



# RAISE THE SAILS

**FOCUSING  
ON GOD'S WORD**

# WIGTAKE



What's it going to take (**WIGTake**)  
for **Catalyst** to accomplish  
our **vision** (Where?)  
and our **mission** (What?)  
in the next **five** years?



# “WIGTAKE” MISSIONAL MINDSET

Jesus commanded us to ...

1. “Go” in Jesus’ **authority** (Holy Spirit’s **power**).
2. Disciples who **discover** and **obey** Jesus.
3. Disciples who **go public** “Baptize them.”
4. Make **disciple-making** disciples (**multiplying**).

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*Every **Scripture** has been written by the **Holy Spirit**,  
the **breath of God** (God inspired or breathed).  
It will **empower** you by its **instruction** and **correction**,  
giving you the **strength** to take the **right direction**  
and lead you **deeper** into the **path** of **godliness**.  
Then you will be God's servant, **fully mature**  
and **perfectly prepared** (equipped)  
to **fulfill** any **assignment** God gives you.*

2 Timothy 3: 16-17 TPT



# SCRIPTURE: KEY OF KEYS

*"God speaks through **His Word**. That's our **starting point**.  
He whispers to us through **doors, dreams and desires**.  
He converses with us through **promptings, pain, and people**. But the  
starting point by which we **survey** all of life is **Scripture**.  
In fact, the **Bible** is not just the starting point:  
it's the **final authority** when it comes to matters of **faith** and doctrine.  
I believe the **Bible** to be the **inspired** Word of God –  
**Truth** with a capital 'T'."*

Mark Batterson

WHISPER: How to Hear the Voice of God



# HEARING GOD'S WORD

Do you have a regular pattern  
in your life of **reading** (hearing)  
the **Word** of God?



*My son (child), give attention (**focus**) to **my words**;  
Incline your ear (**listening, listen**) to my sayings.  
Do not let them depart from (**focus**) your eyes;  
Keep them in the midst of (**penetrate deep**) your heart.  
For they are life (**impart true life**) to those  
who find (**discover**) them,  
And health (**radiant health**) to all their flesh (**very core**).  
Keep (**guard**) your **heart** with all diligence,  
For out of it **spring** the issues of **life**.*

Proverbs 4: 20-23 NKJV



Never substitute **knowledge** about God  
for an **obedient relationship** with God.



*"Knowing the correct **password** – saying 'Master, Master,' ...  
– isn't going to get you anywhere with me.  
What is required is **serious obedience** -  
**doing** what my Father wills.  
I can see it now – at the **Final Judgement**  
thousands **strutting up** to me and saying,  
'Master, we **preached the Message**, we **bashed the demons**,  
our **God-sponsored projects** (i.e. miracles) had everyone talking.'  
And do you know what I'm going to say?  
'You **missed the boat**. (I never knew you)  
All you did was **use me** to make yourselves **important**.  
You don't impress me one bit. You're **out of here**.'*

Matthew 7: 21-23 MSG



Knowing and **obeying** (doing)  
are two very different things.



*"If you **work** these words **into** your **life** (put them to practice)*

*You are like a smart (**wise**) carpenter*

*who **built** his **house** on solid **rock** (bedrock).*

*Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit -*

*but **nothing** moved that house.*

*It was **fixed** to the **rock**.*

*But if you just **use** my **words** in Bible studies*

*and don't **work** them out in your **life** (obey them),*

*you are like a stupid (**foolish**) carpenter*

*who **built** his **house** on the sandy beach (**sand**).*

*When a storm rolled in and the waves came up,*

*It **collapsed** like a **house of cards**.*

Matthew 7: 24-27 MSG



# DOING GOD'S WORD

Do you have a regular pattern  
in your life of **reading** (hearing)  
and **obeying** (doing)  
the **Word** of God?



*Everyone everywhere, lift up your joyful shout to God!  
Sing your songs tuned to his glory (goodness)!  
For he's the awe-inspiring God,  
great and glorious in power!  
We've never seen anything like him!  
Mighty in miracles, ... Everyone will say,  
"Come and see the incredible things God has done,  
It will take your breath away!" ...  
"All you lovers of God who want to please him,  
come and listen, and I'll tell you what he did for me."*

Psalm 66: 1-3a, 5 & 16 TPT



# SHARING GOD'S WORD

Do you have a regular pattern  
in your life of **reading** (hearing),  
**obeying** (doing) and then  
**sharing** (telling others)  
the **Word** of God?



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- 1. HEARING:** “Discovering” God's Word to us.
- 2. DOING:** “Obeying” what he says to us!
- 3. SHARING:** “Telling” others our God Stories