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What is your Number One Mission in Life as a Follower of Jesus?

This is a great question for us all to ponder. Jesus gave us some crucial thoughts to consider when we think of our purpose in this life.....

Matt 5:13-16— *"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. NIV*

To demonstrate the impact these people would make on their world, Jesus used two common illustrations: **Salt and Light.**

SALT—Jesus' followers would be like salt in that they would create a thirst for greater information. When one sees a unique person who possesses superior qualities in specific areas, he desires to discover why that person is different. It is also possible that salt means these people serve as a preservative against the evils of society. Whichever view one takes, the important quality to note is that salt ought to maintain its basic character. If it fails to be salty, it has lost its purpose for existence and should be discarded.

LIGHT—A light is meant to shine and give direction. Individuals Jesus described in verses 3-10 would obviously radiate and point others to the proper path. Their influence would be evident, like a city on a hill or a lamp... on its stand. A concealed lamp, placed under a bowl (a clay container for measuring grain) would be useless. Light-radiating people live so that others see their good deeds and give praise not to them but to their Father in heaven.

This is how the Church of Jesus Christ is built. It is built by a people who hunger and thirst after God's presence resulting in **Salt and Light.**



We appreciate

all who

consistently

pray for this

ministry.

Doors continue

to open for the

Gospel of Jesus

Christ...

Thank you

*Jerry
Liversage*

A Continued Vision Realized by Jerry Liversage

What is Vision?

Webster's Dictionary defines vision as.....

"the special sense by which the qualities of an object (such as color, luminosity, shape, and size) constituting its appearance are perceived through a process in which light rays entering the eye are transformed by the retina into electrical signals that are transmitted to the brain via the optic nerve."

Biblical Vision—

In Numbers 10:31 , the Bible records these words....

31 But Moses said, "Please do not leave us. You know where we should camp in the desert, and you can be our eyes. NIV

Proverbs 29:18 says: *Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. KJV*

The words to an unknown Hymn writer wrote these words to the great Hymn "**Be Thou My Vision**"

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

Jesus left us with a **VISION of His Mission** concerning the **Great Commission** recorded in Matthew 28:18-20. The core—the Great Commission—does not change. The details of the vision and the words used to convey them will change. His vision provides us with a picture of what the mission will look like as it is realized in the community. However, we can not have God's vision without His empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

In 2003, an evangelistic vision exponentially grew in our lives after beginning our first pastorate in 1996 at Yucaipa Church of the Nazarene in Yucaipa, CA. It is a vision that has gripped our lives and continues to give purpose as to WHY we continue to realize the power and purpose of God given Vision.

I believe evangelism is at the heart of God. HE alone is the message, which sets captives free and causes us to be disciples after Him. This action causes a ripple effect, which births purpose of Intentional Discipleship to others.

With this thought in mind; we have a renewed vision for Beaumont, Banning and Cherry Valley where we currently reside. What is this vision? It is thecontinued on page 4



Please continue to pray for Responding Recovery Group meetings in various areas. We have additional groups, which have recently formed as well.

May God continue to use this ministry in the days ahead.

Banning Church of the Nazarene - 500 N.8th St. Banning, Ca 92220 - NEW.....Community Church Locust Grove, OK - NEW.....Global Vision Church 2060 Old Lebanon Dirt Rd Mt Juliet, TNRedemption House of Prayer Church of the Nazarene, Pryor, OKCross Style Center Lebanon TN.....Next Step Resource Center Lebanon TN.....Responding Recovery Center- Lebanon TN.....Hope Christian Church- Central Point, OR.... Smith County Jail- Clarksville, TN.... Wilson County Jail- Lebanon, TN.... Lazarus Transformation Center- Lebanon, TN (2 meeting locations).....Lazarus Transformation Center- Lebanon, TN (2 meeting locations)....Oroville Nazarene Church- Oroville, CA.....Garden Grove Friends Church- Garden Grove, CA.....Evergreen Royale Motel -Anaheim, CA.....Christ Church -Nashville, TN....Redlands ARK Church of the Nazarene -Redlands, CA....Fallon Nazarene Church- Fallon, NV.....Calvary Road Church-Garden Grove, CA.....Grandma's House Of Hope Garden Grove, CA..... Cross Style Center Lebanon TN.

For more info go to www.respondingrecoveryministries.org

Nazarene District Assembly Vision

Recently, the Anaheim District Church of the Nazarene held their annual District Assembly at Crossroads Multinational Church of the Nazarene located in Cerritos, Ca. Our evangelistic ministry conducted an information booth and video presentation, highlighting what God is doing through Jerry Liversage Ministries and Responding Recovery Ministries. We believe we have a **message** of Jesus to the arena God has called us and it is our VISION to network with local churches. As the Church of Jesus Christ is ever changing, we believe the Gospel NEVER changes and is relevant to the culture in which we live.

On May 17-18, 2019, we will have the privilege to conduct another evangelistic information booth at the Southern California Church of the Nazarene District Assembly held at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, Ca. and again June 12-14, 2019 at Los Angeles Church of the Nazarene District Assembly held in Pismo Beach.

Please continue in prayer with us as we respond to the movement of God.

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As an evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene and a part-time pastor of a little Nazarene congregation in Banning, CA , this vision has intensified to include internet media.

As many of you know, as a result of Spectrum Cable closing their recording studios in the Orange County California city locations, "Responding Recovery Television" has come to a close. After more than a decade of broadcasting in various city locations, this broadcast ceased to exist through Spectrum Cable Co.

However, Responding Recovery Ministries and Jerry Liversage Ministries YouTube channel, will continue to broadcast. We are trusting in the financing to facilitate the message through internet television. By faith, as funds allow through this ministry, our hope is to increase our effectiveness through the internet media and YouTube. The true Gospel of Jesus Christ must go forth in our ever changing world, and we want to be part of that endeavor as God continues to open doors for this ministry.

While some circles of preaching include the watering down of the Truth of God's Word, we desire to remain true to the authority of scripture. We desire to be in partnership with those who stand and preach the TRUTH of the Word of God. Will you prayerfully support and stand with us??

Long Awaited New Book - Soon Available !



Because of additional research and information inserted in this new writing project, Jerry's new book—Presence, Power, and Purpose in a Lying World—will be delayed.

Most of this writing project comes from Jerry's dissertation while pursuing his Master's Degree in Biblical Addiction Counseling (MBAC) to include his Doctorate in Biblical Addiction Counseling (DBAC). However, in recent days, additional revelation has become apparent on this subject matter, which constituted more writing.

This book deals with the Counterfeit World Kingdom, which appears to be genuine, authentic, and real. The sole purpose and mission of this elusive, deceptive Kingdom are to deceive and lead away from the Triune Presence of God, the Power of God, and the Purposes of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Sin has caused all of God's creation to fall from the state of truth, perfection and grandeur to an alluring counterfeit maze of deception, lies, and destruction. As a result, the world is subject to frustration, bondage, decay and spiritual death so that it cannot fulfill its intended purpose. This deceptive and destructive theology has even found its way into some church settings.