

## Pursuing the Ultimate Value of Knowing Christ Jesus

Philippians 3:8

### 5 Years

#### Double the Impact





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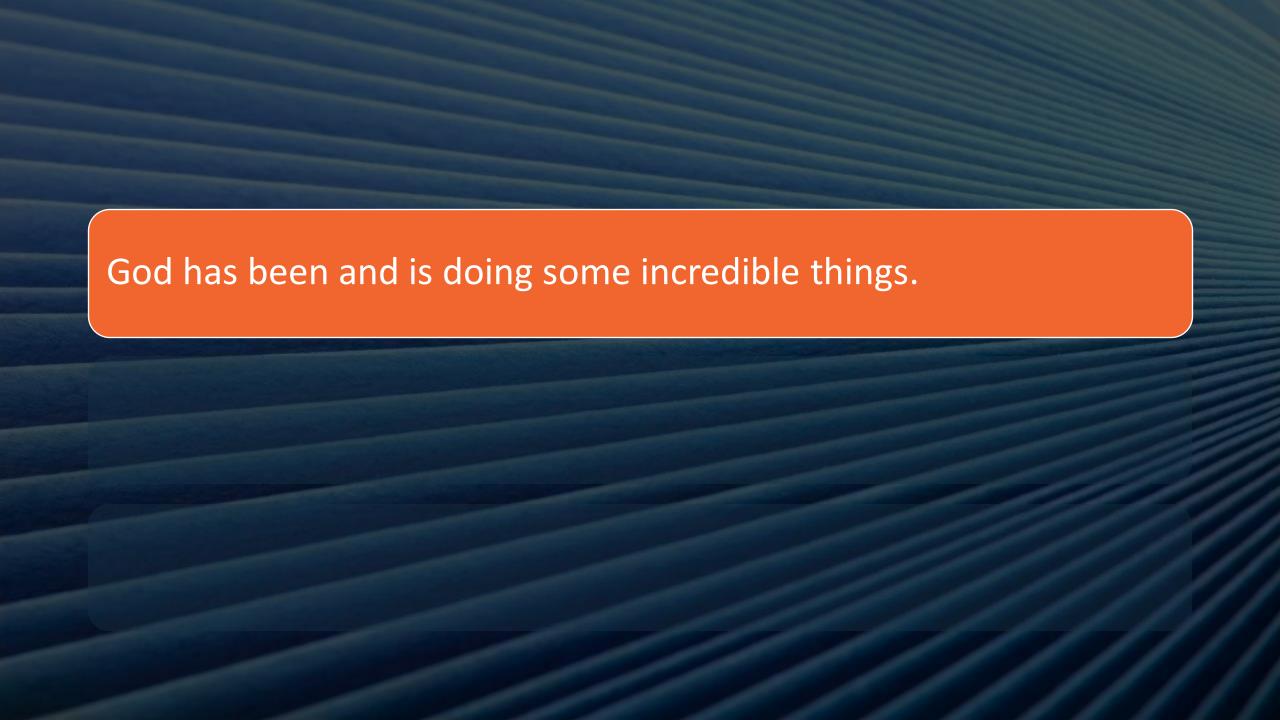












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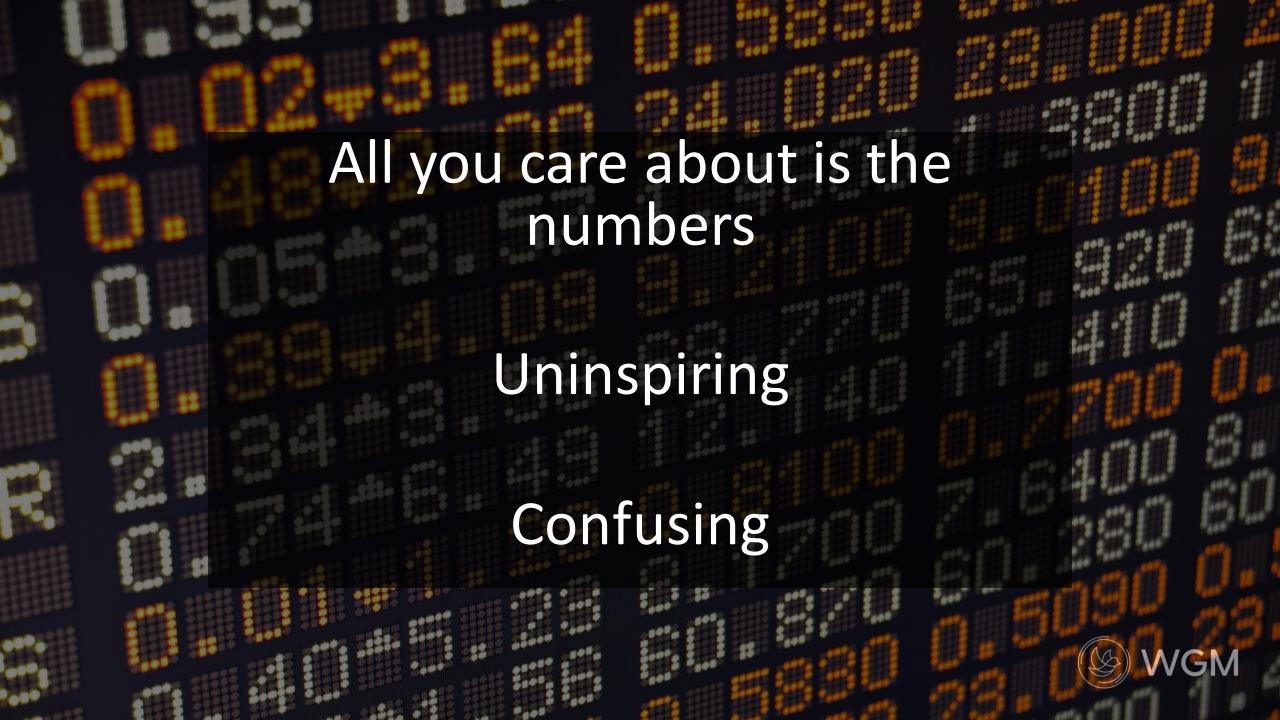
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I can't quantify it because we didn't have the measuring tools in place 5 years ago when we started, but I believe the impact on my region has more than doubled.













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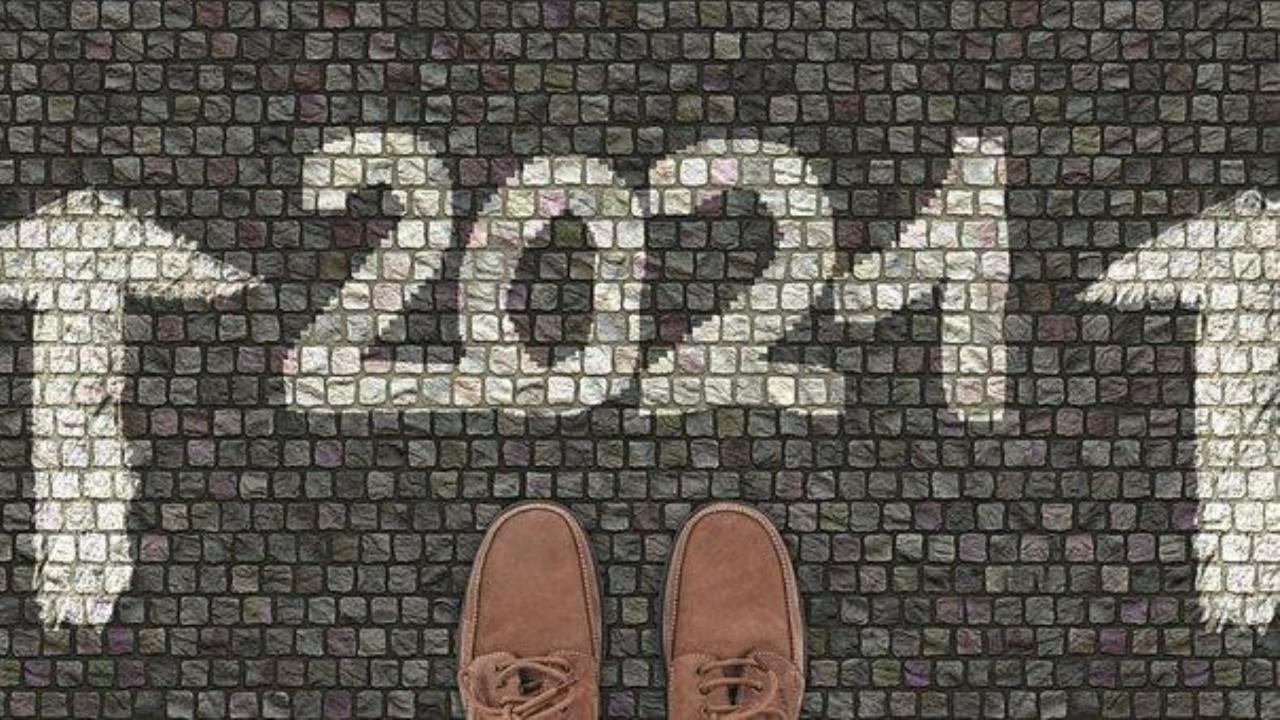
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To bring better clarity







# **Covid Reset**



Not a restart





But a pit stop adjustment



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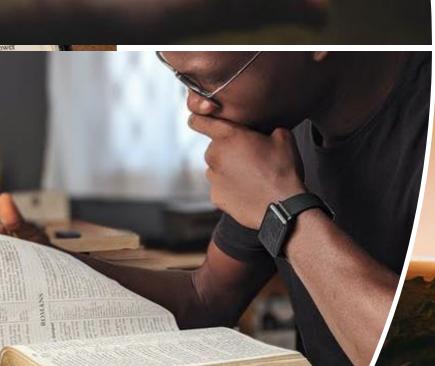
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I want to share with you what I have heard from God.





Step 2









Step 3



#### Celebrate the successes

Let me share with you just a small handful of those successes.



There are many stories from our global workers where ministry impact has more than doubled.



We have invited and embraced global workers from countries outside the United States into the WGM family.

Our family is growing.

And we are enjoying these new relationships.



Our WGM family now includes global workers who have been mobilized from multiple countries outside the United States.

This includes several countries in the Greater Middle East through our partnership with Step Forward



As a result, we are translating this event into Spanish and Arabic.

First time for an internal WGM.

How many languages do you suppose we will need in 10 years?



WGM global workers from all over the world have reported some amazing stories of impact multiplying during COVID.

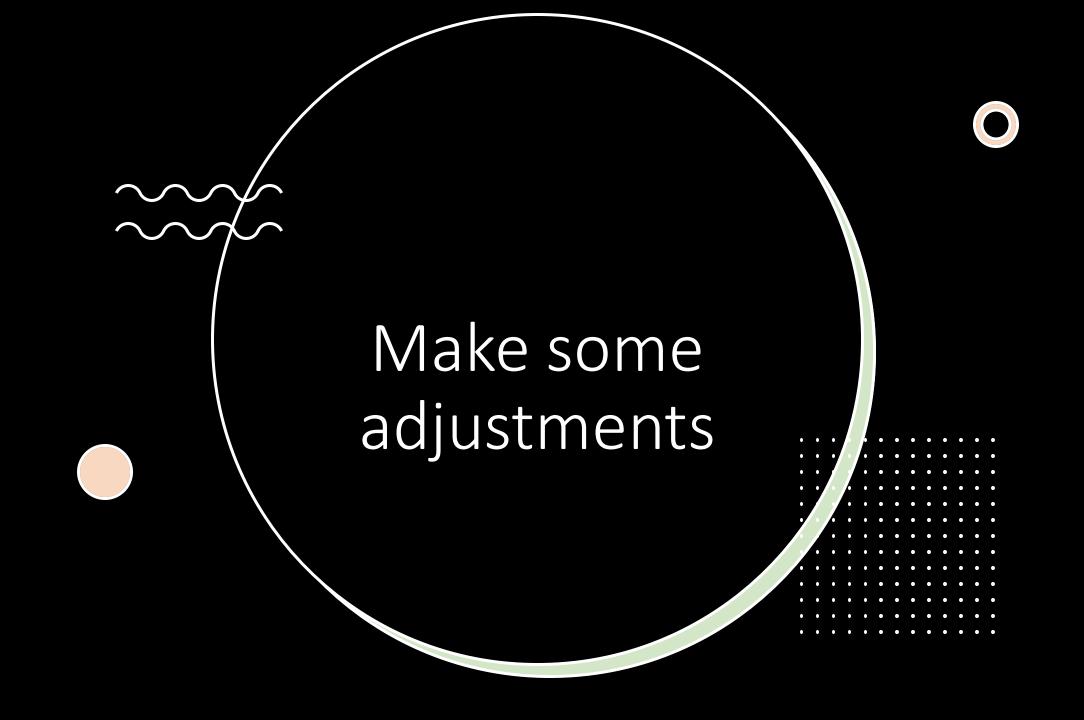


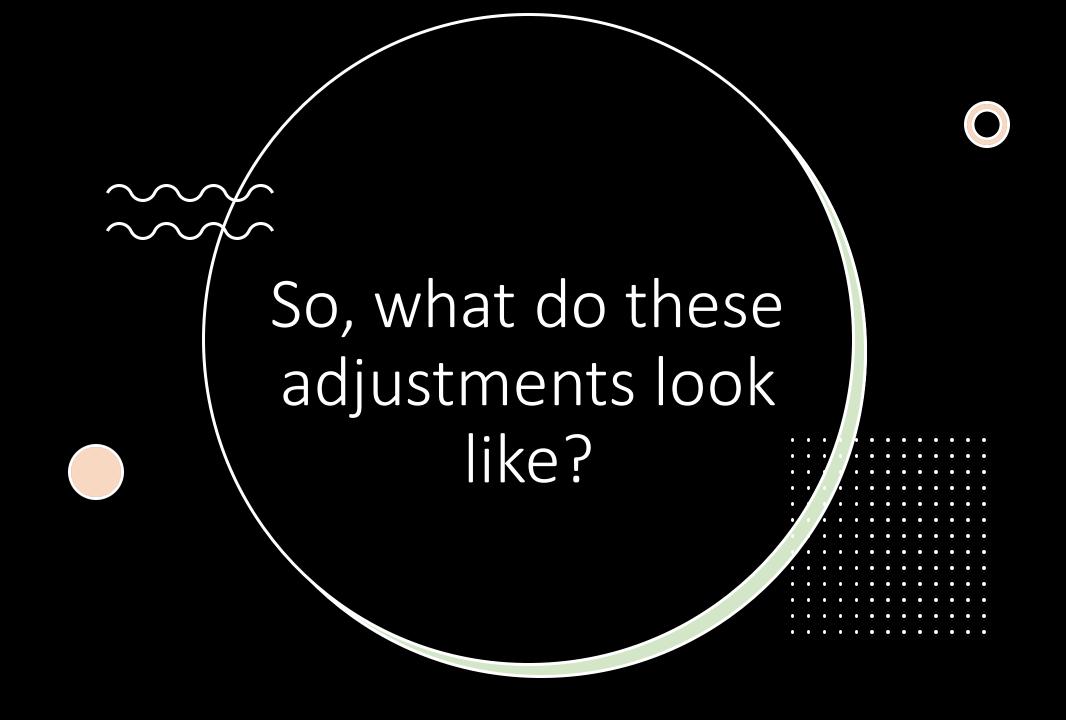




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Remember – it is just a pit stop.





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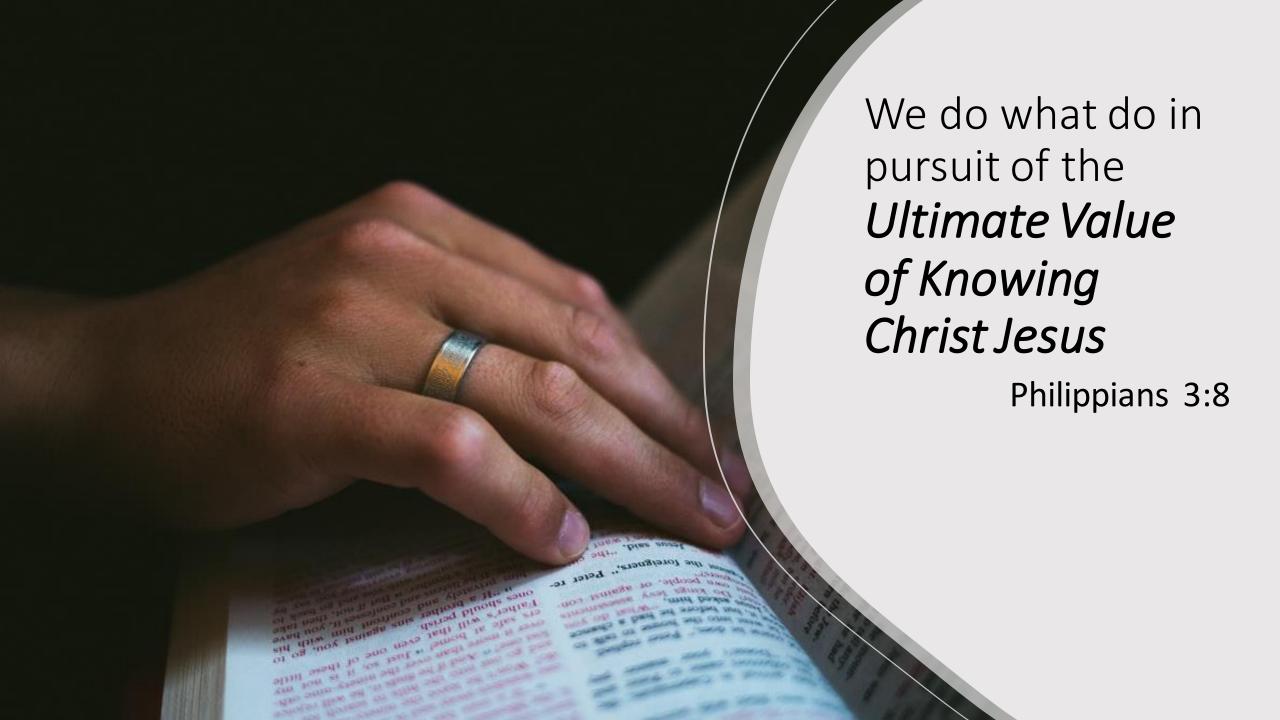




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Philippians 3:8





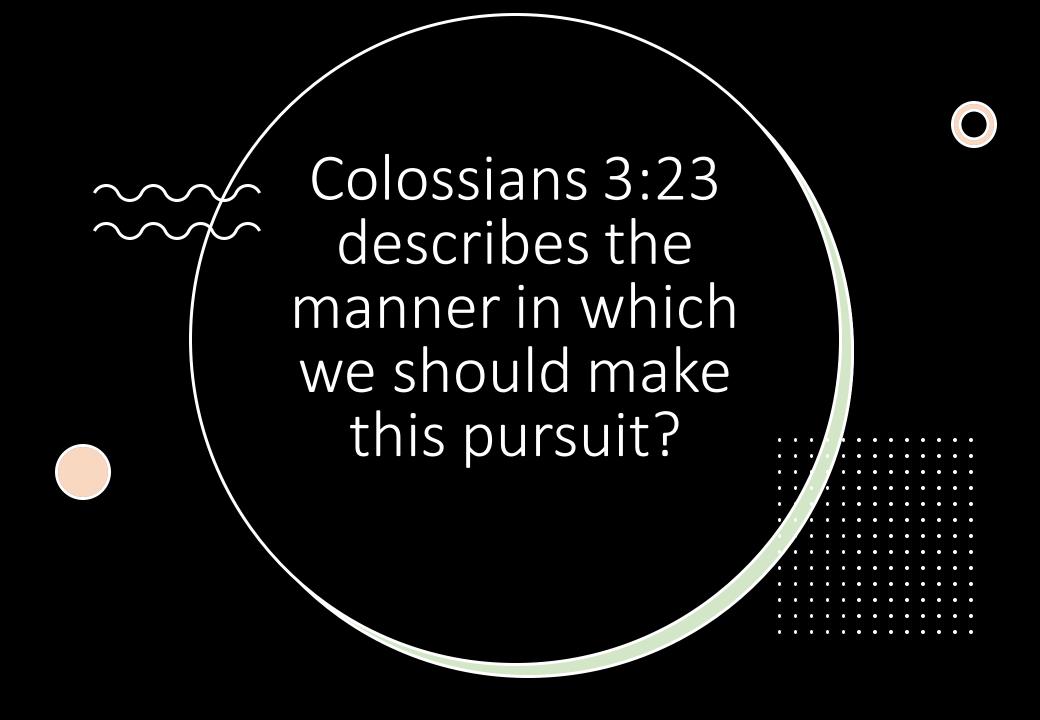
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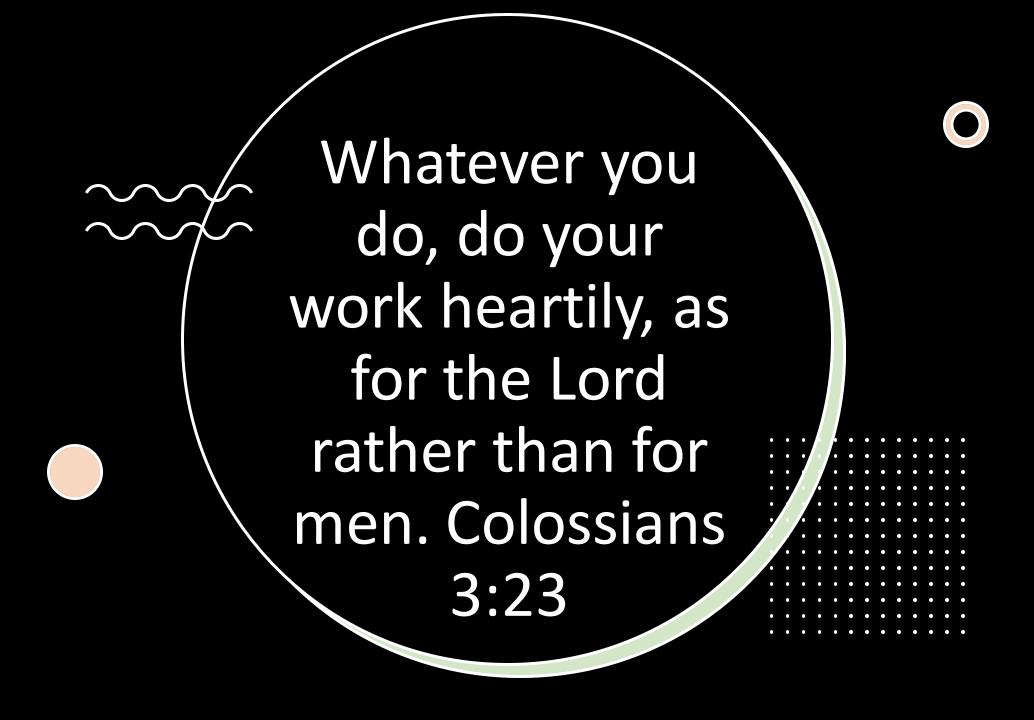


# The reason we do what we do











God calls us to play our part in this pursuit;



We must pursue it for ourselves ...



But also, we are to assist others in this pursuit.

...as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:
"I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way" — "a voice of
one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the
way for the Lord, make straight paths for
him.'"

Mark 1:2b-3





We assist others by preparing the way of the Lord for them.

A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

Isaiah 40:3-4









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## This is our calling

To prepare the way of the Lord



What do we mean by Christlike?

### Christlike

Sanctification

Holiness

Filled with the Spirit

Walking in the Spirit

Transformed



Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2







### Christlike disciples

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No one who abides in Him sins ... the one who practices sin is of the devil.

1 John 3:6,8



What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

Romans 6:1-2



Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin.

Romans 6:6-7







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Are given power by the Holy Spirit to say no to sin - they are truly transformed

He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:3b-4



Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts ... For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 6:12-14



# This invitation to live like Christ is core to who we are

# WGM is this message — in word and in deed.

We must speak it.

# And more importantly, we must live it.

By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

1 John 2:5b-6



### Four Core Values

Passionate Prayer

**Personal Holiness** 

Stewardship with Accountability

Wholistic Transformation



How shall we as WGM engage these Christlike disciples in transforming the world?



And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself."

John 12:32

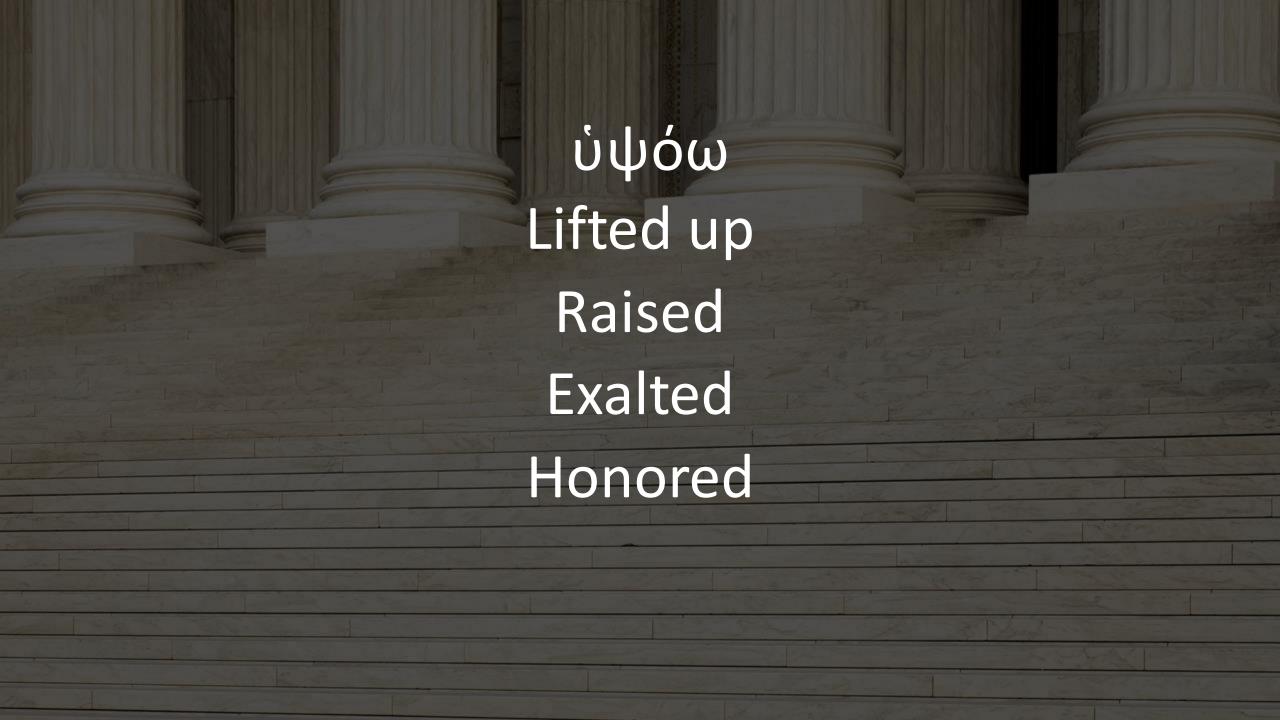


Two meanings

1. The kind of death He would die

2. A future and enduring truth





## Isaiah's Commission

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him were seraphim, each

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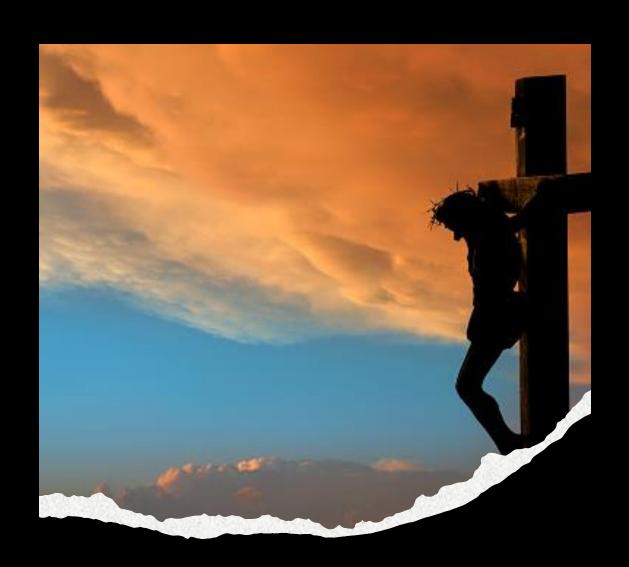
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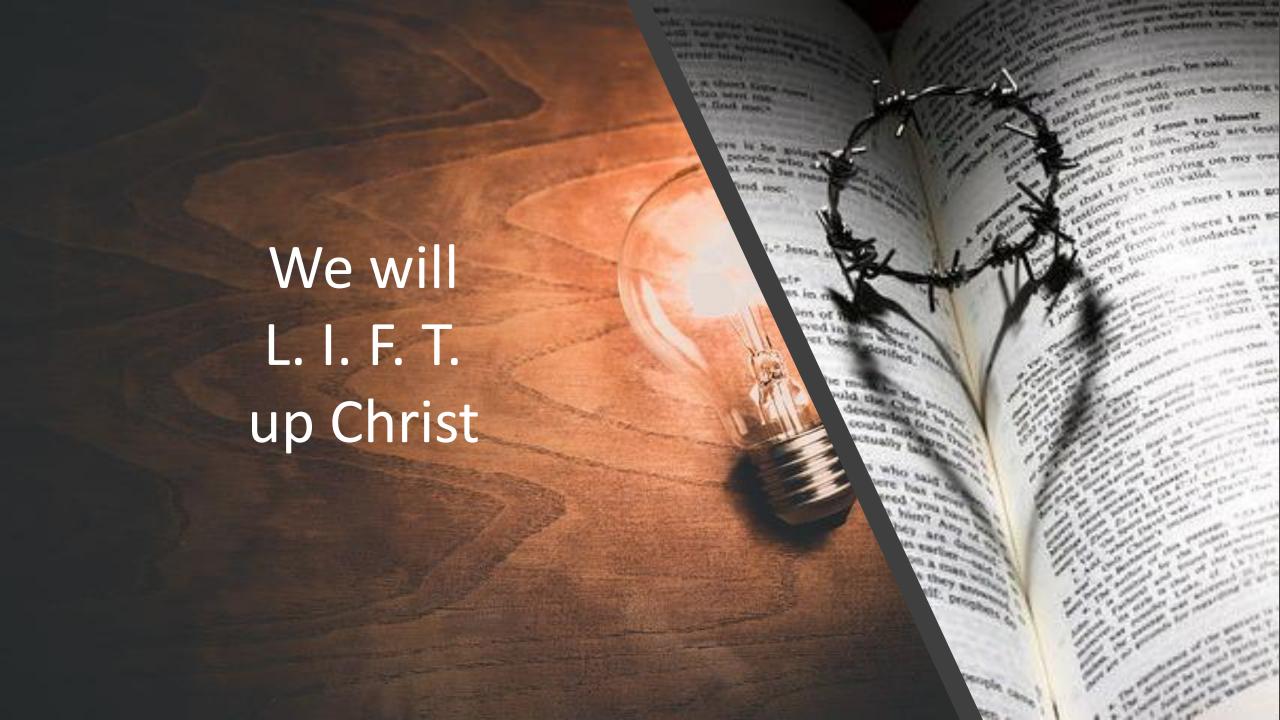
He draws people to Himself

How shall we as WGM engage these Christlike disciples in transforming the world?





# By Lifting up Christ





Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Romans 12:1



Whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

Mark 8:35b





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...as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:
"I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way" — "a voice of
one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the
way for the Lord, make straight paths for
him.'"

Mark 1:2b-3

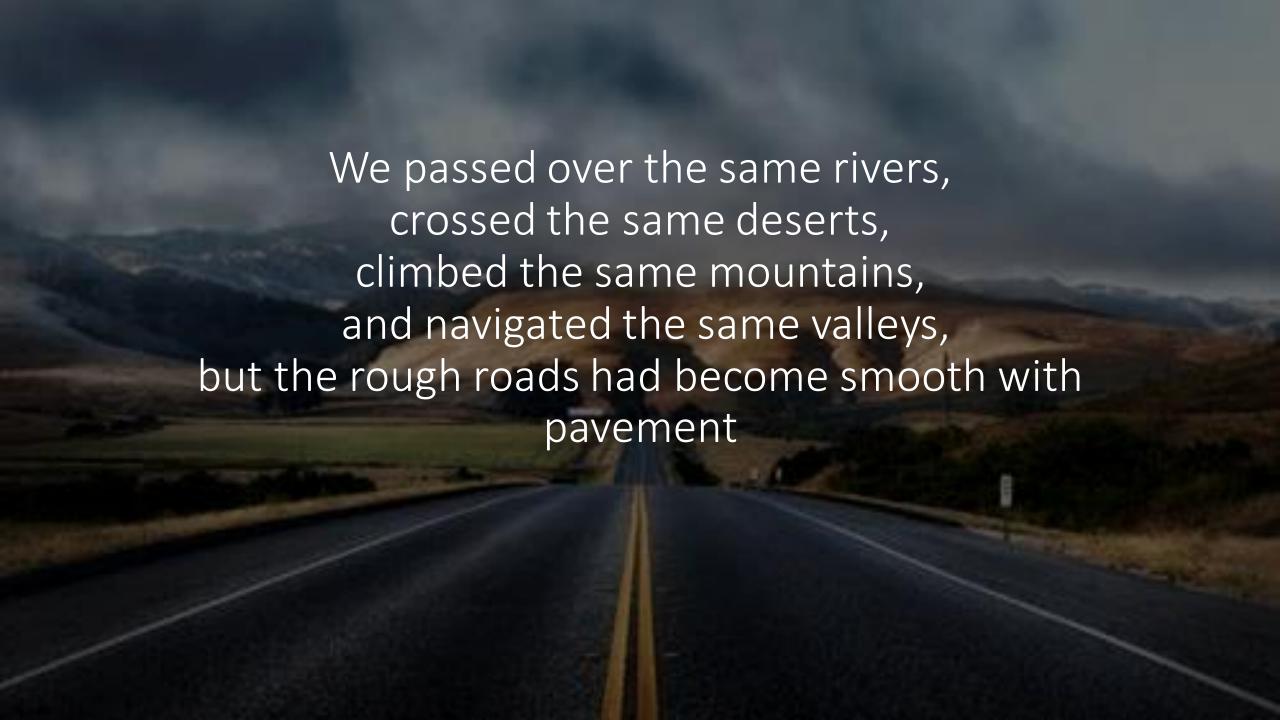




Rivers to ford
Deserts to cross
Mountains to climb
Rough roads to travel
Deep valley to navigate

In 1990 it took my family 3 days in a Ryder Truck





### Others had gone before us and prepared the way

They had "lifted up" the valleys.

They had "made low" the mountains.

They had made "the rough road smooth."

### The impossible was made possible

The difficult was made easier.

What was dreaded was made desirable.

This is our call!

To remove the barriers so that others may know Christ.



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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.' 38 This is the great and foremost commandment. 39 The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 22:37-39



Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

James 2:17



To lose sight of the whole person is to weaken greatly our message and deny the compassion of Christ.

For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? 37 For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Mark 8:36-37



To lose sight of the primacy of the soul is sadden misdirected.

We lift up Christ to prepare the way for others to know Him

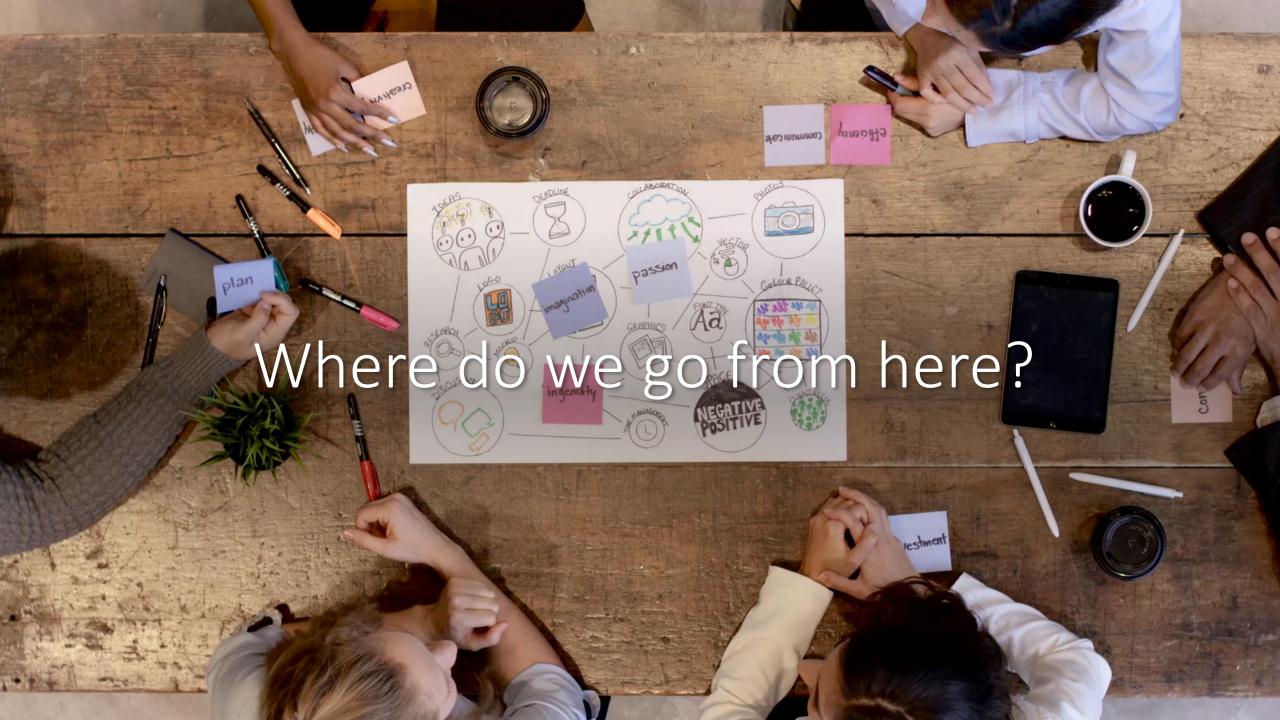
### Ourwhy

# Pursuing the Ultimate Value of Knowing Christ Jesus

Philippians 3:8

### Ourhow





### Our strategy

### WGM Strategic Initiatives

O1
Focus on prayer

O2
Attract and retain missionaries

O3
Grow and disciple

Proactively promote health throughout the organization

O5
Grow and diversify revenue streams

Connect people's passions to God's mission

Optimize organization al systems and capacity

O8

Develop
healthy
partnerships



### **WGM Sandbox**

Transformed people transforming communities to transform the world.

To engage Christ-like disciples to transform the world.



Wholistic Transformation

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### **ORGANIZATIONAL CLARITY**

### **LEADERSHIP**

Are roles and responsibilities clear at every level?

### **VISION**

Is it clear and compelling?



### **STRATEGY**

What initiatives will help us succeed?

### **TEAM CULTURES**

Do we have healthy atmospheres to help us grow?



### **STRUCTURE**

Do we have the right systems, people and funding to help us grow?

### **TACTICS**

Do people know how their everyday work will help the organization win?



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# Let me leave you with these thoughts.

# We lift up Christ so that others will come to know Him.

# When setting your goals for your area...

# When planning your agenda for each day...

## How can I prepare the way of the Lord?

### How can I remove barriers for others?

