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PSALM 115:1

NOT TO US, LORD, NOT TO US
BUT TO YOUR NAME BE THE GLORY,
BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS.

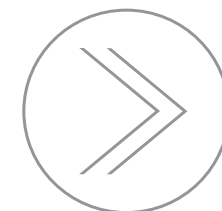


1 PETER 1:6-7

IN ALL THIS YOU GREATLY REJOICE, THOUGH NOW FOR A LITTLE WHILE YOU MAY HAVE HAD TO SUFFER GRIEF IN ALL KINDS OF TRIALS. THESE HAVE COME SO THAT THE PROVEN GENUINENESS OF YOUR FAITH—OF GREATER WORTH THAN GOLD, WHICH PERISHES EVEN THOUGH REFINED BY FIRE — MAY RESULT IN PRAISE, GLORY AND HONOR WHEN JESUS CHRIST IS REVEALED.



A LONG VISION FOR RSF



BUILDING



ESTABLISHING



FLOURISHING

THE WAY CHURCH PLANTING TYPICALLY GOES IS LIKE THIS:



GATHER A CROWD



TURN THAT CROWD INTO A COMMUNITY



TURN THAT COMMUNITY INTO A KINGDOM-PEOPLE DOING KINGDOM MINISTRY



ESTABLISHING WILL BE FOCUSED ON THAT LAST ONE:



GATHER A CROWD



TURN THAT CROWD INTO A COMMUNITY



**TURN THAT COMMUNITY INTO A KINGDOM-PEOPLE
DOING KINGDOM MINISTRY**

Work of
Establishing



ESTABLISHING IS DEFINED AS:

**BRINGING INTO BEING ON A FIRM OR
STABLE BASIS. TO INSTALL OR SETTLE
IN A POSITION.**

CONTEXT OF OUR VISION



**“SAN FRANCISCO IS THE WHOLE WORLD RECREATED
AS A SINGLE WORK OF ART: A PAINTING, A WORK OF
SCULPTURE, A POEM, A SYMPHONY, A STORY. IT IS THE
WHOLE WORLD BROUGHT TOGETHER FOR THE EYE OF
MAN TO BEHOLD AND THE HEART TO UNDERSTAND.”**

San Francisco (Federal Writers' Project)

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**“MOST OF THOSE WHO CAME WEST WERE
MORE INTERESTED IN BUILDING QUICK
FORTUNES THAN IN REARING ENDURING CITIES.
EVEN GOOD MEN WINKED AT SHOCKING
CONDITIONS, AND MANY A CHRISTIAN SHOOK HIS
HEAD WHEN HE SHOULD HAVE RAISED HIS VOICE...
NOT THAT LOCAL CONGREGATIONS HAVE BEEN
INACTIVE; ON THE CONTRARY, FROM THE EARLIEST
TIMES THEY HAVE PREACHED THE WORD,**

(continued...)

**ADMINISTERED THE SACRAMENTS AND HAVE
DONE AN EFFECTIVE WORK AS THEY WERE
GIVEN LIGHT AND WERE ABLE. SAN FRANCISCO'S
PASTORS HAVE BEEN WELL DESCRIBED AS
'FAITHFUL, INTELLIGENT, LABORIOUS AND
DEVOUT.' IT IS NOT CRITICISM BUT HISTORICAL
STATEMENT TO SAY THAT THE CHURCHES HAVE
NOT SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED THE CITY BY THE
GOLDEN GATE.**

(continued...)





**THE CHURCH HAS NOT BEEN ARRANGED ON
THE SIDE OF THE GOSPEL AGAINST ITS
ENVIRONMENT; TOO OFTEN IT HAS BEEN QUIETLY
ABSORBED BY ITS ENVIRONMENT. THUS ONE
HONEST PRESENT-DAY MINISTER OF A LARGE CITY
CHURCH HAS SUGGESTED THAT WHAT THE
PASTORS HAVE DONE FOR SAN FRANCISCO MAY
NOT BE AS SIGNIFICANT AS WHAT SAN FRANCISCO
HAS DONE TO THE PASTORS.”**

Sherwood Eliot Writ, *Crusade at the Golden Gate*

**“WE ARE A COMMUNITY LIVING IN SAN FRANCISCO
THAT DESIRES TO SEE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS
TRANSFORM OUR CITY INTO SOMETHING
EVEN BETTER THAN IT IS. WE BELIEVE THIS
HAPPENS AS WE FOLLOW AND WORSHIP JESUS.”**

RSF Stated Vision Statement, 2010



**A COMMUNITY FOLLOWING JESUS,
SEEKING RENEWAL IN OUR CITY**

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MATTHEW 28:19-20

**“GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS,
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AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND
TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE
COMMANDED YOU. AND SURELY I AM WITH YOU
ALWAYS, TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE.”**



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AND THE MISSION HASN'T CHANGED.

MISSION OF THE CHURCH

1

THE EFFECTIVE
PROCLAMATION OF
THE GOSPEL TO ALL
HUMANITY, MAKING
“DISCIPLES” OF
JESUS.

2

THE DEVELOPMENT AND
TRANSFORMATION OF
THOSE DISCIPLES’
CHARACTER INTO THE
CHARACTER OF
CHRIST HIMSELF

MISSION + VISION



MISSION: TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS,
TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING JESUS HAS
COMMANDED.



VISION: A COMMUNITY FOLLOWING JESUS, SEEKING
RENEWAL IN OUR CITY.







**SUCCESS IS WHEN PEOPLE IN OUR
CHURCH HAVE CULTIVATED DEEP AND
INTENTIONAL INTIMACY WITH GOD.**



**SUCCESS IS WHEN PEOPLE
IN OUR CHURCH ARE LIVING IN
AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY.**



**SUCCESS IS WHEN PEOPLE IN
OUR CHURCH ARE BECOMING MORE
LIKE JESUS.**



**SUCCESS IS WHEN PEOPLE IN OUR
CHURCH ARE RADICALLY AND
PRACTICALLY DEMONSTRATING THE
LOVE OF JESUS IN WORD AND DEED
IN THE CITY.**



CULTIVATING INTIMACY WITH GOD



LIVING IN AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY



BECOMING LIKE JESUS



**DEMONSTRATING THE LOVE OF JESUS IN
WORD AND DEED IN THE CITY**



REALITY SF EXISTS TO BE:

WITH GOD

WITH EACH OTHER

LIKE JESUS

FOR THE WORLD

CULTIVATING INTIMACY WITH GOD



HOW TO PRAY

- **RENEWED CG VISION**
- **LEADERSHIP CARE & DEVELOPMENT**
- **YOUTH MINISTRY AND YOUTH PASTOR HIRE**
- **ORGANIZATIONAL HEALTH THROUGH HIRING AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
- **EXPANDED ELDERSHIP**