

#### Nike:

"Believe in something. Even if it means sacrificing everything."

#### Jesus:

"If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it.

But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it." (Luke 9:23,24)

Cause of Christ is the cause of freedom, justice & <u>dignity</u> Dignity – God made us in his image & loves us.

Justice -- God calls his people to fight against evil & injustice.

Freedom -- Jesus came to set people free from sin quilt and shame.

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- 1. What is our **mission**?
- 2. What are the values we will live to pursue our mission?
- 3. What **price we are willing to pay** to glorify God by fulfilling our mission?

## Our Mission:

To touch and transform our communities by the power of Jesus Christ, through lives of full devotion

## "To touch and transform our communities"

(**Jesus**) "No, go back to your family, and tell them everything God has done for you." So he went all through the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him." (Luke 8:39)

# "by the power of Jesus Christ"

"just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives." (Romans 6:4)

"let God transform you into a new person" (Romans 12:2)

# "through lives of full devotion"

(Jesus) "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." (Matt 22:37) "Love the LORD your God, walk in all his ways, obey his commands, hold firmly to him, and serve him with all your heart and all your soul." (Joshua 22:5)

## Our Core Values:

Through the power of prayer, God's Spirit, and God's Word:

#### Full Devotion

We will actively pursue lives of full devotion to Christ displayed by godly character, joyful obedience, responsible stewardship, and contagious faith.

#### Godly Character: Becoming like Jesus intentionally

"Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did." (1 John 2:6)
"For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. **He is your example**, and you must follow in his steps." (1 Peter 2:21)

"By his divine power, God has **given us everything we need** for living a godly life... In view of all this, make every effort to respond..." (1 Peter 1:3,5)

#### Joyful Obedience: Doing what God asks gladly

"Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome." (I John 5:3)

"Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the LORD." (Psalm 119:1)

"The commandments of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart." (Psalm 19:8)

"I will go to the alter of God, to God -- the source of all my joy." (Psalm 43:4) (Jesus) "I have told you this so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!" (John 15:10,11)

# Responsible Stewardship: Using what God gives generously

"What do you have that God hasn't given you?" (1 Cor. 4:7)

"God has given gifts to each of you...**Manage them well** so that God's generosity can flow through you." (1 Peter 4:10)

### Contagious Faith: Sharing what God's done irresistibly

"Day after day in temple courts & from house to house **they never stopped** teaching & proclaiming good news that JC is the Christ" (Act 5:41)