

WHY WE PLANT CHURCHES PART 1

****YOU ARE DAD** Father's Day video plays as P Jordan walks on stage**

To all the Dads, we celebrate you today! We are so thankful for all you do to take care of your families! You work hard to provide for them. You show love to your wife and kids and many of you even lead your family in reading the Word and that's awesome! And last but not least, Dads, you tell the worst jokes. To every dad out there with killer dad-jokes, we salute you today!

10 Cities Mission / 10 Year Mission

- In late 2018, I shared this dream for Rock of Grace - a dream that God put on my heart - to start 10 churches in 10 cities in 10 years in Trumbull County. We believe we will Transform Trumbull and see God pour out a great revival! This dream became to us, an assignment from Heaven - an assignment for us as a church to steward well. We're going to open by bringing Pastor Andrew and Monica Pitts up to the stage and celebrate with a few more pictures of the Warren Campus bldg.
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OPEN with 7 Minutes of Q&A with Pastor Andrew and Monica

1. **When and how did God start speaking to you about moving home to reach people in Warren and Champion?**
2. **Why do you feel called to reach people in your home-town?**
3. **What is something fun - a fun fact - we likely don't yet know about you?**
4. **What is a big prayer that you both are believing for this new campus?**

Next week, you'll hear from Pastor Andrew as he'll be preaching and also you'll get a chance to meet him and Monica in the Cafe after service to learn how YOU and YOUR family may be able to join him on Serve Teams there in Warren!

INTRO

In about 20 minutes I'm going to share more of the strategy we have in place - the HOW. **But to begin, we are going to discuss WHY we plant churches at Rock of Grace. 4 reasons.**

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THERE'S A MULTIPLICATION MODEL THAT WE SEE IN ACTS. See my KeyNote for the verses - Philimeon and others were sent out to plant churches. They reported back to the Apostle Paul on how things were going. This is how the book of Colossians was written.
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When we see the needs of people in our churches and communities, how

do we pray? Some of us forget to pray at all. We dive into the analysis and administration to meet the needs with barely a thought about “the God factor.” Most of us are facing such insurmountable needs that we have no hope of meeting them all without a miracle. We know we need to pray, but our prayers need to focus on more than just the needs themselves. In Matthew’s gospel, Jesus teaches us something revolutionary: When we see needs in our community, he wants us to pray that the Father would raise up workers to meet those needs. He often answers these prayers with a growing snowball of passionate volunteers who are eager to do the work. Notice the pattern in the gospels and the early church:

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As Jesus traveled, He preached the gospel as He healed diseases, raised the dead, restored sight to the blind, and gave hope to the hopeless. Matthew tells us that the plight of broken people broke Jesus’ heart: “When He saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field’ ” (Matthew 9:36-38). Jesus gave other prayers, such as “The Lord’s Prayer,” as examples for how to connect with God, but this is the only place where Jesus commanded his followers to pray and gave a specific prayer. When they saw needs in the lives of people, they were to ask God to raise up a men and women to meet those needs.

These churches are going to meet the needs of people who are hurting and in need of hope.

4. SPIRIT-FILLED CHURCHES OBEY HIS VOICE *SPIRIT FILLED CHURCHES OBEY HIS VOICE - OUR ASSIGNMENT FROM HEAVEN*

God’s voice came to me in such a special way regarding this dream to start churches.

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I was prophesied to in Bible college by a few people that I would plant churches but honestly I just didn't know what that meant so I just stored that promise in my heart.

God gave me a crazy word about 10 Cities. He confirmed it through John Farmwald, Pastor Al Yanno and Pastor John Wooten. 3 confirmations. 2 VERY personal, direct and used exact same wording. This is our assignment from the Lord. This is what we are asked by God to steward for this season.

By the way, this is the power of prophesy. Remember those who prophesied to me in Bible College? When the Lord spoke to me through John Farmwald and then Al Yanno and as I was praying the Holy Spirit reminded me of those prophetic words in college. You see, prophetic words give believers the courage to step out in faith and obey His voice. Their prophetic words gave me the assurance that GOD was in this - that this was a PROMISE from GOD - that this is HIS idea and if it's HIS idea then HE will provide all that we need to do it!

HOW ARE WE GOING TO START 10 CHURCHES in 10 CITIES in 10 YEARS?

THE STRATEGY

10 CITIES MISSION
3 Rock of Grace Campuses 2019-2021

3 Churches in Kinsman, Cortland & Warren are

- Leading people to follow Jesus together
- Grounded In Scripture
- Led by the Spirit
- Advancing The Kingdom
- Glorifying God in all Things
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Autonomous Church Plants / Vital Network

Believing To Plant 7 Autonomous Churches Between 2022-2030 (1 per year)

- We are aiming at having 3 Rock of Grace Campuses. It's possible we'll start a fourth in the future, but for now, the plan is only 3 with the rest being autonomous.
- We want to be a church that is multiplying like the book of Acts! We are so pumped to see 3 churches preaching the Gospel and making disciples of Jesus! Kinsman, Cortland, Warren
- We will have 3 Campuses. A "Campus" Shares our Vision, Values & Vehicles. It's **ONE budget. ONE board. ONE staff.** We challenged our team in Kinsman to think of their role now as Multi-Campus. We began to use the word Directors for

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Christine, Will, Dave, Kathy so that they can help me train & equip the leaders that would be serving not only in Kinsman but also in Cortland and Warren.

- All three campuses are leading people to follow Jesus together.
 - VALUES are the SAME. Grounded in Scripture, Led by the Spirit, Advancing the Kingdom, Glorifying God in all Things, Above all else, we Love!
 - **Campus shares our vision, values and vehicles (systems)**
- A Rock of Grace Campus is part of our church. They are the footprint of Rock of Grace and share our DNA simply in a new town, here in Trumbull County. We literally try to send 20 people, at least 6 couples to help plant this new campus in Warren just like we did in Cortland.
- **We are going to start a church planting network called VITAL in 2023.**
 - Through VITAL CHURCH-PLANTING NETWORK (VCPN) we will plant autonomous churches who do NOT share the name Rock of Grace. They are their OWN, unique church. So we are providing? Our team will provide Coaching, Care & Cash. Plain and simple.
 - Notice the difference. You can either *start a campus* or *plant a church*. We are starting 2 more campuses in addition to kinsman THEN we are going to plant churches.
 - **Coaching**
 - I will spend 6 1.5 hour meetings with them helping them discover and put words and action plan to their dream from the Lord. I'll walk them through a process I've been developing called the 5 Vs. Helping THEM define their Vision, Values, Vehicles, VIPs, Vibe
 - P Dave will spend 4 1.5 hour meetings with them really nail down their Vehicles - specified systems they'll use to accomplish their goals. He'll also give them advice on communication, leadership, team-building, etc.
 - They'll join us in Staff Meeting 4 times with follow-up questions directed to Pastor Dave so they can simply learn from what we do, take what they want...
 - Their Staff that THEY are hiring will get access to each of our Directors for 2 hours to get advice, free resources, tips, protocols from safety procedures to worship team applications, etc.

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- They're given FREE enrollment into the 1 year, Leadership Course at DavidU where we'll go through 4 Leadership Books together to strengthen their Spiritual Leadership abilities and deepen their love for Jesus.
- 2 Logo Options from Michele after a 30 minute chat outlining their Vision, Values and Vibe - the look and brand they want.
- SERVE TEAM LEADERS. We're asking all three of campuses to put out the word from the pulpit to send at least 2 couples to help plant a new work with this planter.
- **Care**
 - Many church planters don't have a spiritual father. That's going to change. I believe the Spiritual Father/Apostolic call on my life has been confirmed over and over to me. Fathering isn't an age; it's a calling. I will provide pastoral care/ spiritual fathering /mentoring to these planters once per month for 2 hours over a meal. We'll also go on a retreat together once per year where they and their spouse will be prayed for, filled with the Holy Spirit new outpouring & refreshed!
- **Cash**
 - VITAL (a Rock of Grace ministry) will provide \$50k. \$25k of which is a grant - it's given with no strings attached. The other \$25k is paid back over the course of 5 years (\$5k per year) Then they agree to contribute to VITAL at year 6 that same amount of \$5k per year because they believe in our mission of church-multiplication. This \$50k is only given to their new church once they complete our 4 months of training.
- **We're believing to plant 7 autonomous churches between 2022 and 2030.** Promotional Videos and such will be created Jan 2022 - April 2022. We'll take our first applicants July, 2022 and aim to START the first autonomous church in 2023.
*Not all who apply will be chosen.