking right now, yeah, but it also says there is a thief, and it seems like that thief’s goal is to keep me from succeeding.

Well, there is more good news of what Jesus did on the cross. Not only did He redeem us to our rightful relationship with Him, but He also stripped away all power and authority that the devil had usurped from mankind (*Col 2:15*). The devil and his followers now have no power or authority in your life unless you yield to them. He can only hurt those who do not know the truth, or those who know the truth, yet choose not to stand on it. The devil is powerless to truth.

Once you know the truth of God’s love and victory and then begin to operate in it; you will never be subject to the enemy again! The devil will be a non-issue in your life forever. According to *John 8:32*, it is the truth that will set us free. We only need to know it,

believe it, and walk in it. Understanding God's love for us, and that it never changes based on our performance, will cause you to walk in a greater relationship with God. Our righteousness (*or right standing with God*) is totally based on the actions of Jesus and the covenant between the Father and Jesus.

This covenant guarantees, that through Jesus, man will be blessed and multiply (*Heb. 6:14*). You are blessed and right with God by accepting Jesus as your foundation for relationship. Our sins have been totally paid for and wiped away forever! We repent, not because we have lost fellowship or relationship with Jesus but because we love Him and want to align with Him for His best. Our sin is not the issue. It is paid for. The issue is to renew our thinking to align with God so we can receive His best. I do not want to settle and live an inferior quality life. Now, you can move into a deeper love for God, by knowing His love for you!

We have discussed the almost too good to be true grace of Jesus, the unconditional love of God, and finally we will discuss the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. This is the third level of relationship that we find in our base text.

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.” 2 Corinthians 13:14 (Emphasis mine)

Because this is the third level of relationship, does this mean that the Holy Spirit is the '*greater part*' of God? No, remember they are equal and in unity. The Holy Spirit is the expression of the Trinity that dwells within us when we accept Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit. The truth is that all of God is dwelling within us, but we see the Holy Spirit expressed as the One who is our inward connection. The Holy Spirit is a mystery to many people, including most Christians. We can easily accept Jesus and the Father, but when it comes to the Holy Spirit, we do not seem to understand much. Again, we do not have to fully understand, to accept by faith, the Spirit as our connection with God.

The Holy Spirit is the direct connection with us knowing the living God! Without understanding this, we can never foster the intimate relationship God desires. The “*fellowship*” that this verse speaks of, means partnership. Only when we move into a partnership with God and work in cooperation with Him, can we truly walk in the fullness of the blessings He has for us. You may want to read that statement again!

This deep fellowship with God will result in the difference between living the abundant life and living a defeated life. If you are seeking to redefine life as we discussed, then this is the place you will want to get to. You step into this level of relationship by first knowing the truth, that the Holy Spirit is a real person and is God within you. As you speak to Him, listen to Him, and work with Him; you will find yourself going to new levels of abundant life that you never knew existed.

According to *John 14*, the Holy Spirit is our Helper. In the original language, this means, one who comes along side to help. He is here to help you live out this grace. He empowers you to walk in God’s grace to be like Him!

John 14:26 says; “*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.*”

The Holy Spirit is your partner! How exciting is that? He only has your best interest at heart and will always lead you to truth. What is truth? It is who you are in Christ, your victory, your protection, your identity, your success, and your right relationship with God. You cannot lose when you have God’s grace, God’s love, and a partnership with your Senior Partner! These three levels of relationship should be the foundation of all that we do. This right relationship with God will help redefine life as you know it. A proper perception of God is what the Word refers to as; “*The fear of God.*” It is simply knowing the true nature of our God, not being afraid of Him.

One thing God gave me to help me walk in the fullness of His Spirit is the “3 P’s.” They are presence, power, and partnership. When we focus our thoughts constantly on the presence of the Spirit, the power of the Spirit, and the partnership of the Spirit; we will always walk in His fullness. Our victory in life is in direct proportion to how much we focus on these 3 P’s. The more we perceive these truths, the more we will experience them.

Proverbs 23:7 says, “*For as he thinks within himself, so he is...*”

Our thoughts are directly related to who we are, and to who we will become. We cannot go anywhere we cannot first perceive. Perception is what keeps our hearts in tune with God. Whatever we keep before us in our thinking, will be what our hearts produce. It is the difference between having a heart tender for the Lord and the Word, and one that is hardened by the things of this world. A hard heart is simply one which focuses more on natural things, as opposed to spiritual truths. Gratitude is one of the greatest ways to keep our heart tender toward the Lord. We cannot stay in gratitude for the things of the Lord and become hard-hearted. As you continue to focus on these levels of relationship with God, you will grow exponentially each day.

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Chapter 3

The Paradigm Shift...

As I have emphasized so far, all of life is about relationships. It is in these relationships that we find significance. This significance brings fulfillment in our life. As we give to others, we find that we are receiving in return at the same time. In this chapter, I want to redefine what we know of as church. Church is usually what we think about when we talk about relationships with a spiritual emphasis. It is where people go to find peace and hear about God. I want to discuss what church was meant to be, as opposed to what it has become. I believe from the Word, that church was meant to be a lifestyle of various levels of relationships. In these various relationships, we receive the things we need while using our gifts to bless and help others.

We get our English word ‘*Church*’ from the Greek word “*Ecclesia*,” which means “*called out ones*.” It is God’s people that define church, rather than programs, names, or buildings. There is nothing wrong with buildings or programs, if they are supporting the church, and have not ‘*become*’ the church! ***Church can be defined as an organic system of relationships, promoting the Kingdom of God in word and deed.***

God created everything to grow in a cycle (*the cycle of life*). All plants, animals, and even people were created to begin and grow in cycles. The structure of the church was meant to be the same way, an organic cycle of growth with relationships. Through these relationships, we were designed to walk in God’s fullness and blessings, while being a blessing to others through manifesting Jesus to them. In this manifestation, we would show them a better life and draw them into the same relationship with Jesus, repeating the process.

So how do we know if we are ‘real’ church or not? What are the true elements of church? Let me paint a picture of this cycle of life by drawing on a comparison between plants and the church. The five stages of the cycle of life will correlate with the fivefold gifting’s we see in *Ephesians 4:11* which were given to us to grow the church into maturity.

Ephesians 4:11 says; “*And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.*”

This does not mean that only these gifts can operate in these certain areas, but just to show that all of them are needed to fulfill God’s plan. Verse 7 tells us that each one of us was given a measure of one of these gifts. This means these are more like heart shapes, rather than a ‘once-in-a-while’ gift. Some have a small measurement, while others receive a larger measurement, all the way to operating in the office of the gift. All these gifts have to do with knowing your purpose and functioning properly in the Kingdom of God. With these elements in the cycle of life, we can also see how the church is to function as a whole.

Stage 1: Seed

First, we see that all life begins with a seed. God created things to begin with a seed, including mankind. Without first planting a seed, nothing will grow, as the life is in the seed. According to *Mark 4:14*, the Word of God acts as a seed. So, to know you are functioning in a church lifestyle, there must first be the Word of God being planted in our hearts. The seed will grow as it is planted in good soil. Our hearts will be good soil as we stay in an attitude of gratitude and remain focused on Jesus.

I am convinced that gratitude is the critical key to keeping our ‘soil’ tender, to grow the Word of God. The Word lets us know that a hard heart will not produce. It becomes hardened by focusing on

things, other than the goodness of God. Therefore, it is critical for people to know about the goodness of God. The goodness of God initiates thankfulness, which is the key to maintaining a heart, tender enough to grow the things of the Lord. Only a proper fear of the Lord will produce the right perception of who God is. The Gospel is all about the good news of a good God!

Planting the seed of the Word comes in distinct levels. You have your personal meditation on the Word, which is primary. Everyone is responsible to God for personally knowing His Word. Only through knowing truth can we be set free as we spoke about earlier, and you cannot depend on anyone else to do this for you. This is probably the greatest shortcoming in people's lives today, and the easiest problem to fix as well! All problems in life could be solved, and more importantly avoided, by knowing and believing the Word. It brings life to us as we allow it to transform our hearts and minds. Only in constant communion with the Holy Spirit (*our Teacher*), can we live out of Spirit revelation, as opposed to only human reasoning.

Another level of seed planting would be receiving from teachers of the Word. These are people with a special measure of gifting in being able to know and communicate truth. Everyone can know the truth as well as anyone because the Holy Spirit is our ultimate Teacher, but there is a special gifting (*measurement*) given to some in the Body of Christ to be able to communicate those truths in a simple and understandable way to others.

The goal of a biblical teacher or coach is to see life-transformation in the student, by helping them to live out of Spirit revelation, as opposed to just what man says. The right desire for a biblical teacher/coach is to promote Spirit-centered experiential learning and not just to take their word for it. This requires teachers who, though gifted from God to teach, allow the Spirit to take center stage in the life of the pupil and not themselves. So, to grow the church, we need teachers or biblical coaches in our life. It is in hearing the Word which brings faith to action.

“So faith comes from hearing and hearing by the word of Christ.” Romans 10:17

Does your life have the element of a teacher? Discipleship can be defined as helping someone along, while someone else is helping you along. It is simply holding someone’s hand while someone is holding yours! It should be a continual progressive process all our life. It is a beautiful cycle of life, centered on teachers and seed (*the Word*). Establishing biblical coaches who make disciples, will change the world one person at a time.

You may be thinking that since you watch some teacher on TV that you are operating in church as I have described. While we can learn from teachers through media (*and so do I*), this is only one element of church. Secluding ourselves and only learning from TV will not allow us to fulfill all that God has for us. Unless we are interacting with others, learning from them as well as discipling others; we are not operating in a church lifestyle and fulfilling the Great Commission. If we are not pouring into others, we are being selfish with the gifts God has given us for the Body of Christ.

† If you are discipling others while being disciplined, then you are acting in one of the essential elements of a church lifestyle!

Stage 2: Nutrients

The next thing needed for the cycle of life is the nutrients that will bring growth. Just as all of God’s creation (*including us*) was designed to function with the proper nutrients, so the church does as well. In the natural world, this is fertilizer and water, mixed with good seed in the right soil. In the spiritual world, we are speaking of worship, fellowship, encouragement, and prayer, mixed with the Word of God in our heart. These are the things that will supercharge your growth.

Let us look at each nutrient individually.

Worship

Worship is often misunderstood in the Body of Christ. Most people think of worship as physical actions such as singing, clapping, lifting hands, dancing, etc. While these things may be included in worship, they are not necessarily worship in and of themselves. Anyone can do these things with perverted motives.

I believe a better definition of worship is “*Pure focus on God.*” When my heart is focused purely on the Lord and nothing else, that’s worship! It is really our heart tuned to the goodness of God. When we focus on God’s goodness, it may cause us to sing, clap, lift hands, dance, bow, shout, be silent, or any other response, but the worship is simply honoring God above all else. If we are doing this, then we are functioning in one of the elements of the nutrients needed to be church.

There are special gifting’s in the Body of Christ for those who are called to lead others into worship. This comes from those who are first a worshiper themselves, and then from a call of God to lead others into a lifestyle of worship. My wife, Joanna, is one of those people. She is called and gifted to not only worship God individually but to lead others to that same place of experiencing God. A worship leader with the proper focus, will create an atmosphere that allows others to see and experience God on their own. Anything that pulls us away from our focus on God, will be distracting us from true worship and putting our attention back on man. It is the difference between a true worship experience or simply a show.

Worship was not meant to be a show at a building. It is a lifestyle and not simply a block of time at a church service. If the only time we ‘*worship*’ is at a service, then we are not living a lifestyle of worship. The more the Lord’s goodness is evident to us (*perception*), the more we will worship Him constantly.

† If you are in constant worship to God, then you are acting in one of the essential elements of a church lifestyle!

Fellowship

This is another essential nutritional element. We all need fellowship with others. We were never called to be an island. Though I have a personality that thrives on being alone at times; I also know that I was not meant to be alone all the time. As an introvert, I need times of seclusion to help me energize and focus, but my calling and the knowledge of the truth keep me balanced towards others as well. The Aramaic root for “*religion*” means balance. Groups that become perverted radical religious groups are those who have lost God’s balance. We all need the interaction of others because we need each other, and it helps us to stay balanced. It is what keeps us tuned into God’s prize creation; us!

He created us to fellowship with Him, and that ought to tell us how important it is for us to do the same with each other. This correlates with the gifting of pastors. A pastor is one who loves others and wants to interact with them to help them grow. They want to make sure that all are walking in fellowship with each other and making disciples as well. They care for others and weep with those who weep. They are shepherds who care for the sheep. A pastor flows in fostering all the nutrients required to grow people.

† If you are fellowshiping with other believers, then you are acting in one of the essential elements of a church lifestyle!

Encouragement

This is probably one of the most important (*and lacking at times*) activities of the Body of Christ. We all need encouragement. I do not care how confident you are; encouragement is like water to a thirsty ground! One of the greatest things we could ever concentrate on as a ministry, is the ministry of encouragement. You never go wrong with encouragement and everyone can do it. Even when others do not ‘*seem*’ to need it, they do! It will always energize us and keep us going.

There have been many times when I did not think I needed any, but then someone would encourage me in an area, and it would instantly remind me how refreshing it is to be encouraged. Our families should be first in line for this, but all need it. When we cooperate in the partnership of the Holy Spirit; He will always give us a needed word in due season. All we need to do is focus on our partnership in all situations, and He will show us what is needed to encourage someone else.

† If you are encouraging others, then you are acting in one of the essential elements of a church lifestyle!

Prayer

Prayer is often looked at as only ‘asking’ God for things. Though the Lord tells us to ask Him for things (*Matt. 7:7*); too many Christians are asking for things that He has already given them! This only leads to frustration and the wrong view of God as someone who withholds from us. God has already given us everything we need in the spiritual realm (*Eph. 1:3*), we just need to appropriate it by faith (*believing*) and confessing it (*or acting on it*) as truth, to see it manifest in the natural.

Prayer can definitely be seeking the Lord, as it is simply communication with God, but it also can be manifesting God’s Kingdom here on earth. The Kingdom of God exists within us as He rules over our life and prayer can be speaking out the things that are not, as if they were, manifesting what is in the spiritual to the natural.

*“... even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.” **Romans 4:17b***

This phrase literally means; “*God calls the things which do not exist, as existing.*” In other words, He is speaking out the things that should exist, even before they do. He is seeing these things in the now, as opposed to the future. A big part of prayer is speaking into

existence things here on earth as they are in heaven. As we align our inner images to conform to what the Lord reveals, we will begin speaking to the mountains that are in the way of those images. We are designed to co-create with God, heaven on earth.

In His model prayer in **Matthew 6:10**, Jesus said to pray;

“Thy Kingdom come Thy will be done [on earth] as it is in heaven.” (Emphasis mine)

The way it is in heaven, is the way it is to be here, and we are the instruments of God for that manifestation. If you want to know how to pray, ask yourself; *“How is it in heaven?”* In other words, how is it with God? When you can answer that question, you can then pray with authority for it to manifest in the here and now as it is with God! The phrase *“The Kingdom of God”* in the original Aramaic also means *“God’s sovereign counsel.”* It is not a physical place but an inner experience of God’s rule in our hearts. It is allowing the sovereign guidance and counsel of God to dominate every thought and action we have.

Prayer is a lifestyle of knowing and operating in Kingdom laws. It is not only communication to God, but also enforcing the Kingdom laws here on earth. So, when we pray for healing, we are not asking God to heal, because He has already provided healing through the cross (*2 Pet. 2:24*). Correct prayer is speaking those things (*healing*) into existence as if it were here now. We are enforcing the law of healing when the enemy tries to come against us with sickness. We then come from a viewpoint that we are the healed, standing against sickness, rather than the sick, trying to get healed. Much of my prayer life now, is in total thanksgiving all day, every day, for how good God is. When you maintain this lifestyle of thanksgiving in prayer, you will walk in His divine blessings and expect Kingdom laws to govern your life.

Prayer is not necessarily a specific action, where we spend time bowing our heads for a particular time and with a particular agenda,

but a lifestyle of communication with our loving Father and enforcing Kingdom laws here on earth. It is a constant state of perception on who God is, and who we are in Christ. It is 'seeing' our reality inwardly, and placing ourselves in that reality, until it appears in the natural. Prayer is a combination of proper perception, imagination, and godly emotions released to see God's ways become our reality. As we do this, we become an instrument of daily miracles.

Prayer is God's design for us to co-create with Him and manifest His blessings. It never stops in all that we do and wherever we go. Now, when someone asks me how much I pray each day, I respond with the question; "You mean you stop?" You can learn more about prayer and how to manifest God's abundance in my book; [Prayer that Works](#).

† If you walk in a constant state of prayer creating heaven on earth, then you are acting in one of the essential elements of a church lifestyle!

Stage 3: Life

When a seed is planted in good soil and the proper nutrients are added, we will see life come forth. This is the great mystery; to see life come forth from a seed. How is it that such a huge oak tree is contained within such a tiny acorn? Our potential is just as great within us! This is how you will see transformation in your own life, and it will be effortless when you allow truth to permeate your life and enter your heart. Life is the result of the first elements that we covered. The results that follow the Word, are signs and wonders.

Mark 16:17-18, 20 says; "And these signs will accompany those who have believed; in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it shall not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." "And they went out and preached

everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.”

When the Word is preached, God will confirm it with signs and wonders as we step out in faith to expect. Healing and supernaturally changed lives, should be a natural by-product of the Word, and thus an essential element of a church lifestyle. This mostly correlates with the Prophet. A Prophet is one who seeks to edify, exhort, and comfort the Body of Christ (*1 Cor. 14:3*).

A New Covenant Prophet is used to bring encouragement to the Body, which supernaturally springs forth life from the seeds which have already been planted in our heart by the Spirit. Their words of life will ignite what the Lord is already speaking within us with supernatural confirmation. Never take the word of a prophet alone, without examining it by what the Spirit is speaking directly to you. God speaks directly to His children under the new covenant and not just through a prophet, as under the old covenant. He will use a prophet to confirm what He is trying to get us to understand.

Miracles followed the early church and are a sign of Kingdom life. Seeing signs and wonders should be common for us as believers. We should not be shocked to see people healed and transformed before us each day. Miracles are simply the manifestation of who we are. Every one that came to Jesus to be healed was healed. It was, and is always, God’s will to heal! (*Acts 10:38*) We now, can pray and enforce the Kingdom laws to manifest healing in people’s lives without reservation of whether it is God’s will or not.

Remember, that how it is in heaven (*God’s ways*) is how it should be here. The enemy is totally defeated and has no place in our lives (*Col. 2:15*). He cannot stop us from manifesting the Kingdom in people’s lives (*1 Jn. 5:18*).

† If you are seeing signs and wonders follow you, then you are acting in one of the essential elements of a church lifestyle!

Stage 4: Pollination

Once life is produced, we see the process of pollination that occurs in the natural. This is an important part of the cycle of life, as life would stop if pollination did not occur. All life will go through this process in some way. The church should be *'pollinating'* as we spread the seeds of the Gospel. This brings in the Evangelist. To function as a church, we should be reaching out to others. God did not call us to stay self-centered, but to be others centered.

Our structure should be one that promotes growth by reaching out to others. We also must foster an environment that is attractive to others. This is done by manifesting Jesus and living abundant lives. When others see the abundance in your life, they will want to be a part of it. Being broke, sick, and fearful is not going to attract others to want to be like you! When we are manifesting Jesus, others will want to be around us. If you want to start a revival, start it in your own heart by doing the works of Jesus. Others will join!

We reach out to others by our giving. Giving should be one of the prominent attributes of a Christian. *"God so loved the world that He gave..." John 3:16.* Giving is His characteristic and is in our DNA as well. We can reach many people by giving and meeting physical needs. Jesus often fed people physical food while giving them the spiritual food as well. We should not have to form a committee and vote on whether to help the poor within our Body or without.

You may be thinking; hey now, there should be wisdom in giving money to others. Well, that should go without saying, but here goes anyway; *"We should walk in wisdom when giving to others, okay?"* Now that we have gotten that out of the way, we can get back to giving to all who have need. As we walk in partnership with the Spirit, we will not have to worry about giving foolishly.

† If you are reaching out to others and a giver, then you are acting in one of the essential elements of a church lifestyle!

Stage 5: Reproduction

This is the final stage of the cycle of life, as life naturally reproduces itself. We, as a church should be reproducing ourselves, or in other words, making Disciples of Christ. This correlates with the Apostle, as they are those who oversee and organize growth, so it will continue effectively. When you picture a wild grass of some sort, pollinating and reproducing itself; you can easily see how it gets out of control and takes over a whole area. Pollination can even happen over long distances as the wind or birds carry the seeds to other places.

The church should operate the same way, spreading like wildfire and taking over an area. We are to make disciples of all nations (*Matt. 28:19*). This is not just individuals in those nations, but the nations as a whole! We should see ourselves as nation changers. Discipleship begins one on one and everyone should be in a discipleship relationship with someone. We should all have someone pouring into us, as we pour into others. This is discipleship. Remember that the goal of a biblical coach is to help others live an experiential life of Spirit revelation, not to be dependent on us as the coach. As we grow, we should organize to promote synergy to fulfill God's plan, continuing the cycle of life and a lifestyle of church. Church growth should be organic, but with organization as needed to be healthy and effective. Chaos is not one of God's characteristics!

For too long, people had to get their needs met from different sources, other than the church. For all the issues of life, people went to the world and its system, as opposed to the Word and the church. They were taught that the Word of God only had to do with getting to heaven but had no practical benefit for their everyday lives! The Word gives us the balance between the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Both are needed to live out God's best. We can act in all the faith we think we have, but if we do not walk in God's wisdom, we will not walk in His best. We cannot separate true wisdom, from God. They are one and the same.

It is time that we activate a structure that uses both (*God's power and God's wisdom*) to disciple people in how to live God's best, in spirit, soul, and body. This includes the balance of healing and divine health, wisdom in caring for our bodies, prosperity in finances, and how to have healthy relationships. Everyone has four basic desires in life: **health, wealth, love, and personal significance**. Remember, that all these things thrive when we have a proper relationship between us and them.

We should not have to go anywhere else to get the knowledge we need to live successful. Our goal is to produce such a structure that brings in the balance of all these things, so people can live in God's best and redefine life as it was intended. In turn, they will pour into others to do the same.

† If you are reproducing yourself through discipleship, then you are acting in one of the essential elements of a church lifestyle!

So, what do all these gifts look like working together in a church lifestyle? We see an example from *Acts 11* with the Church of Antioch.

“So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. [Evangelists]

And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord. And the news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch. [Apostles] Then when he had come and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord; for he was a good man and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord.

And he left for Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. [Teachers] And it came about that for an entire year they met with the church, and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

Now at this time some prophets [Prophets] came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and began to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the reign of Claudius.

And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a contribution for the relief of the brethren living in Judea. And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders. [Pastors]

Acts 11:19-30 (Brackets Mine)

Any of these gifts can be utilized by the Holy Spirit, through us, when needed. We may have a heart shape that is mainly one of the gifts, but we have all of them available in the Spirit if there is no one else to deliver. Though my primary heart shape is a pastor and teacher; I have had to operate in all the gifts at some point or another while leading a church. As we walk in partnership with the Holy Spirit and realize that He is all the gifts and we have Him; we can then operate with full expectation of meeting whatever needs are present as He flows through us. We are not lacking in anything!

Here is an overview of the cycle of life and how it relates to the identity and operation of the church, along with the ministry gifts associated.

Natural-(Activities)-Ministry Gift

Seed, (*Word of God*), **Teacher**

Nutrients, (*Worship, Fellowship, Encouragement, Prayer*), **Pastor**

Life, (*Signs and Wonders*), **Prophet**

Pollination, (*Outreach, Giving*), **Evangelist**

Reproduction, (*Discipleship, Growth, Organization*), **Apostle**

These things define the function of God's people and exhibit an authentic church lifestyle. These are the areas that we should concentrate on operating in.

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Chapter 4

Applying the Paradigm Shift...

So, all of this sounds good Steve, but now what? That is a good question and one I do not want to leave unanswered. The purpose of this information is to promote a paradigm change of thinking in the way we look at church and life. We want to help redefine life and see you walk in God's abundance through simplistic yet effective ways. This is done through understanding proper relationships as we have discussed. This book was not intended to get someone to leave a church or to discredit any churches, but only to say that church, should be defined by the actions as discussed; by the fruit resulting from the cycle of life, rather than simply the name, location, buildings, programs, or the denominational name it holds.

When my wife, Joanna, and I first stepped out and began to pastor a church, we did not look like everyone else and many did not view us as a legitimate church, even though we were doing the things described in this book. Just because we did not do all the traditional things that most churches did, people did not give us credit. Though we did not do everything perfectly, we saw lives changed and without much of the red tape or politics that seem to accompany many churches today. Our vision has grown much since that time and we have learned from our mistakes as well.

We envision an organic, grass-roots movement, of people *'doing'* the things described in this book, without the limitations of what we think church should look like. Something that grows organically, grows naturally without artificial things interfering. We believe that as people are brought up to believe and operate *'as the church'* instead of having the mindset of *'going to church,'* that we will see growth organically and exponentially.

We will see an army of disciples raised up, duplicating in number through biblical coaching. Though the church requires being organized, it is not just an organization, but a living, breathing, organic, organism. As this concept takes hold in our heart; we believe that people will walk empowered, as the Spirit pours out through them to heal the world!

We may never *look* like what everyone expects church to look like, but *our heart is simply to love God and love people* while seeing them walk in God's abundance. This is not about someone building 'their kingdom' but about building the Kingdom of God! We envision people empowered with knowledge and wisdom to live prosperous lives, impacting the people around them. We have been involved in the traditional church structure, along with an 'outside the box' structure. There are certain things that we have seen work well in both and some things that did not.

One of the things we have seen work very well, is the small group setting, or many times, referred to as cell groups. Just as our body is made up of individual cells that work together to form a complete body, so the church should operate. Just as the individual cells in our body mirror the whole body, so the cells (*or small groups*) of the church mirror the image of the whole. Only in this structure can everyone bring what they have (*gifts*) for others as promoted in **1 Corinthians 14:26**;

“What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.”

This cannot occur in any other setting to the degree that it can in a small group of 2-12 people. It is in this atmosphere that Jesus trained His twelve. Why do we think we can do it better than Jesus? The reason most pastors cannot see this is that they are focused on growing a congregation, as opposed to making disciples. Jesus was concerned about duplicating Himself, not growing a large gathering. He did not have any problems attracting a crowd!

When we operate as Jesus, the crowds will come! Only until we can pour into a small number of people (*even just one*) will we authentically duplicate our heart and passion for Christ in discipleship and begin to see true change around us. From this cycle of life, we will see true duplication and other groups started across nations, with anointed ministers.

In the summer of 2011, the Lord gave me three priorities. They were *1) Fellowship with My Spirit, 2) Slow down and enjoy My creation, and 3) Help a few who will help a few*. This has become my guideline in life. Large numbers always start with one. Though all the elements I have covered so far are how to know if we are being ‘real’ church, the basic question is always whether we are making true Disciples of Christ. This book is about helping a few who will help a few. It is called discipleship and it will change the world! We will coach people in how to be biblical coaches to others, duplicating our efforts.

Multiplication grows much faster than addition. So many churches concentrate on growing their congregation by adding someone to their service, when duplicating our self, grows much faster and is much more effective. If we were to pour into someone else for an entire year and did not even reach out to anyone else, but truly duplicated our heart, doubling each year; we could transform the entire planet in less than 34 years!

This is the power of multiplication, but it takes leaders who desire to release others in ministry and not with self-serving agendas. Too many pastors walk in fear and are threatened when others reach out in ministry, without them being the center of it. This type of pastor does not have a Kingdom mindset, but a self-serving one. Though a pastor is responsible to God for leading the sheep he is entrusted with, he still must release people to be who God created them to be as well. He should be training them to discover their heart shape and position in the Body of Christ. A pastor is a steward of the sheep... not the owner! Pastors (*along with the other gifts from Eph. 4:11*) were given to equip the saints for the work of ministry. We

should be raising up an active and effective army, not just a following.

No matter how large or small our network develops, it will always be broken down into small groups of people pouring into others. There is a huge difference between churches that *'tack on'* small groups as a cool thing to do, as opposed to a church that sees this as the elementary structure of the church. This organic structure will be organized only as needed, to promote unity and direction, without politics and dictatorship. This means that leaders must be able to give all that they have to others, and then release them to serve without trying to maintain power or control over them. This is a simple, free-church established under the Sovereign Lordship of Jesus Christ as the Head and protected under the Constitution of the United States, not an incorporated entity of the State (501-c3), as with most churches.

The church has always been protected under our constitution as a tax-free agency and never needed to become an incorporated entity under the government. Becoming incorporated, places the church under the lordship of the state, as opposed to Jesus Christ alone. Churches or ministries that are 501-c3 incorporations, are giving authority to the state to dictate their actions. For more information on these facts and the history of *Free church vs. Incorporations*; we recommend this website: <http://hushmoney.org/>

Only through such an organic structure, can we see true change to an infinite number of people without any geographical limitations. There is no other structure that can do this when limited to locations or buildings alone. This could profoundly change nations, starting with you! The reason many church small-group programs seem to not work, is that they are not the foundation of the church, but merely an additional program. Only when this structure is the emphasis of how the church operates from the leaders first, will it effectively work. Only when we duplicate people into true Disciples of Christ, can we effectively carry out the work of Jesus. This was what His small group was all about!

So, what does it take to start? It only takes one person with the vision of being church and reaching out to another. I remember asking a couple to help us start a new group, which they agreed. They came over to our house and noticed they were the only couple there. I had not invited anyone else but was starting with them. They asked where everyone else was, and I said we are it! Where 2 or 3 are gathered... (*Matt. 18:20*). We had four, so I thought we were ahead of the game! After we began to pour into this couple, communicating our heart and vision; we grew to 53 people in only two months, without much effort. This of course was not an ideal number and no longer a small group setting but shows an example of the power of a witness, and the attraction of an authentic small group atmosphere that people long for. It was a problem we were glad to deal with!

I remember a man knocking on my door on group night and simply asking if there were Christians meeting here tonight. I had never seen him before, but I welcomed him in, and we became good friends from that point on. I still do not know today how he found out about us, but I am glad he did. That is the power of the attraction of authenticity. When such a group grows above an ideal number (12-15), it is then multiplied into two groups after a new leader is raised up for the second. This can continue for an infinite number of groups as leadership and organization springs forth. **Therefore, discipleship is at the heart of all we do.** This is true Kingdom building.

People want change and do not know how to get it. They want to prosper but do not realize that it is really God's plan, and not just for the greedy. They want good health but do not know it is their right and how to obtain it. They want purpose in life but do not know where to look. They want authentic relationships, but do not know how to foster them or where to find them. I have seen people over the years hurting and dying inside, while all along sitting next to their brother or sister in Christ on a church pew, in a structure which does not foster genuine and honest relationships. Everyone appears and usually responds with; "*I'm fine*" but inside, are drying up. For

this cause, many look outside the church for help. This should not be so. According to *Isaiah 60:3*, we will be the light that the nations come to. We have the answers for the world!

The key to success in such a structure is to focus on *'doing'* the five things we spoke about in the cycle of life, along with a proper relationship with God, instead of focusing on the name, location, structure, programs, or buildings. I am certainly not saying that we have it all figured out. I used to say that we finally matured enough to realize that we do not know it all! We are just like you, desiring to make a difference in this world by listening to God and obeying Him. We have experienced enough of what I have spoken of to know that it is biblical, and it works! This structure is a combination of the Jesus model of mentoring and training, along with the Jethro model of delegation and responsibility. Jesus showed us how to care for people and Jethro (*Moses' father-in-law*) showed us how to organize and delegate.

We have emptied ourselves enough to be open to change and guidance as we operate as church to reach others. Organization comes when there are things to organize, so no need to worry too soon. So, what does this organic church look like?

Everyone needs to continue to grow and have someone pour into them that is equal in maturity or ideally more mature, but this is not a requirement to start. We begin the process as we pour into others. If you know Jesus as Lord and Savior, you are ahead of someone. You start meeting with them and discussing real life with practical application from the Bible, while getting help from someone else. Part of our desire is to be that source of help, even from a distance. With communication advances these days, distance should not stop anyone from moving forward.

We want to do these things where we are at first, while seeing those we pour into go out and do the same wherever they live. We do this as we continue to support them from a distance. This is a grass-roots effort that spreads like wildfire. This will be more defined as it

goes. We are establishing a '*Free-church*' with a network of empowered Disciples of Christ, duplicating each other, not simply a gathering of people for a service.

This is ideal for anyone who wants an authentic church lifestyle and wants to make a difference in this world without empty religious traditions hindering. We have had many people come to our groups who had said they would never set foot back in a church again because of being hurt, but simply LOVED what we do! They did not see us as a normal church and just did not realize how authentic of a church we really were.

You can start immediately, and you do not need a church to '*extend an arm*' to you or to bless you. Just as Paul received His mission from Jesus and not a church, so you can operate as you obey the Spirit as well. You can seek the Lord and begin doing the things that He has given us and shown us through His Word (*along with His creation*) to carry out His plan. As you do these things, you will be doing the work of Jesus. So, the next question I want to answer is what is the focus of our vision which all this works to accomplish?

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Chapter 5

Restoring A Healing Ministry...

God has called us to coach people and to teach them how to live abundant lives by operating in the balance of God's power and wisdom in all areas, spirit, soul, and body. As we do this, we will be offering online helps and personal support to grow this organic body. What God is showing us is that one of the most accurate ways to describe the ministry of Jesus is Health Care! One might say Jesus came to save the world. Yes, of course, that covers our spiritual health. Another might say Jesus' ministry was to heal people. Yes, that covers our physical health. Others might say Jesus' ministry was to bring hope and peace to man. Yes, that covers our soulish or mental health.

Everything I look at with Jesus shows me that, in essence; Jesus was in the health-care business! He was concerned about our spirit, soul, and body. We cannot separate them either as we reach out to people.

This is brought out in the three Greek words translated as "healing" in the New Testament:

- ***Sozo*** (*Strong's 4982*) Mainly covers our spiritual healing, but encompasses spirit, soul, and body.
- ***Iaomia*** (*Strong's 2390*) Used for healing in the supernatural with instantaneous miracles.
- ***Therapeuō*** (*Strong's 2323*) Used for healing through medical service or therapy.

The Apostle Paul used the balance of all three methods of God's healing on the island of Malta:

*"And it came about that the father of Publius was lying in bed afflicted with recurrent fever and dysentery; and Paul went in to see him and after he had prayed, he laid his hands on him and **healed him.**" [Iaomia-instantaneous miracle]*

*"And after this had happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases were coming to him and getting **cured.**" [Therapeuō-medical process]*

Acts 28:8-9 NASB (Emphasis Mine)

We, of course, know that he applied *Sozo-spiritual healing*, as his mission was to preach the Gospel unto salvation and would not have healed without introducing the people to the Great Healer! This balance of healing in spirit, soul, and body covers the healthcare ministry of Jesus.

With this presented, we introduce to you *Simple Church*, an organic, Bible-believing, global, free-church, redefining life as we know it. **Our mission is "To make Disciples of Christ while bringing healing to all nations."** God's way includes His balance of healing in spirit, soul, and body. Healing was the ministry of Jesus and is the ministry of our network. Our vision is not one which teaches or rejects all traditional health care providers as evil, but our belief is that God created the body to heal and thrive as we align with His ways. As we apply His healing methods along with His natural provisions, we can eliminate medical guesswork and pharmaceutical drugs. As we teach people to align with God and take charge of their own health, they will walk in abundance with the divine health to live a long prosperous life!

The main structure of the church is coaching people in small groups with an unlimited network design. Our goal is to disciple

people how to prosper in every area of life, while functioning in the elements of an authentic church lifestyle as this book promotes. We will supply information that will help people grow, while giving them personal support and encouraging them along the way. Additional structure will develop as needed to support the cycle of life process and as leaders are identified and trained. To do this, we will need leaders working in teams, operating in the different fivefold ministry gifts as previously discussed.

We will give you a basic discipleship program to help you and to walk someone else through, while still building on this foundation with other truths on how to prosper as well. We will focus on teaching people how to live healed and healthy, while going out as disciples to apply healing and health to the world. We will be teaching others how to be a biblical coach, while coaching others at the same time. It will develop more structure as time goes on, but we will be operating in the cycle of life as described in this book as our pattern of how the church operates, along with an emphasis on making disciples who bring healing to the nations in spirit, soul, and body. The cycle of life elements are the only way we can gauge how we are doing and whether we are maintaining a correct church lifestyle or not.

As we continually evaluate (*using this standard*), it will ensure we stay on track in God's plan and continue to "*be*" church, and not simply "*playing*" church. The fruit will be the health and healing that our disciples operate in and minister to others.

Just as the disciples submitted to the leadership of Jesus in their small group, so our members, when they join a *Simple Church* group, submit to the vision and structure of leadership in *Simple Church*. Our structure is not designed for control but for guidance and oversight in accountability. The Word gives us principles for structure regarding the church, which is a system of relationships with people who earn the right to speak into the lives of those they lead. Everyone is leading someone and submitting to someone as well, while all submit to the leadership of the Holy Spirit foremost.

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Submission is not doing what I say no matter what. It is not “*lording*” over someone. Submission is a voluntary, dependent position, where we look to them as an example and allow them to point us to the Word for the standard of life. Paul told people to follow him as he followed Christ (*1 Cor. 11:1*). It is a coaching position from someone who is following the Lord and desires the best for you.

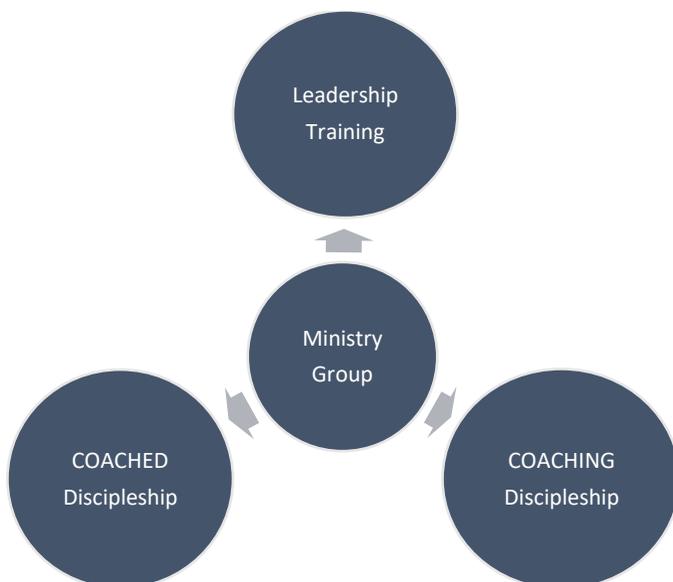
We submit to others by the leading of the Spirit and through faith, but then remain in submission, as the leaders earn our trust. Anyone who is not speaking in love with a sincere heart and not pointing people to the Word through a relationship with Jesus, should not be submitted to. Our biblical coaching training called; [Biblical Coaching](#), will help you more on how to disciple someone as a biblical coach. This is offered after you have begun our discipleship program and desire to help others. It is also available to purchase for those outside our church.

Our leaders are proven leaders with a genuine caring heart for people and speak only things that edify and conform to biblical coaching. Each group leader is trained to lead, submitted to the leadership structure of *Simple Church*, and fosters the character traits of *Exodus 18:21* (*more on this in a minute*). We lead, speaking the truth in love, allowing God’s grace and love to guide our heart. We ask for the same grace towards us from those who join us, as we all grow in the things of the Lord. We are committed to perfection, but we are not there yet!

Our design is to help people through various levels of relationships, for their growth and healing. Our design is shaped like a molecule and has become our “*molecule for success*.” Each part of the simple molecule has a distinct purpose in promoting the cycle

of life and to make disciples. As this molecule model is duplicated all over the world, we will see a strong and vibrant organic Body ministering healing to all.

Here is our simple molecule model which starts in the center:



Your journey with *Simple Church* begins at the center of our molecule with the **MINISTRY GROUP**. This group is an open group, that anyone can come to without worrying about being behind in particular material. It is a small group that centers on ministering to the needs of people in the areas of health, wealth, love, and personal significance (*our basic needs*). This is where we will focus on the application of healing in spirit, soul, and body, along with ministering the Gifts of the Spirit as needed. We expect supernatural healings along with teaching people the balance of God’s wisdom in all the New Testament methods of healing.

The agenda for these groups are the people that are present and what the Holy Spirit wants to do in their lives. This is where the Body of Christ brings what the Lord has given them according to *1 Corinthians 14:26* as I mentioned earlier;

“What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.”

We encourage people to bring the broken-hearted, downtrodden, and the sick to these groups to receive hope and healing. Words without power is just empty religion! From this foundation, we will be able to get people further involved in our discipleship groups, expanding our network, and duplicating the process.

The next part of the molecule is at the bottom left, **COACHED, Discipleship**. This is where you are paired with someone who will lead you through our basic discipleship material for a spiritual foundation along with learning health and healing. The material we use for the basics is called *Discipleship Evangelism* or “DE” for short, by Andrew Wommack and Don Krow. I have added an additional page to each of the 48 lessons with some thoughts about the lesson and adding my IRA question method of learning. (*IRA stands for, Information, Revelation, and Activation*)

You receive information on a critical Bible truth, meditate for revelation from the Holy Spirit about the truth, and identify the action the Lord wants you to take in faith. This will set you up for inevitable success in the Christian life. These things will be articulated on paper and reviewed by your coach to help you grow in them. Your coach may add some additional comments to encourage you in the things the Lord has already revealed to you. These lessons can be done faster or slower depending on your desire and time but are expected to take 6-12 months to complete. The goal is not how fast you can get through the lessons, but the experience of authentic, life transformation, resulting from the lessons.

This material will give you the foundation of the Word, producing stability in your life. We will also offer additional material to help you live in relationship with the Holy Spirit. We believe in the Lamad method of learning, which is the Hebrew root word for teaching and learning. This form of learning involves the student receiving more than just facts, but revelation knowledge which transforms. It involves all of life as the classroom. It includes the elements of personal encounter, Spirit encounter, and life encounter. The teacher has not taught unless the student learns. Your life experience is unique and a classroom in of itself! This makes you qualified to teach what you have learned.

The desire of our group coaches is life transformation by leading you to a place of experiencing the Holy Spirit as your Senior Partner and receiving revelation knowledge from Him. Just as a parent is responsible for transferring their children's dependence from them to the Lord, so it is with our group coaches. Our goal for you, is for you to have such a relationship with the Holy Spirit, that each day, you live out of His revelation for your life.

Those who only want to be spoon-fed will not fit well in this model and will not effectively grow. You cannot delegate your growth and prosperity to others since revelation only comes from within you! While going through the basics, we will emphasize coaching in the different methods of healing and how to minister healing to others. This model is to produce mature anointed ministers operating in a healing ministry.

When you have gone through the first level of lessons in the DE material and have gone through our **Biblical Coaching** material, you then move to the next part of our molecule on the bottom right, **COACHING; Discipleship**. This is where you step out and lead someone else through the DE material along with teaching healing as you have learned it. You do not have to be finished with the DE material to start with someone else, just the first level. You will be ahead of them and able to help them along as you were helped, duplicating the process.

Do not worry, you are not abandoned here. Your coach will help you with coaching issues that you encounter along with continuing your personal coaching as well. You will continue to advance through the material with your coach, while coaching someone else. The coaching process may take on different forms but should be a lifestyle rather than simply a temporary course.

This is not about being an expert Bible theologian in these lessons, but simply helping someone else along with the things the Lord has revealed to you. Remember, your life experience and revelations belong to you and qualify you to teach them. God does not reveal things to you to keep to yourself. You will now be a coach to someone else. This is discipleship and others need you as much as you need them. You will only be fulfilled in life as you give to others. If we do not, we are robbing blessings from them and will become stagnant in our own life as well.

You will be coached on how to lead these lessons before you start coaching others and will eventually pass that information on to the one you coach as well. You will also lead them through our guide for healing ministry called; *Inevitable Healing*. As you continue to duplicate this process, you will grow organically and be fulfilling the Great Commission given in **Matthew 28:19**;

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”

This whole organic structure depends on the ability to multiply new groups, keeping them small for optimal relationships and reaching more people. This will duplicate our molecule model. To do this, we must train leaders to lead other ministry groups. This takes you to the final part of our molecule at the top; **LEADERSHIP, Training**.

This leadership is more in-depth than simply leading someone through the DE material. We are all called to disciple others and to lead, but this training is for those who know they are called to lead a

Simple Church Group to grow this network of disciples within our structure and to facilitate a healing ministry. This is taking on the responsibility to follow the Lord's calling in being a shepherd to others. You will now be a coach to the coaches! In this part of your growth, we will focus on not just the learning of information, but on the doing, or the application of the things you learn. You will become an apprentice to a group leader.

This training will help grow you in the characteristics and disciplines of a biblical leader who prospers in spirit, soul, and body. As I stated earlier, we are looking for leaders with the character traits given to us in *Exodus 18*;

“Furthermore, you shall select out of all the people able men [means mankind, not gender] who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain...”

Exodus 18:21 (Brackets mine)

Here are the four character traits from Exodus 18:

1. **“Able”** speaks of **ability**
Has the time and willingness to learn along with being teachable
2. **“Fear God”** speaks of **spirituality**
Has their life in order with priorities by seeking a relationship with God above all else along with having a proper perception of the goodness of God
3. **“Of truth”** speaks of **stability**
Stable in actions and emotions, growing in all areas of their life, while submitting to the Bible as their standard and the Holy Spirit as their Senior Partner and Teacher
4. **“Hate dishonest gain”** speaks of **ethics**
Operates with a spirit of excellence and integrity with a servant's heart

No one is perfect in all these areas including us, but if these things are your heart to grow in, and you feel God is leading you to be a part of our leadership team; then this part of the molecule will bring it to pass. We will help you define your mission, gifting, and the place which best fulfills your calling. Together, we can build a network of true Disciples of Christ, while redefining life and bringing healing to the nations!

Our vision will take many leaders (*not just group leaders*) and there is a place for everyone the Lord leads to join. We need leaders from all the gifting's to operate with a team, to help redefine life for others. From ministers, to entrepreneurs, to the gifts of helps, to technical skills, and customer service; there is a place for all. If you believe God is calling you to be a part of this vision, either with us at our headquarters, or where you are at, then contact us and let's begin the dialog to fulfill your calling!

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Chapter 6

Who We Are...

Allow me to introduce more about me and my wife (*the founders of Simple Church*) and who we are. My name is Steve Wallace. My wife Joanna and I have committed our lives to not only living out the things mentioned in this book, but also to coaching others to live in divine health in spirit, soul, and body. Joanna and I were high school sweethearts and have been married since 1984. Supernaturally, I knew when I first laid eyes on my bride to be, that we would one day be married. I still do not know how I knew that, but here we are decades later, with her being one of the greatest gifts God has ever given me... and it gets better every year! At this time, we have two grown children, and two grandchildren.

Joanna's degrees are in business and Bible. She is also a graduate of the School of Worship from Charis Bible College in Colorado, where we attended. Through the School of Worship, she was privileged to have worked with many professional singer/songwriters and even a Dove Award winner. She is a song writer, recording artist, and worship leader. Her passion is to bring life-changing and uplifting music to the world. She was a stay-at-home mom when we first had our children. Later, she worked in different management positions including a bank, a restaurant, and a performance hall at a University, where she worked with many famous performers. She has over 20 years of management leadership. She has helped to make me the man I am today, and I love her more than ever. Joanna operates in the prophetic gifting with her creative music, along with the heart shape of pastor as well.

My college background started with Criminal Justice and then switched to a degree in Biblical Studies. Afterwards I received my

bachelor's degree in Ministry and then pursued graduate degrees in Christian Leadership and Christian Entrepreneurship. After graduating from Charis Bible College, I also graduated from the CBC School of Business, where I had the privilege to be mentored by successful multi-millionaire businessmen and entrepreneurs. I am also a graduate and certified Health Coach from the *Health Coach Institute*. I consider myself a life-learner, always wanting to personally grow to help others more.

I spent 22 years as a professional police officer and police administrator, holding the highest state law enforcement certificate available where I worked. I have been privileged to have worked with some of the greatest leaders in the field nationwide. I have over 25 years of experience pastoring and coaching people. Along with Joanna, I have run several personal businesses, including conducting exclusive background checks and pre-employment screening for a nationwide corporation. I sing and produce music with Joanna, and have a passion for public speaking, writing, and teaching others life changing truth. I am committed to coaching others on how to live successful by helping them redefine life. We are also very proud of our family.

Our son, Zachary Wallace is a graduate of Charis Bible College and the CBC School of Business, trained by the same mentors as I was. He is a design artist and has a graphic design business called; [Zweb Designs](#). He has a passion for designing things outside the box and has an uncanny ability to listen to the Spirit for guidance in his designs as he puts on the screen the things his clients try to express in words. His clients are amazed at his ability to express their heart in his graphics with just little information. Zachary helps design our graphics and book covers for all our materials. He also loves computer technology and is a software programmer.

He loves to mentor and coach others and is an intricate part of what *Simple Church* is becoming. He has a passion to be used in healing others. People are drawn to his fun personality making him a great coach, able to relate to people in a non-judgmental and

compassionate way. From high school on, he walked in a gifting to counsel, with his peers seeking his unconventional wisdom at an early age. He has a servant's heart to help people and I am proud to have him as a partner in business and fellow minister. Zachary loves to write and draw, while mainly operating in the ministry gifts of pastor and teacher. His wife, Jeslyn, adds an incredible personality to our family and is a great support. She is a schoolteacher and loves children and teaching truth. She is a very creative person, full of life and love for others and has a great singing talent as well.

Our daughter is Ashley Dodge. Ashley is a prolific author bringing in the supernatural in her books. She combines fiction writings with true-to-life parables making deeper connections with her readers. She writes with hidden parables that are drawn out as the readers contemplate her work.

Ashley has a passion for health and fitness and is a certified health coach from the *Health Coach Institute* as well. She is one of the best coaches I know, able to connect with her clients and lead them to decisions that will bring success. She is a business owner and is a great leader to those who follow her. She has won an award in a state-wide fitness competition and was a competitive national champion cheerleader. She continues to be the cheerleader for all who know her today. She has an incredible connection with the Holy Spirit and is a great minister to people as she coaches.

She has boldness and power that amazes all who know her. She has a testimony of being healed from an incurable, terminal disease, and loves to minister healing to others. She walks in the supernatural and is a great source of encouragement for all who desire to know God in a deeper way. She has an unstoppable positive spirit and even as a young person, many older people still seek out her wisdom and instruction as a health coach.

She and her husband David have a daughter, Gracie and a son, David (*Lil' Dave*) even after years of hearing the doctors tell her she would never have children. Ashley continues to prove she does not

have to settle for the worlds results. She and David are now training their children to walk in the supernatural for their life as well.

David has an entrepreneurial spirit and a desire to help others succeed. He has a passion for body building and living healthy. He is a great researcher for the latest information on how to live long and strong. He loves to coach others in fitness. David loves to work with his hands and being in the outdoors. He has worked as a kitchen manager with his passion for cooking quality foods as a chef where he used his creative skills with food. He also loves computer technology and is also a software programmer.

Ashley mainly operates in the ministry gifts of Evangelist and Prophet while David operates mainly as an Apostle with gifts of organizing and overseeing. All the gifts of our family fit well together making us a family of freedom as an example for others!

Our children have always supported us in the things the Lord is leading us to do no matter how crazy it sounded! We are blessed to have them in our life to keep us balanced in the things we do. My wife and I have been pastors since 1996. We founded an '*outside-the-box*' non-denominational church, helping people to prosper in spirit, soul, and body. We have a deep passion to help others know that life is good and was meant to be good. We have had things that worked well in our past and things that did not work as well. We believe that this experience, along with our renewed passion for being *Simple Church* and coaching others, will help us to be a change-agent in redefining life for you.

We also established Kreitton (*Krite'-tohn*) Coaching, a platform which uses our business experience, training, education, and life experience, to coach others and to deliver information that will help them prosper whether they are a member of *Simple Church* or not. Kreitton is the Greek word for '*better*' and is the word used to describe a "*better covenant*" in *Hebrews 8:6*.

Our coaching program utilizes everything we have for those who simply want to better their lives, whether they want to be a part of *Simple Church* or not. It delivers coaching articles and newsletters to your inbox along with access to our **members-only** coaching modules with videos and material which covers the 7 roots for abundant health. We created it to take the financial excuses away by making it the price of a Starbuck's coffee! For more on our program and how you can receive all our experience and passion for your success, go here: kreitton.org/mycoachingprogram/.

We realize that today, much of what I have spoken about goes against what many have been taught church is. We are not a denomination; we are a simple, free church of likeminded believers. With people doing bizarre things in the name of church; we understand that most would want to know more about our personal beliefs before following us. For this reason, we have put together a **Faith Statement** on the core truths that define who we are.

We have kept our faith statement simple but yet with the core beliefs that will bring people into harmony with one another as we seek truth together. We will not argue over '*non-heaven-or-hell*' issues and realize there is room for differences in beliefs and still walk-in unity. If you believe these core truths with all your heart, then we can grow together in all other truths as the Lord reveals them to us. With these core beliefs, all other differences will fade. You can see our faith statement on the next page.

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There are endless points of the Word and truth which we could talk about (*and I love doing*), but Jesus saw that man had made a love relationship into a huge book of rules which deluded the relationship and made it complicated. Jesus made it simple for us which has become the core of what we are about in redefining life within a simple church philosophy. To say that the following two statements are not thorough enough would show that we do not fully understand the depth and completeness of what Jesus was saying. They are all-inclusive statements to being what God desires and what the church was founded on. We can never exhaust the depth of these two statements but the more we grasp these two truths, the more we will come into harmony with God and man.

Matthew 22:37-40 says; “*And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend the whole law and the prophets.”*”

1. We love the Lord our God with all our heart

This type of love is not simply an emotion but a position of trust, obedience, and admiration. The original Aramaic has the meaning of loving the Lord with all passion, courage, audacity, and vitality. When you genuinely love someone, you do nothing to harm or discredit them. Your thoughts are always for their best and you give your best to them in a sacrificial way. This is a statement of intimacy in relationship which will not be violated.

It causes us to be seekers of truth which bonds us together and what we align our lives to. This means that the God of the Bible is not only our Creator God and loving Father but our Lord and Savior

through Jesus Christ and our intimate partnership and empowerment through the Holy Spirit. Jesus is our example of love and living in the Kingdom of God. We will remain loyal to God in word and deed to the very end.

2. We love our neighbor as ourselves

Love is best described from *1 Corinthians 13* and demands the best toward others. It is a position of service and respect for others, as we desire in return. It requires action with compassion toward the well-being of our fellow man. It involves all of mankind as our neighbor and contains no ill will towards others. It is a position of stewardship and harmony. In the original Aramaic, it refers to the principle of all parts coming together which involves plants, animals, humans, and all beings to form a common bond or clump together.

It is the proof of our inner spiritual work which reveals corresponding action in community. It drives us to seek reconciliation when there are conflicts and to speak the truth in love. It means we can embrace differences and still walk-in unity. Our ability to love others is in proportion to the love that we perceive and receive from our loving God, thus tying the two statements together. As we allow our heart to be ruled by God's guidance and counsel (Kingdom of God) our self dissolves and only reveals Christ. Our "I" becomes one with the Great I Am allowing us to love others as we are loved by God! Jesus is our example of serving one another and healing all who desire it.

Chapter 7

The Bigger Vision...

Our vision and structure for *Simple Church* was designed to be able to function without any geographical limitations. The *Simple Church* structure is a limitless structure with a global vision. We have designed it to where we can start with even one person but maintain a larger vision as well. We see a network of our molecule groups spread over all nations, restoring a healing ministry to the church once again.

Our first major goal is to set up our headquarters (TBA), where we will establish a relaxing resort-type atmosphere, so people living in the area and from all over the world can come to a concentrated discipleship program to learn health and healing. We will strive to create an atmosphere that is peaceful and conducive to healing and life transformation. We have designed our programs to help people personally at our location and from a distance as well.

Our vision is to develop a community where people can come to a short-term in-house life transformation discipleship program with housing for them and their family during this time. We will operate the *Simple Church School of Health and Healing* to teach and apply healing along with a *Simple Church Restoration Wellness Center* to provide various healing modalities and to restore the healing ministry that once was in the hands of the church. Healing is easy when we align with God's power and wisdom. We will show people how God's 'trifecta grace' covers the **wisdom** to know what to do when it comes to healing, the **authority** to demand results in the natural, and the **power** to accomplish those results. We envision creating a tranquil property with public amenities for families to enjoy.

Program participants will learn in a classroom setting all the things listed previously and more. They will be personally taught how to duplicate these things in a small group setting as a biblical coach and how to take it back to their hometown after graduation. Graduates will be a part of our *Simple Church* network where they will receive continual support and additional online training from staff. From our website, people worldwide, can learn where our groups are and get involved to learn how to redefine their life and receive healing.

We will teach people the basics of the Word, including the goodness and grace of our Lord, along with their identity and authority in Christ. We will be teaching and modeling a lifestyle of divine healing and health by showing the balance between God's grace, along with the wisdom of diet, exercise, and learning how to establish the essentials our bodies were created to operate with. Our philosophy includes the belief that God created our bodies with perfect mechanics and that if we will give the body what it was designed to function with; it will heal and operate in divine homeostasis.

We were given the promise to live with divine health for a minimum of 120 years and can do so with confidence (*Download our free eBook; [Living Healthy Beyond 120](#)*). Combining God's grace and power with His natural provisions, will produce a long and prosperous life.

From this vision, we will model and teach a lifestyle of simple church in a small group setting, utilizing the cycle of life pattern, along with our molecule model for ministry and training. We will train leaders to do the same as they go to the nations, duplicating other *Simple Church* groups with true Disciples of Christ, ministering healing to the nations. We will develop an organic organization for support and training through *Simple Church*. Through our Wellness Center, we will provide a place of peace and change for all who come. It will also provide a place for corporate gatherings.

It will be a place for ministers to come and refresh with the Lord, renewing their calling and vision. It will be a place of service to those who attend, ministering to the public along with those who are members of the church. We will be teaching and modeling the fullness of God's power cooperating with the fullness of His wisdom. We believe that the church has the answers for the world as we infuse God's grace and wisdom into people's lives, while submitting to the Lord in all areas without the common '*secular/spiritual*' division that most churches model. We will be agents of healing to a sick and dying world. Bottom line...we exhibit Jesus!

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Chapter 8

Are You Ready To Redefine Life?

You may be asking yourself; do I have to be a member of *Simple Church* to receive your coaching information? The answer is no. There are two ways to access our Kreitton Coaching information (*local or distant*). You can get this life-changing information either by joining a local *Simple Church Group*, or through our Kreitton coaching program, both accessible through our website; kreitton.org/mycoachingprogram/.

Over the years, I have seen many coaches and programs which priced their coaching at a price most people just cannot afford. I am not saying their coaching is not worth the money but if you do not have the money, what good does it do? Not only are most programs high-priced but most leave out the spiritual element as well. I wanted to be a holistic coach that helped people in spirit, soul, and body while at the same time provide for my family as well and created a program that anyone can afford.

I wanted to take the financial excuse away from people so they could have a chance to change and live an abundant life. After much thought and seeking the Lord, I created a way that people can get my coaching through my 24/7 coaching modules for the price of a Starbucks coffee! It has taken me many years to get to this point. You will have access to my members only coaching modules filled with coaching videos and material that will cover the 7 roots of abundant health. You will get all my books and much more material to help you grow and walk in God's abundance!

Part of my personal mission is to write material regarding issues of freedom. God has gifted me to be able to communicate through books and I want you to be able to get them. Through this affordable coaching program, you will get everything I have to give!

I write from a coaching perspective in all my material and designed them to walk you through change in spirit, soul, and body. You will get everything I have through one simple and affordable avenue. With my coaching articles and my books, you will receive information which covers subjects such as:

- How to make lasting change
- How to find purpose and vision
- How to discover and articulate your personal mission statement
- Who you are in Christ and your righteousness
- How to live healthy beyond 120 years
- The keys to a healthy body
- How to dream again and then how to pursue that dream
- How to be a leader and the characteristics you can foster for leadership
- The key to generational wealth
- How to make two different profits from the same money
- How to become an entrepreneur and get started
- Investment opportunities
- How to develop a bullet-proof spending plan
- How to overcome guilt and judgement
- How to foster and maintain healthy relationships
- Keys to successful parenthood
- How to know God's voice and actually communicate with Him
- How to step into prayer that works
- What faith really means and how to walk in it each day

- The science of how to manifest God's blessings
- And much, much, more!

My purpose is to help you walk in freedom in spirit, soul, and body and my material will help you to do so. No longer does anyone have to have excuses to not live the life they want. They just have not been given the opportunity, the support, and the tools to do so. Now you can! It is as simple as joining my monthly coaching program and applying the things I send you. Of course, there will be additional bonus privileges along the way as well! This is how I can pour my heart into your life to help you, no matter where you live!

There are no hidden agendas or hidden charges, just my best sent to you through one place. We are presently meeting with people in Central Arkansas where we live and will branch out from there. Once the location of our headquarters is selected, we will begin facilities to accommodate our program design. Our members and followers will be the first to know of any updates. We only need a place to meet and someone to meet with to begin. It is not any more complicated than that. Let's keep it simple!

So, what do you do if you are not in our area but want to join this revolution of redefining life? We hope that you will connect with us through our coaching program and allow us to help you start where you are at. Though we may not have a group in your area, maybe you will be the first to start one there. You can access our discipleship material and begin meeting with someone else, while you learn along the way. You can download the free DE program here: [Discipleship Evangelism](#)

Imagine a network of people across the world doing the things of authentic church each day as we have described in this book. Imagine a simple network, working in the synergy and power of God, growing so fast that it is rapidly changing people's lives and the nations they live in. Imagine a network of disciples ministering healing to the masses with people getting healed from every sickness and disease through God's grace. This simple organic network can

spread as fast as wildfire with supernatural results, no matter where you live. It only takes a vision that we pray has been stirred up in you through this book. *Proverbs 29:18* says that without a vision (*mental sight or dream*) the people perish or are unrestrained. This means in the original Hebrew, that without a dream; *we will allow opportunities to slip through our fingers.*

Do not allow this opportunity to slip through yours. It is time to live an abundant life and to show others what that looks like. It is time to step out of what church has become and move into what Jesus intended. It is time to see results that affects lives all around us. It is time to step into the blessings that are ours as joint heirs with Jesus Christ. It is time to be a healing agent to others through God's power and wisdom. It is time to bring the practical wisdom of the Lord to fruition in your own life. It is time for the church to be redefined and to function with wisdom and power. It is time for you to quit doing life alone and allow us to help you prosper in spirit, soul, and body. You can become the change-agent for your area!

There is still much to do to implement our vision regarding *Simple Church*. We would love to see you help us with this vision through your prayers, being a part of leadership, or with financial support. Donations to *Simple Church* are tax deductible and will go to the establishment of our structure design and Wellness Center. If you are interested in helping financially, contact us at SimpleChurchPastor@gmail.com to find out what our needs are and how you can help.

All start-up funds will go to implementing the structure of our organization with materials needed, website, and the establishment of our Wellness Center. No funds go to pay me or Joanna. Our philosophy, for many years now, has been to use business ventures as a means of sowing into our own field, so we can be free to minister as God has called, without the burden of others paying our way. This is *our* choice and not mandated by the Word. Though we have chosen this philosophy for ourselves, we do not impose that

upon those who work for us as we grow. God is not cheap, and His people should not be known for being cheap either!

Unless the Lord gives further instructions, all donations will be equally split into two simple categories; **Operations** (*what it takes to operate*) and **Outreach** (*helping others*). How's that for a healthy balance and putting rubber on the road to change lives! Together, we can change nations!

This book, in no way exhausts all the details of our vision, but we hope that it has stirred up your desire to go beyond a mediocre life and reach for more. We also encourage you to download our free eBook; [Living Healthy Beyond 120](#), where we share the five practical foundations the Lord has revealed to us that we believe will guarantee you to live healthy and strong past 120 years! It is not that difficult, but without the right information and commitment, many die early before they fulfill all that God has for them. This should not be so, and you can change things for you and your generations to come. This book reveals the balance of God's promises along with practical wisdom which brings it all together.

To fulfill the vision of *Simple Church*, we need people who have this foundation for a long and prosperous life. We do not have to be perfect in health to minister healing to others. As we give, so shall we receive. You will want to share this information with your family and friends. So, join us in this exciting adventure in "*Redefining Life!*"

Joanna and I, along with our family, appreciate you taking time to read this information and we look forward to connecting with you in the future as you partner with us! Click below to get started redefining *YOUR* life for the price of a Starbuck's Coffee!

[Click here for our Coaching Program!](#)

We are excited about the vision God has given us and our passion for freedom is what drives our actions! We hope that you

will join in with us in changing the nations with God's healing in spirit, soul, and body! You can connect more with us at the following links:

Kreitton.org

Facebook.com/kreitton.org

Amazon.com/author/steve-wallace

Wishing you abundant freedom!

Steve & Joanna Wallace

And the Simple Church Family!



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