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3. People who **reach** the **next generation** **with** Jesus.

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# REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION

*If we hope to **capture the hearts** of the next generations, we must exhibit **genuine relevance**, **be present** in their world, and offer them **genuine encounters** with a supernatural God.*

*George Otis, Jr.*

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# CATALYST VINEYARD **MISSION**

*We exist to create **irresistible** environments  
that **remove** barriers,  
so **all people** can experience **Jesus Christ**  
and a **community of faith** in their lives.*

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Bad things happen to good people.

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We know God is for us,  
because Jesus died for us,  
not because things,  
always work out for us.

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How we **talk** about the **Bible**.

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What we **point to** as the  
**foundation** of our faith.

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# Sola Scriptura

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The Bible as **final authority** vs.  
the Bible as our **foundation**.

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*“... You are **witnesses** of these things.  
I am going to **send you**  
what my **Father** has **promised**;  
but stay in the city until you have been  
**clothed** with **power** from on high.”*

Luke 24: 48-49 NIV

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## Anchor of “Living Hope”

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What made Peter so confident?

What made Peter so powerful?

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*In the former book (**Gospel of Luke**),  
... I wrote about all that **Jesus** began  
to **do** and to **teach** until the day  
he was **taken up** to heaven,  
after giving instructions  
through the **Holy Spirit**  
to the apostles he had chosen.*

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Acts 1: 1-2 NIV

*After his suffering,  
he **presented himself** to them  
and gave many **convincing proofs**  
that he was **alive** (resurrected).  
He appeared to them over a period **40 days**  
and spoke about the **kingdom** of God.*

Acts 1: 3 NIV

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*On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command:  
“Do not leave **Jerusalem**, but **wait** for  
the the **gift** my **Father** promised,  
which you have heard me speak about.  
For John **baptized** with **water**, but in a few days  
you will be **baptized** with the **Holy Spirit**.”*

Acts 1: 4-5 NIV

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*“ ... But you will **receive power**  
when the **Holy Spirit** comes on you;  
and you will be my **witnesses**  
in **Jerusalem**,  
and in all Judea and Samaria,  
and to the **ends** of the **earth**.*

Acts 1: 8 NIV

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# Day of Pentecost

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*“clothed with power from on high”*

*“baptized with the Holy Spirit”*

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Then *Peter* stood up with the eleven,  
raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ...

*“Fellow Israelites, listen to this:*

*Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God  
to you by miracles, wonders and signs  
which God did among you through him,  
as you yourselves know. ...*

Acts 2: 14 & 22 NIV

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*This man was handed over to **you**  
by God's deliberate **plan** and foreknowledge;  
and **you** with the help of wicked men,  
put him to **death** by nailing him to the cross.  
But God **raised him** from the dead,  
freeing him from the agony of death,  
because it was impossible for death  
to keep its hold on him. ...*

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Acts 2: 23-24 NIV

*God has **raised** this Jesus to **life**,  
and **we** are all **witnesses** of it.  
Exalted to the right hand of God,  
he has received from the Father  
the **promised Holy Spirit**  
and has **poured out**  
what you now **see** and **hear**.”*

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Acts 2: 32-33 NIV

*When the people heard this,  
they were **cut** to the **heart** and said to Peter ...  
“Brothers, what shall we do?”*

*Peter replied, “**Repent** and be **baptized**,  
every one of you, **in** the name of **Jesus** Christ  
for the **forgiveness** of **sins**.  
And you will **receive** the **gift** of the **Holy Spirit**.”*

Acts 2: 14 & 22 NIV

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*“ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.”*

*“The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead – whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. We are witnesses of these things ...”*

*“Day after day, ... they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.”*

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Acts 3: 15; 5:30 & 42 NIV

# Peter's **reason** for **believing**.

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Peter **believed** what he believed  
**because** of what he **saw** (Jesus alive), and  
the **power** of the Holy Spirit he **experienced**.

That was the reason for his **new birth**  
and for his "**living hope**".

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