

# The Life Stewardship for Our Church Family

Equipping so that...we Root TWCA



1950

1990

2010

2030

2050

...ends of the earth...

1st Generation - **Recovering** The Way of Christ and His Apostles paradigm

2nd Generation - **Rooting** The Way of Christ and His Apostles paradigm

Col 2:7 **rooted and built up in him and established in the faith**, just as you were taught..

**rooted** - **ρίζώ** - **rhizoo** - to be established, conceived of as if a plant being or becoming fixed in the ground - fix firmly, solid





# Family Updates



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**Calendar**

## CityChurch Calendar

February 2020



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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:15am - CityChurch Sunday Morning			6:30pm - Youth Group			
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9:15am - CityChurch Sunday Morning	6:00pm - Apostolic Team Meeting					
	7:00pm - Leaders Meeting					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29



# Family Updates

- **Jeff Reed** is in Mumbai this week to launch a cohort with Bishop Patole, Rev. Avinash and the CNI Bombay Diocese. Watson will join him on the second day.
- **3/5 Accreditation Visit:** We are busily preparing for a visit from the accreditation commission. Prayers are appreciated!
- **Clerical Help:** Steve Kemp needs someone to volunteer a few hours to help with some low tech/high-value clerical projects and office upkeep, such as photocopying the Tables of Contents of his journals, making labels for his library shelves, updating the list of the files in his office, helping him box and label archived files, and dusting his office surfaces (including books and bookshelves).



# Life Stewardship for an Individual

**My Story** - my unique history

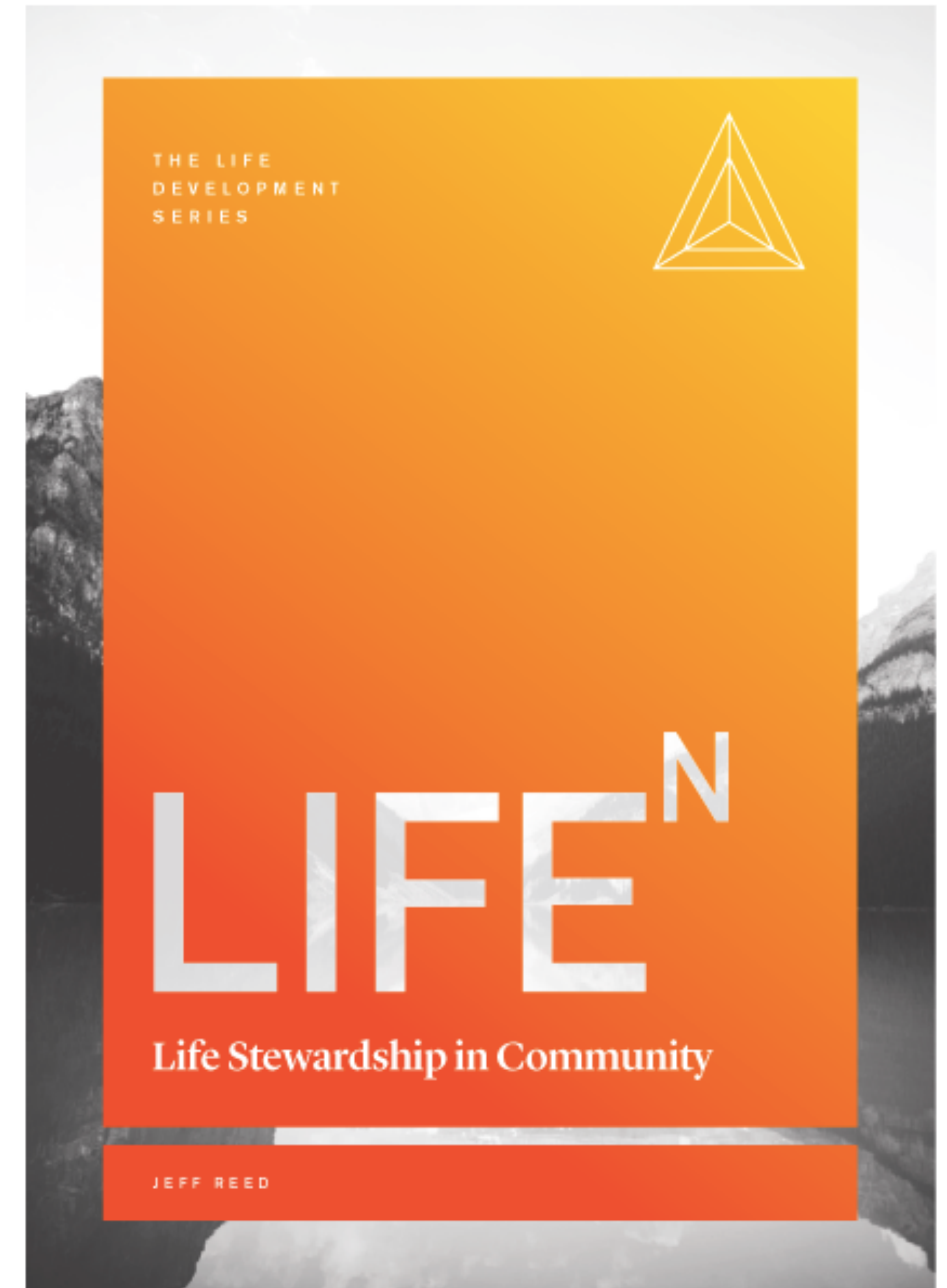
**My Purpose** - why I exist

**My Abilities** - my unique contributions

**My Legacy** - What am I intentionally passing on

**My Strategy** - making legacy a reality

**My Habits** - pursuing lifelong learning



# Life Stewardship for Our Church

**Our Story** - our unique history, creating a team to create a timeline

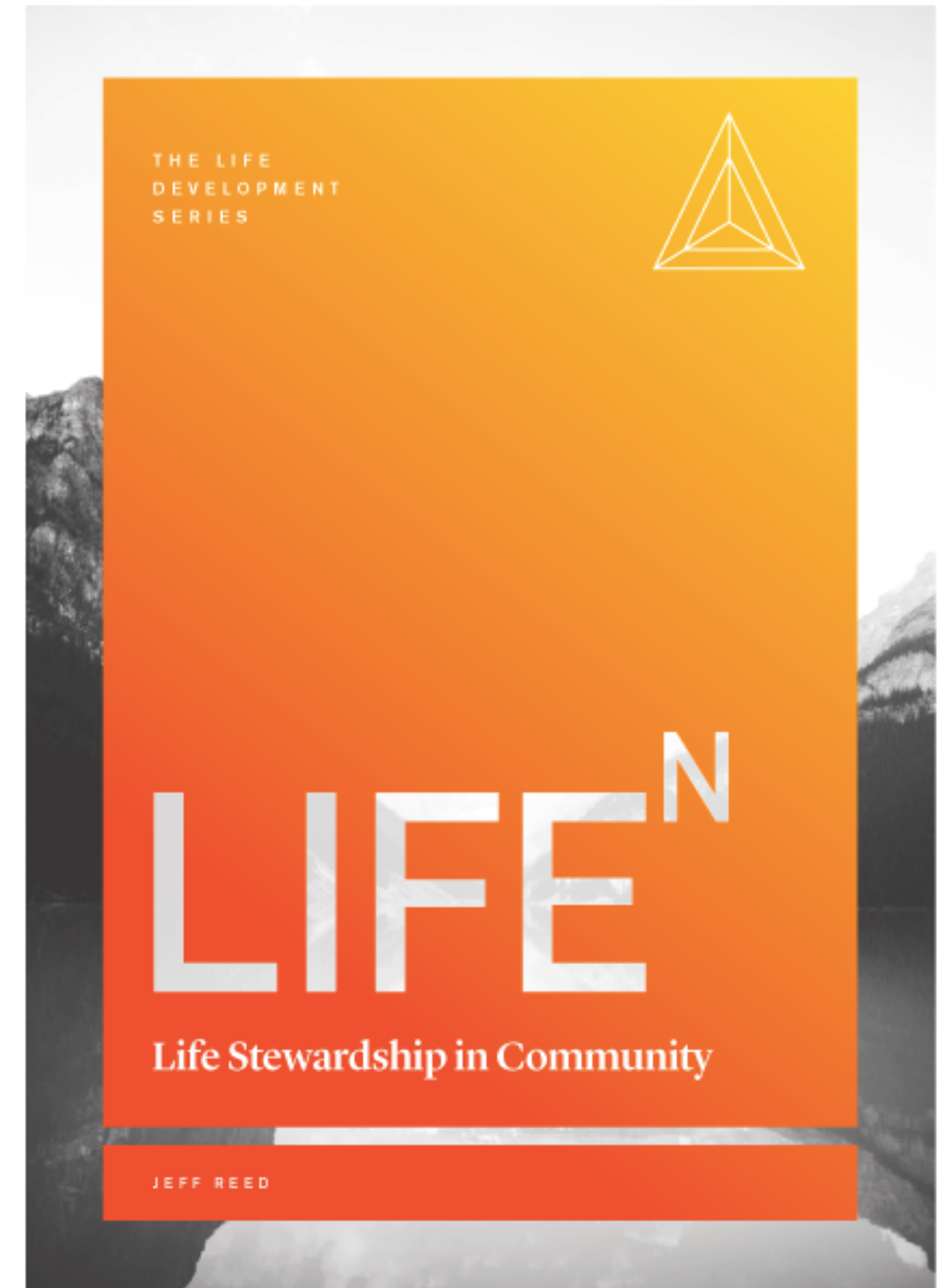
**Our Purpose** - To recover and root today's Christianity in TWCA tradition

**Our Abilities** - what our unique contributions to Christianity?

**Our Legacy** - What do we want to be known for?

**Our Strategy** - Our Grand Strategy document

**Our Habits** - our church meetings, our Sunday gatherings, our ordered learning, our families and lives.





# LEGACY

- It is possible to become very successful in one area of life and totally lose it in another.
- It's common to pay a high price for financial success.
- Money often leaves a person with more problems, that ripple for generations. Yet managed well, money can create a base for future generations.
- Too narrow of concept of life, can ruin life when success is not achieved, or if it is achieved can leave a person unfulfilled.
- We need to broaden our understanding of investing, not just with money, but with our time, talents, and communities.

# LEGACY

- The real key to building a high impact, intergenerational legacy is investing our lives in a way that really counts for the future, not just accumulating wealth.
- We need to think of investments in a much broader sense. We need to invest in our marriages, our personal development, our families and both our local and global communities.



## **ADMCC and BILD - LEGACY**

- What is our collective legacy? What do we want it to be?







# A Thankful, Joyful, Full of Life People

Three key passages:

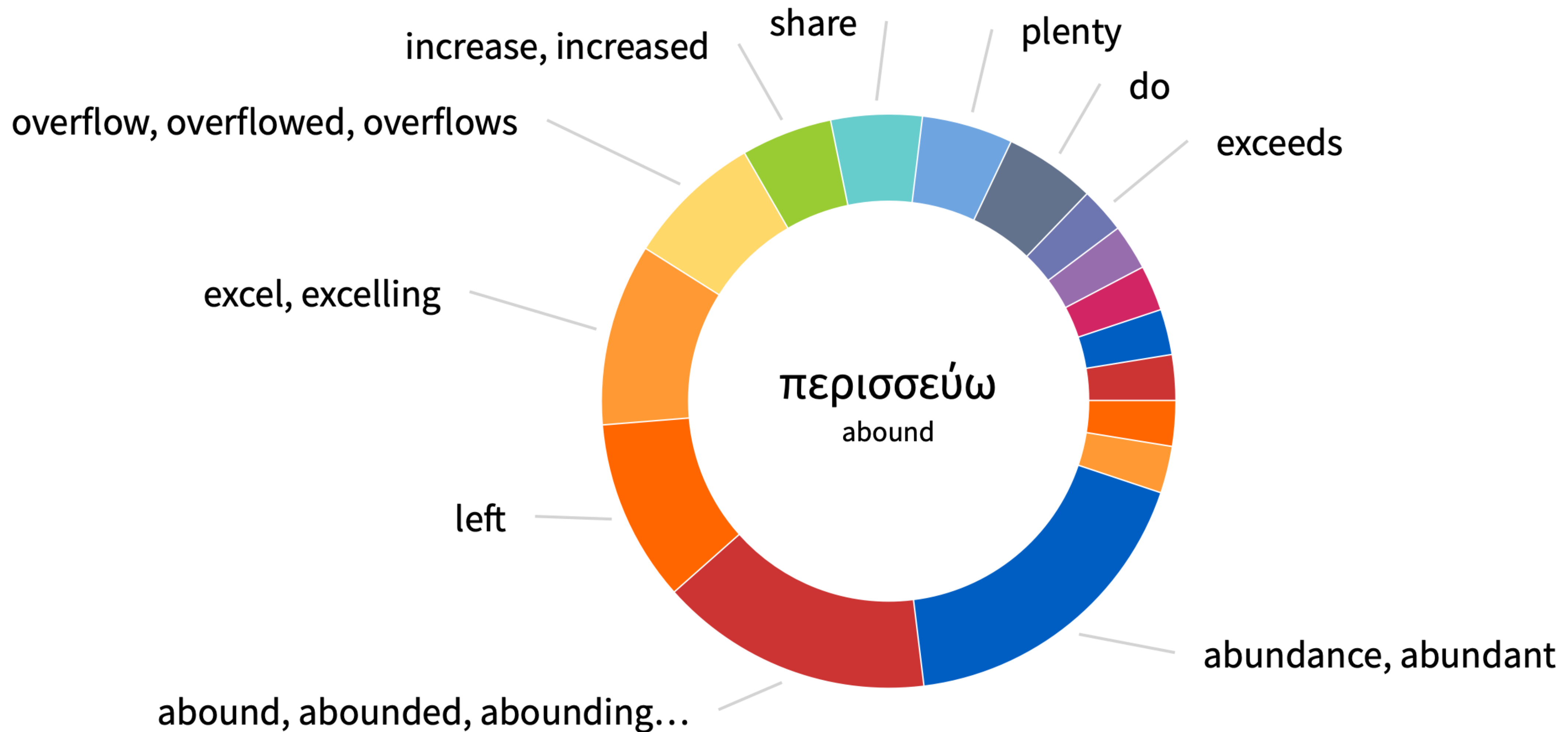
1. Colossians 2:6-8
2. Ephesians 3:14-21
3. Psalm 16:1-11

# A Thankful, Joyful, Full of Life People

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.

Colossians 2:6–8 (NRSV)



*...rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*



**Thankfulness, Gratitude.** Natural expression of thanks in response to blessings, protection, or love. In the Judeo-Christian tradition, gratitude is not a tool used to manipulate the will of God. It is never coerced or fabricated in one's mind; rather, gratitude is a joyful commitment of one's personality to God.

Elwell, W. A., & Beitzel, B. J. (1988). [Gratitude](#). In *Baker encyclopedia of the Bible* (Vol. 1, p. 900). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.

to rejoice, joy, to give freely, to bestow favor, to express gratitude

*...rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:14–21 (NRSV)



## Psalm 16:1–11 (NRSV)

**1** Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**2** I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you.”

**3** As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,  
in whom is all my delight.

**4** Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.

**5** The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

**6** The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.

Psalm 16:1–11 (NRSV)

**7** I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

in the night also my heart instructs me.

**8** I keep the Lord always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

**9** Therefore my **heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;**

my body also rests secure.

**10** For you do not give me up to Sheol,

or let your faithful one see the Pit.

**11** You **show me the path of life.**

In your presence there **is fullness of joy;**

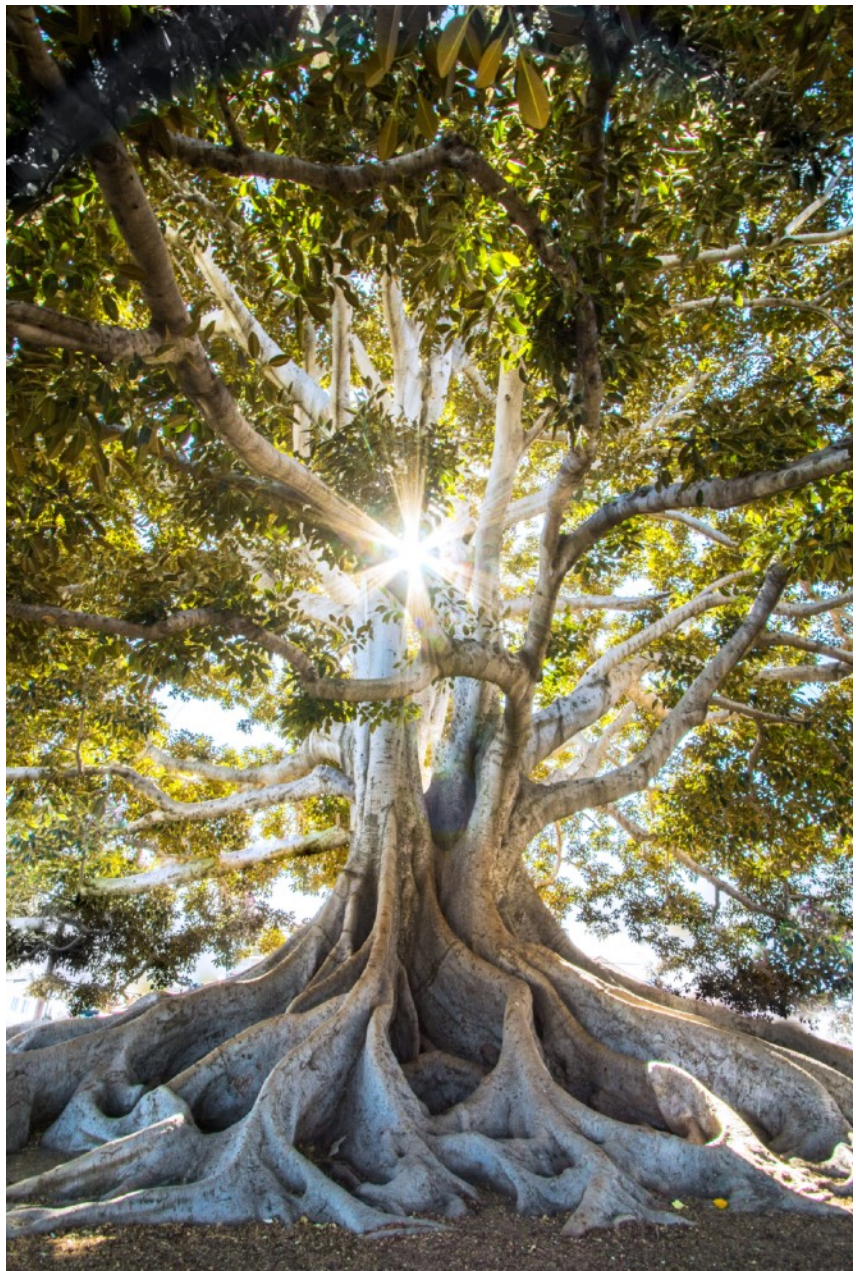
in your right hand are **pleasures forevermore.**



Comprehend Path  
Established Soul  
Spirit's Power  
Pleasures Fullness  
Rooted Heart  
Thanksgiving Glad Life Joy Heart  
Rejoices Forevermore

# Discussion Time #1

1. Work on this sheet as a table.
2. Complete it with pen/paper or go to: [amesdsm.cc/our-legacy](http://amesdsm.cc/our-legacy)



## Our Legacy - Ames Des Moines CityChurch

**Psalm 16**...therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices...you show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy.

**Colossians 2**...continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up...abounding in thanksgiving...see to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit.

**Ephesians 3**...strengthen in your inner being with power through His Spirit...as you are being rooted and grounded in love...power to comprehend...and to know the love of Christ...so that you may be filled with the fullness of God.

### Legacy - For What Do We Want to Be Known

What are we intentionally passing on? What do we want to leave behind?

What words or phrases would you use to describe what we want our legacy to be? What kind of people do we want to be?

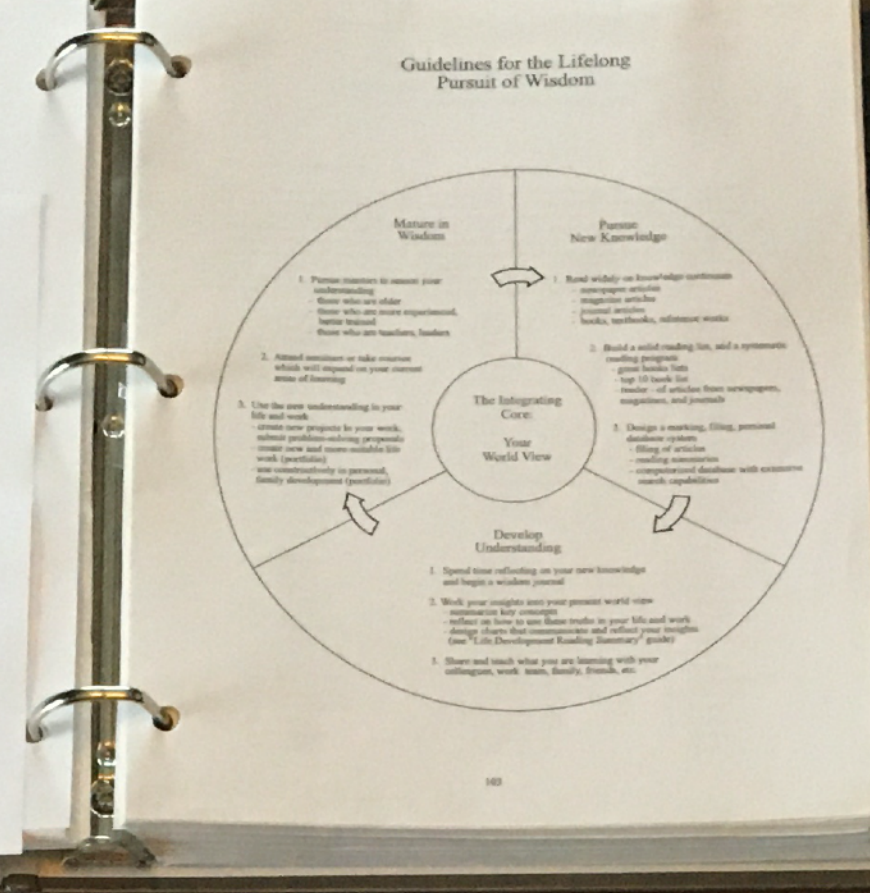
What do we want to be remembered for in Ames? In Des Moines? In the USA? The globe?

What might we need to do to look like these things in the next 1,3, 5, 10 years?



**Our Legacy** Anna De Meines CityChurch

WHO WE ARE	WHAT WE DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We are a church of people who love God and love each other.</li> <li>2. We are a church that is committed to the mission of Jesus Christ.</li> <li>3. We are a church that is committed to the mission of the Holy Spirit.</li> <li>4. We are a church that is committed to the mission of the Church.</li> <li>5. We are a church that is committed to the mission of the world.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We are committed to the mission of Jesus Christ.</li> <li>2. We are committed to the mission of the Holy Spirit.</li> <li>3. We are committed to the mission of the Church.</li> <li>4. We are committed to the mission of the world.</li> </ul>



**SERIES II**

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**Legacy - for ADMEC**

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Not just advanced in the class, but in the world. (Strong theology in culture)

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Resources that have established and root churches. Vision for multiplying churches. One mindedness of purpose and efforts. The tradition of TWCA carried out through CBTE. Commitment to international partners to part through serving and leading. Lay members during the conference.

Teaching of sound doctrine exemplifying this through the condemnation, all through being loving, humble and prayerful.

Education through the church, versus through seminaries or formal higher education.

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Committed. Established. One minded. Prayerful. Leadership. Church based and focused. TWCA and CBTE. First Principles. Great! Check marks. Generosity of the Church.

Why do you think this is important? Demonstrates obedience and passes onto the next generations.

What do we intentionally passing on? What do we want to leave behind?

- The church as the center of God's plan for the city
- Church based theological education
- Align our lives to building and serving in the church
- The church as a family of families
- Sound doctrine passed onto the next generation, they are ready

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One mindedness - our applications may vary from church to church but the direction and vision are the same

Common mission - setting out theology in culture, together, and applying it in the spheres/regions we are in

Developing in wisdom and trusting strong

The idea that church is a family of families - even the young people are involved in studying 5.4, 5b-6. 5th-6th graders writing author's intent, statements.

The concept of every person participating/stepping up to their needs using gifts, etc.

Participants of God's plan (the church)

Different but not radically different from the surrounding culture

It's important because: 1) It's what we are 2) It's what we are supposed to be 3) It's what we are called to be 4) It's what we are called to be

- First Principles
- We are God's people, passion for good deeds
- The church - sound doctrine
- A passion for His name, His fame, His character, His truth
- Trusting and grounded in love
- Full of joy

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## How can we display our desired legacy and consistently be reminded?

- How can we capture the summary of our Legacy? How can we continually be reminded?
- Could we put it to song? Could we have an art depiction? Could we write a poem? Could we draw it? Could we memorize it? Could we make hats and hoodies?
- Talk about it in your churches. Submit all ideas, thoughts and work. Everything is a good idea at this stage.





# Discussion Time #2

1. What do we need to do in the next 1, 3, 5, 10 years to build our legacy?
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What do we need to do in the next 1, 3, 5, 10 years, to build our legacy?

**Table Participants:**





# Remembering Our Legacy

- Music Album
- Large Canvas, Sheet Painting
- Mind Map, DNA Map
- A Creed
- A Prayer

## Remembering Our Legacy – Bloomington Heights Church

### **Music Album**

Community effort where the various musicians are each tasked to create a song with a particular theme from the list of words

### **Large Canvas/Sheet Painting**

- This way it could go in the atrium, but also be removable (wasn't there some lobby art plan way back?)
- Potentially have an artist do a mosaic/sketch drawing but set it up so all members can paint a little part (paint by numbers type thing)

### **Alternate Documentation**

- Mind-map type diagram where the major themes branch off from the central idea
- Tree with branches (someone did something similar at the Next-Gen thing at [Sents;](#))
- DNA structure based on themes

### **Creed #1**

We are abounding in thanksgiving, humble and transparent. We are prayerful, fruitful in loving one another, and rooted in God's word, generous in our hearts. We are one minded, unified in the teaching and strengthening the way of Christ and His apostles. We are steadfast and committed, [life long](#) learners, unified leaders, and the pillar and buttress of truth united in Christ's teachings. We are sincere and glad in our hearts, part of God's story, recovering the early Church DNA. We work tirelessly, have a good reputation and we are faithful. We are hospitable, redemptive and powerful in the spirit, rooted and grounded in love. Together we are building strong families, strong marriages, with strong parents and children. We are full of joy and we are generous people.

### **Prayer of our Generation (based on Ephesians purpose)**

We pray that the global church network will operate at "full power", fully grasping Christ and His grand plan, everyone fully engaged in the work. We pray that we are fully armored with the truth, especially in times of attack, comprehending our calling and ever committed to the progress of the gospel, so that we do not [loose](#) ground or power. Help us to stand firm in truth.

We pray that our leaders continue in the firm grasp of the teaching, fully comprehending the whole counsel of God, and that they remain focused on equipping us for the work.

We pray that everyone works hard at grasping Christ's plan, asking the Spirit to give us the ability to fully comprehend. That each one of us is fully involved in the work, even in times when it is not easy.



Compiled List What We Need to Do to build our leg... Search in Document

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**What do we need to do in the next 1, 3, 5, 10 years, to build our legacy?**  
Compiled List from ADMCC Teaching Time

**Table 1**

- Corporate and individual prayer - ask for Holy Spirit to help us
- Train leaders -
- Just do it! (Nike :))
- Each family needs to figure out how they fit into plan and share within churches. Those in the churches can follow-up on how they are progressing (accountability)
- Get established
  - Define a timeline that everyone gets through FP
  - Define a timeline that everyone produce their work for FP
  - Identify the weakest points for our churches and tackle
- Leaders / churches helps their members figure out their giftedness
- Prepare the next generation for adulthood

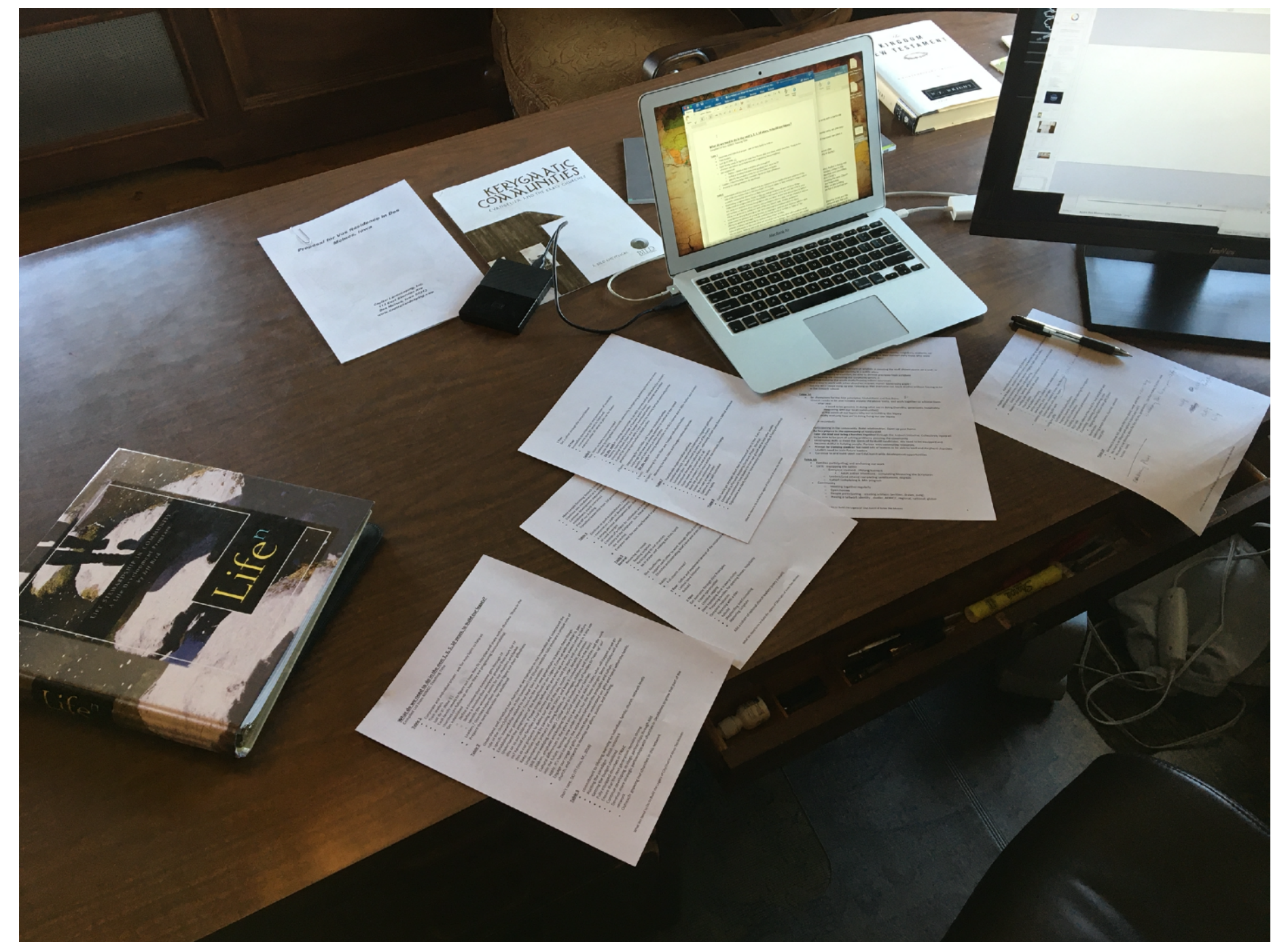
**Table 2**

- Understand and structure our churches as we transition in our leadership and understand the role of the church/churches in this transition? UP Church needs to fully embrace a unique role of a specific stewardship related to our Next Gen transition.
- Establishing our generations: Focus on the our next generations to pass on these things. Understand the progression of the Head/Hand in our Legacy. Come up with the HOW to pass this on to our children. If these things define who and what we are they always need to before us? Remind our families of our journey and continue to visit the story and our place in it and use this as our guidance to define our work of the day, month, year, decade, generation.
- Keep families strong by passing on the TWCA and keep it contextualized in the Story.
- Understand the primacy of strong families, re: marriages, children, and churches and the work (Bill Burns wedding message). Critical need to involve family of families to "raise up" our children, emphasis and keeping the cyclical nature of our families.
- Cultural differences in the years since we raised our kids to today; what will happen as we go into the future. Nothing new under the sun but the flavor changes. Same principles will always apply. It's hard to discern the separation between the principles and culture.
- Engage our range of gifts (requires that we understand our gifts and roles) within the family, church, and network to develop our alters, psalms, and teaching.

Don't care, DO IT! (Vos, M., 2018)

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- 17 tables, compiled into single document, see [amesdsm.cc/our-legacy](https://amesdsm.cc/our-legacy)





## The Life Stewardship for Our Church Network Family

So that *Ames Des Moines CityChurch* can live a full abundant life!

### Our Story

- Church committed to training of leaders inside the church
- Fulfilling the Great Commission on global scale was envisioned, pursued and organized lives for this stewardship and work
- Committed leaders and families for over first 40 years

### Our Purpose

- To be an Antioch type church, a strong base for local and global work
  - We Believe: there is a God, we are His people, we are playing a part in His story, God's vision for this age is the great commission, His plan is outlined in Acts, we continue today to participate in Acts
  - Our Transformative Purpose: To Root today's Christianity in *The Way of Christ and His Apostles* tradition by:
    - developing strong leaders, for strong churches, for impact in our communities and world, for Christ is the King of the New Kingdom
  - We are: a local network, a global network, our churches function as families, as part of God's family, we are composed of all "streams of Christians", we are complex, we are a movement of churches, we are faithful to the deposit, we live out the Kerygma and Didache

### Our Abilities

- Exceptionally strong base of families, committed and organized entire lives for the stewardship and work
- A global network and global team (BILD) to do apostolic type work
- Over 40 years of biblical tools, aligned with the early church paradigm
- Pursuing and building same stewardship locally and globally

### Our Habits – For 2020

#### Weekly/Monthly

1. Gather as church families – Sunday PM
2. Gather for network equipping - Sunday AM
3. Everyone involved in rooting/establishing paths – Our focus is **Building Strong Families**
  - a. Everyone participating in an establishment/rooting pathway
    - i. We have developed 20 different paths
    - ii. Prototype Equip software to track establishment
  - b. Strong Marriages/Strong Parenting path – especially those married less than 10 yrs

#### Semi-Annual

4. Network Family Love Feasts
5. BILD Global Summit

#### What We are Working on:

6. Coordinating and Aligning teams – See Complex Network Graph
  - a. New Teams - CEO/Apostolic overseer team, Prayer team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen team
  - b. Existing - Apostolic co-workers, Rebuild, Benefactor, Envision, Axis, Kid Studies, elders, deacons, leading women
7. Aligning Core Projects – then alignment with teams
  - a. Core ADMCC projects & Core BILD projects

### Our Strategy

- See Core Projects & Alignment with Teams
  - Core ADMCC Projects
  - Core BILD Projects

### Our Legacy

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# Discussion Time

Review and discuss the document





## Where do we go from here?

1. Create a method to remember our legacy, be creative
  - songs & albums, paintings, maps, creeds, prayers
2. Be engaged in Sunday AM and PM
3. As we create rooted pathways, organize your families to all participate
4. As we create clarity, know your role, be part of teams...**then faithfully work over years/decades**
  - stay focused on the right things, everything will have problems, don't dwell on them, work on what is clear
5. Pray, be faithful, be patient with everyone, love harder

