Message: Vision & Ownership

**January 22, 2017** 

My Prayer for 2017

Move:

The real life you are created for has a <u>divine and noble</u> <u>calling</u>. Doing the good work God created you uniquely to do as part of a body (community) called the <u>Church</u>.

Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:12-26; Philippians 2:13

- o Members have rights; Owners have responsibilities.
- Ownership is <u>partnership</u> in a divine and noble undertaking. John 15:14-17

Partner in mission. John 17:20-24; John 14:4; John 3:16-17

Vision: A preferred future.

- Following Jesus.
- Implies movement.
- Heart issue. Luke 19:41–42; Matthew 23:37
  - Moved by what moves Gods heart. Luke 15:1-32
  - Moving closer to God's heart.
  - Helping others move Closer to God.

## Owners support in:

\*Prayer \*Words \*Talents \*Time \* Money \*Presence

Owning our Core Value.

Father, I pray that you would move me from where I am; move me from a place of complacency and small faith. Move me out to a place of expectancy and ever-increasing faith.

Father, move in me that I may hear your voice more clearly and respond more consistently. Create a confidence and ease in me so I am pliable in your hands.

Father, move through me. Give me courage to follow your leading to serve, give, follow and love as you do.

I am confident that you hear me; I am open to your leading; I am committed to follow you with reckless abandon to the place of blessing and peace.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

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# NEXT STEPS at Real Life Church

All of us, no matter where we are in life, have a next step to take in order to grow. We want to help you recognize where you are in your life and help you to discover your Next Step.

**Meet Jesus.** Believing in Jesus is the first step on the greatest journey of your life. If you haven't then there's no better day than today!

**Get Baptized.** You've met Jesus and He's changed you on the inside. The natural next step is to get baptized at our next baptism celebration!

**Join a Life Group.** Our groups meet throughout the week to help you grow closer to Jesus and each other. They are free to join and connecting with a group will change your life! share

**Read Your Bible.** Reading the Bible is essential to our lives because it is the main way God speaks to us. We want to help you get started with this life-changing book!

**Start Serving.** If serving others is your next step, we have some amazing opportunities at Real Life to do just that. Be a blessing to others and learn the joy that comes in living a life surrendered to serve!

**Financial Success.** Handling your finances can feel overwhelming. We want to help you become the generous person God created you to be. Take this step and move from frustrated to free!

**Become an Owner.** We believe every follower of Jesus should belong to a local church and take ownership of that church. This includes the privilege of serving, giving, and participating in biblical community.

**Share Your Story.** God has given us tremendous power in the lifechanging stories we share. Taking this step allows your life to be a blessing and encouragement to others!

#### Real Life—our Core Values

Use these verses as a study guide for this week. How do you see each core value at work in your life? What areas are your next steps in your growth this year?

## **Experiencing- Romans 12:1**

First Step: Find your purpose and value in God. Ephesians 1:5 Second Step: Do everything for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

Third step: Give all of yourself to God. Romans 12:1-2

#### **Belonging- Romans 12:4-5**

The Blessing of Belonging to God's Family. 1 John 3:1
The Responsibilities of Belonging to God's Family. Romans 12:10
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The Healing of Belonging to God's Family. Ephesians 2:12 -13

### **Growing- Ephesians 4:21-24**

It Takes Time with God to Grow. James 1:24-25
It Takes Time with God's People to Grow. Acts 2:42
It Takes Accountability to Grow. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

## Inviting- Acts 20:24

You have a story to tell. 1 Thessalonians 1:7-8 The invitation is yours to give. Luke 14:14-24 The invitation is your responsibility. Acts 20:24

## Serving- Ephesians 2:10

What I have I give. Acts 3:3-8 Serving others is serving God. Matthew 25:30-46 Your work and your worship are the same. Philippians 4:4

# Celebrating- Philippians 4:4

Celebrate what God is doing Daily. Philippians 4:4 Celebrate what God is doing in others. Romans 12:15 Celebrate changed lives through Jesus. Luke 15:10