

MSG: BUILDING BROKEN LIVES BACK TO LIFE
SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 16:15-19 NLT
SZN 2: REVIVAL THROUGH LOVING

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“Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.”

INTRO:

As we begin a new year and a new SZN, SZN which is REVIVAL THROUGH LOVING we'll be discovering the beauty and amazing opportunity to love God more genuinely and love people more faithfully, because revival, which we have learned means to come back to life again, can only really occur and be sustained, when we truly love God, love ourselves and love others well.

And this year we'll be studying the book of Matthew, to look at the life of Jesus and the things that Jesus said, and why He said the things that He said. How he lived and how we fulfill His great commission.

And in doing that we can realize His vision and His mission and have the same mentality that He had, so we can become and do what He desires of us as we continue to experience Revival With Jesus.

And as we're experiencing Revival with Jesus we also can get clarity of His vision for our life individually and specifically we can see His vision for our church.

On Sunday July 1, in 1990, Bishop and Pastor Janeen McBath launched this church, Calvary Revival Church, with a burden and a heart to see lost people found in Christ, to restore broken lives, to be put back together again with this sense of revival to sweep through the region and all around the nation and by the grace of God, even all around the world

And then in January of 1998 our Founding Pastors even further crystallized and clarified His vision for our church. This vision statement that we have been saying now for 28 years, which is **BUILDING AN OVERCOMING CHURCH OUT OF BROKEN LIVES THROUGH THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST**. How many people are grateful that you are part one of those broken loves rebuilt. Praise GOD you and I are proof that the vision has been full, realized, and has come to pass.

And Just 16 months ago, on September 27, 2024 Pastor Lydia and I were installed as the Lead Pastors and we set out to continue building this vision as we were positioned and Built To Succeed

How?..

As we walked through the Book of Joshua..

By Asking...

THE WARRIOR COME OUT TO PLAY
IM DOWN FOR WHATEVER
THE UNLIKELY WARRIOR
THE COST TO CROSS
STAND AND STONES

Because WE THE PEOPLE
YOUR STONE STORY has a testimony
HOW WE ROLL
IM FALLING
BATTIN' A.I.

and We decided to RUN IT BACK!
In this Revival With Jesus
We learned REVIVAL THROUGH REPENTANCE

We asked, SURVIVAL OR REVIVAL?

THIS KIND OF HEART
SAINTS AIN'T
THE GOSPEL

STAY IN THE HOUSE
CONFRONT YOUR SHADOW
SEEKing

STRONG LOVE
LOVE MARKS
PALMS OF PRAISE
PREREQUISITES TO LIVING

We needed REVIVAL THROUGH REASON
To be MADE RIGHT
STANDING RIGHT
WE NEED YOU

ITS GAME TIME
WHOSE THE MASTER
CONTENT CREATOR

NAIL IT,
A LIFE IN BLOOM,
THE PEACE PROJECT,
STANDING IN FAITH

GRACE AND PEACE BRO
GOD DID
SINCE FREEDOM came!

And we learned REVIVAL THROUGH RHYTHM
THE RHYTHM OF GRACE

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED
THE RHYTHM OF WALKING,
THE RHYTHM OF HIS WAYS,

IS THERE NOT A CAUSE
THE WARRIOR'S WAY,
THE RHYTHM OF HIS BODY

knowing it's TIME TO CROSSOVER

THE RHYTHM OF WALKING
THE RHYTHM OF THE SAVED,
THE RHYTHM OF HIS PLANS

THE RHYTHM OF LOVE,
THE RHYTHM OF LIVING,
THE RHYTHM OF WALKING WITH OTHERS

WHY, Because ONLY THE STRONG, REVIVE!

ALL BY THE GRACE OF GOD, TO THE GLORY TO GOD!

Now today Sunday January 4, 2026, Heading into our time of Prayer and Fasting, as we have every January for 36 Years- in getting our hearts and minds aligned and ready for what God is going to do

I am excited to formally evolving our vision statement from:

To:

BUILDING BROKEN LIVES BACK TO LIFE

Let me say that again!

BUILDING BROKEN LIVES BACK TO LIFE

You may be saying well, Pastor David that sounds the same? and the great thing about vision is when it's a true God vision that lives beyond you, it is the same.

The evolution is you just see further into that same vision. Like a diamond, the more clarity the more light shines, the more detail we see!

And Isn't that just like God, That vision is realized and actualized and then praise God, God gives more vision!

and He gives more vision!

and He gives more vision! Why?

He continues to give vision until the Church of Jesus Christ becomes all that the Lord intended for Her to be until He returns and we are fully formed to who he's called us to be! Praise God!

But until that day the vision of HIS CHURCH will continue to move forward.

So again Beginning today, Sunday January 4 2026, in the year of our Lord lololo! CRC's vision statement has evolved from building an overcoming church out of broken lives through the Power of Jesus Christ to...

BUILDING BROKEN LIVES BACK TO LIFE

So that our vision can continue to help make it even more portable, more transferable, even more scalable, that we can see this vision embodied even further in the hearts His people Established on the legacy and the history of where we've come from, To today, This Revival with Jesus we are experiencing into where we are going.

And over this SZN we will rediscover the joy of building the work, in the toil and the hard diligence of getting comfortable with the broken, the discarded, the destitute, with the muddiness of people's lives so we can build them back to life!

So today let's begin to discover our vision of...

BUILDING BROKEN LIVES BACK TO LIFE

1. LOVE THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING HIS CHURCH

Matthew 16:18 NLT

“Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.”

THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING HIS CHURCH IS INTENTIONAL

BUILD- *oikodoméō* - to build a house, to edify, TO BUILD UP SOMEONE, TO BE STRONG AND STURDY!

oíkos,- "a house"

domeō, -"to build" – properly, to build a house
(home, edifice (figuratively) to edify –

literally, "build someone up," helping them to stand (be strong, "sturdy").
TO BE STRONG AND STURDY!

THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING HIS CHURCH IS MISSIONAL

CHURCH - *Ekklesia*- “a called-out assembly, called out congregation”

CALLED OUT BY GOD

Called out of darkness,

Called out of sin,
Called out to be different,
called out to be salt,
called out to be light

YOU CALLED OUT, TO GO BACK IN
“We’re called out to go back in, but different”

THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING HIS CHURCH IS IMMANUEL

Matthew 1:23 NLT

“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”

CEASERA PHILIPE-Caesarea Philippi, now known as Banias, Banias, on the foothills of the beautiful Mt. Hermon is lush with trees and wildlife.

ROMAN GOD PAN- Large crack is a portal to the underworld.

Paganism of Romans and Gentile.

Challenged Judaism and Paganism

Pan's Sanctuary: Caesarea Philippi (built by Herod Philip) had a large grotto, a cave in a massive rock cliff, dedicated to Pan, the god of the wild, shepherds, and music.

"Gates of Hades": The cave was seen as a literal entrance to the underworld, a place for fertility gods like Pan. The "Rock" in the Word: In Matthew 16, Jesus asks His disciples who they say He is. Peter declares, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"

Jesus's Response: Jesus says, "And I tell you, you are Peter (Greek: Petros, meaning a small stone/rock), and on this rock (the confession of Peter, or perhaps the solid truth it represented) I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it".

The Contrast: Jesus's statement was made at this pagan site, contrasting the power of the true God with the false gods like Pan, whose worship was centered in the rock-hewn temple, symbolizing a shift from paganism to Christianity.

So, the "rock" isn't cracked by Pan, but rather it's the setting where Pan's influence (the "gates of Hades") was symbolically overcome by the foundation of the Christian Church.

Jesus was saying, I'm the real Rock!

“I AM...THE ROCK!” -JESUS

And He will be with you!

HE IS WHY WE ARE BUILDING BROKEN LIVES BACK TO LIFE

2. LOVE THE PAIN OF BROKEN LIVES

Matthew 9:12 NLT

“When Jesus heard this, he said, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do.”

THE PAIN OF BROKEN LIVES IS RELATABLE

-JESUS WAS OK WITH MATTHEW

Matthew 9:9 NLT

“As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector’s booth. “Follow me and be my disciple,” Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him.”

THE PAIN OF BROKEN LIVES IS RELATIONAL

Matthew 9:10-11 NLT

“Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with such scum?”

-JESUS WAS CLOSE TO MATTHEW

THE PAIN OF BROKEN LIVES IS RESOLVABLE

Matthew 9:13 NLT

“Then he added, “Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: ‘I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.’ For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.”

-JESUS WAS THE SOLUTION FOR MATTHEW

BROKEN LIVES CAN BE MADE WHOLE

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3. LOVE THE PEOPLE BACK TO LIFE

Matthew 10:1-4 NLT

“Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to cast out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and illness. Here are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (also called Peter), then Andrew (Peter’s brother), James (son of Zebedee), John (James’s brother), Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew (the tax

collector), James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus, Simon (the zealot), Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him)."

REVIVAL- COME BACK TO LIFE

PEOPLE COME BACK TO LIFE IN CHRIST

Matthew mentions himself by name in the Gospel of Matthew at Matthew 9:9, where Jesus calls him from his tax collector's booth ("he saw a man named Matthew... 'Follow me'")

again HERE in the list of apostles at **Matthew 10:3**, identifying him as "Matthew the tax collector"

PEOPLE COME BACK TO LIFE IN CHARACTER

PEOPLE COMING BACK TO LIFE IN COMMUNITY

THIS IS WHY WE ARE BUILDING BROKEN LIVES BACK TO LIFE