

## Vision &amp; Values of IHOP-Miami

**Mission statement:** *“Given to the fasted lifestyle & calling a generation to the same”*

The Lord is calling us to live the New Testament standard in a daily reality! This is not a general reality in our nation, nor is it being clearly communicated or taught. We must have forerunners live this way and then call others to do the same.

- **Fasted Life-** A life that is firmly gripped & planted in the reality of the Gospel and loosed from the entanglements of the “spirit of this age”.
- **FAST(ed)-** Firmly fixed or fastened; moving or able to move, operate, function, or take effect quickly; quick; swift; rapid: Remaining firmly in place; secure
- We willingly choose “voluntary weakness”. This is the door of entry into the Kingdom of Heaven power.
- Routine fasting & prayer characterizes the N.T. lifestyle (Mt. 5,6,7).
- We can only call others into a life that is actively becoming a reality for us now. We reproduce who we are.
- This is a heavenly principle established on the earth; Genesis 1.

## I. OUR PRIMARY CALLING

- A. The primary calling for every Believer in Christ and every ministry is to know God as ***we pursue the 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment in first place*** and work with others to ***fulfill the Great Commission*** and ***build the Church***. We believe this includes spreading the ***fame of Jesus*** in winning the lost, healing the sick, making disciples, building godly families, doing works of justice and compassion, and impacting society.
- B. **Matthew 22:37-38** *Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’<sup>38</sup> This is the first and great commandment.*
- C. **Matthew 28:19-20** *Go...and make disciples of all the nations...<sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*
- D. **Matthew 16:18** *I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*
  - 1) Jesus said ***“Make disciples”***—equipping others to love God and people with all their hearts
  - 2) Jesus said ***“Go”***—mobilizing the work of the kingdom locally and abroad
  - 3) Jesus said ***“I will build”***—gathering the workers together to function as the family of God
  - 4) We spread the ***fame of Jesus***—proclaiming the knowledge of God and the worth of Jesus
- E. We are committed to combining our Prayers with an active pursuit to see those prayers answered through works of justice.
- F. The Lord gives specific assignments in context to the Great Commission and ours include:
  - 1) ***Keeping a continual prayer sanctuary*** of worship with intercession in the spirit of the tabernacle of David
  - 2) Calling people to ***intimacy with Jesus as our Bridegroom God*** and to the first commandment
  - 3) Raising up ***forerunner messengers*** who proclaim Jesus as Bridegroom, King, and Judge to prepare others for the unique dynamics of God’s end-time plan related to Jesus’ return to earth. These “day of the Lord messengers” will function as friends of the Bridegroom (Jn. 3:29).
  - 4) Working with others to serve ***Jesus’ purposes for Israel*** including a ***24/7 prayer network*** that mobilizes 100 million intercessors to pray for the release of His power and salvation

- 5) Strengthening the **"Praying Church"** including helping others to plant churches (that are not under IHOP-KC) as praying communities and to establish a prayer culture and in the nations
- G. **Why we keep a Prayer Sanctuary:** To minister to God, release His power. and encounter His heart
  - 1) **Ezekiel 44:15** *But the priests...the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near Me to minister to Me...*
  - 2) We **minister to God** by declaring His worth in priestly ministry in an unceasing way on earth as He is ministered to continually in heaven (Mt. 6:10)
  - 3) We **labor in intercession** to release God's power to win the lost, revive the church, and transform society as we do works of justice and compassion.
  - 4) We **encounter God** to receive greater grace to love and obey God with all our heart.
- H. We **grow in revelation of the Word** to see the majesty of God as our Father and of Jesus as the Bridegroom, King, and Judge and to gain insight into His will, ways, and plans and to understand the unique dynamics of His end-time plan to transition the earth to the age to come.
- I. This is the New Testament call to the entire Body of Christ. Now I will define our specific ministry mandate for IHOP-Miami.
- J. **We are building a "storehouse for the Lord"! This is the Father's House.**

## II. Intercession (24/7 Prayer & Worship)

### Continual Prayer-

- A. Prayer is "agreement with God in two primary ways: Worship & Intercession.
- B. Worship= Agreement w/ who God is
- C. Intercession= Agreement w/ what God wants to do
- D. We desire to minister to the Lord day and night with an unending chorus of worship and ceaseless prayer.
- E. We are pursuing the restoration of a place of continual worship to the only worthy God.
- F. He is worthy of this; as it is in heaven, make it a reality on the earth!
- G. How long will you continue this? Until He comes...
  - **2 Peter 3:11-12-** *"11Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives you should live, <sup>12</sup> looking forward to the day of God and hurrying it along..."*
- H. We speed up the process by preparing our hearts for Jesus return, as a Bride prepares for her wedding day!
- I. In an hour of the greatest injustice on the earth, there will be a cry for justice; that Jesus would come and fix all that is broken.
- J. This is the level of FAITH that Jesus is coming back to earth the earth for (**Luke 18:1-8**). Heaven is made fully accessible and available to those who continually call on God.
- K. **Isaiah 56:7-** *"Even them (the most unlikely) I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer.*
- L. This is the inheritance of our Savior/Messiah/Bridegroom as seen in **Ps. 2!**
- M. This will be an environment of "continual encounter"!
- N. **Psalm 132:13-14-** *"<sup>13</sup> For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place: <sup>14</sup> "This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it."*
- O. **Isaiah 66:1-2-** *"Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. **Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?** <sup>2</sup> For all those things My hand has made, And all those things*

*exist,” Says the LORD. “But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.””*

- P. Wherever the Lord finds agreement, He declares that place to be His “place of rest”.

### III. Holiness (Sermon on the Mount Lifestyle)

- A. We desire to follow the Lord Jesus in complete obedience; knit to a happy, tender heart of obedience to the Sermon on the Mount lifestyle.
- B. We want to live whole-hearted before the Holy God.
- C. We are pressing for full obedience (not perfection), and that we would have undivided hearts to Jesus.
- D. **Colossians 1:10**- *“that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;”*
- E. **Matthew 5, 6, 7** is the longest teaching of Jesus in the New Testament and seen as the Constitution of the Kingdom of Heaven. This life-calling is only the entry point. It is the “straight & narrow way”.
- F. We cannot see the Father apart from holiness (**Heb. 12:14**). Jesus says in the “Be-Attitudes” that *only the pure in heart will see God!*
- G. **Ephesians 1:4**- *“just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,”*
- H. The Father is calling us to be like Him & even says, “I will send my Spirit to help” (**1 Pet. 1:15, 16**)!
- I. I love to prayer THIS: “Father, when I grow up, I want to be just like You!”
- J. **John 16:14**- *“He will glorify Me, for He (Holy Spirit) will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.”*

### IV. Offerings (Extravagant Giving)

- A. We make a commitment to a simple lifestyle, pursuing an overflowing, free heart, in the area of money which is critical in a time when many will be pursuing the building of their "own kingdoms"!
- B. As a Christian culture we created way too much traffic in our hearts to the point of crowding out the simplicity of “walking in the cool of the garden” with our Savior God. We say “Get Connected”, “Subscribe To”, “Follow Us”, “Friend Me/Like”...
- C. **Matthew 6:6**- *“But you, when you pray, go into your room (closet), and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”*
- D. Our “closets” are stuffed with so much JUNK that we can’t fit into the “secret place” to pray to the Father! Think about the closets in your own house.
- E. Malachi 3:10- When we rob God we rob ourselves. This relationship is far more than a one-way street!
- F. We are going to lose all of our personal earthly possessions at some point before Jesus returns anyways (Rev. 13:17). Don’t hold on to those things so tightly.
- G. *“He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose!” Jim Elliot*
- H. This is the life infused with power. This is a growing reality for me and my family.
- I. **1 Timothy 6:6-10**- *“6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. <sup>8</sup> And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. <sup>9</sup> But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all*

kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

J. **Deuteronomy 8:18-** *"...for it is He who gives you power to get wealth,..."*

**V. Prevailing Faith (Confidence in God's Intervention)**

- A. We desire to function in the end-time power and calling as did "Elijah" in direct contrast to the false prophets and seekers of supernatural power for deliverance, protection, and provision.
- B. **2 Thessalonians 2:9-10-** *"The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup> and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved."*
- C. We must stand for truth, at all costs, even to the death, as Rev. 12:11 declares. This is the overcoming spirit!
- D. **Numbers 11:29-** *"Then Moses said to him, "Are you zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!"*
- E. **John 4:35-36** *Jesus says, "Do you not say, 'There is still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! 36" And he who reaps (labors in the harvest fields) receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together."*
- F. **Amos 9:11-13** *"...<sup>13</sup>Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; The mountains shall drip with sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it."*
- G. **Acts 2:17- 18-** *"And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.*
- H. The praying/prophesying & bold Church will be the voice to an unbelieving world. In the midst of signs, wonders, and intense crisis, we will be the ones who will stand and confidently proclaim WHO God is & WHAT He is doing!