

CORE STRENGTH – PART 1

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I. Matt 16:18-19 - Build the Church (People)

A. Culture - the set of shared knowledge, beliefs, behaviors, attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes an institution or organization.

1. Vision Statement - Help people Discover Jesus, Freedom, Purpose and Fulfillment

B. CROSSROADS CORE VALUES

1. **WE WANT TO BE WITH HIM** - His Presence means everything
2. **WE DO LIFE TOGETHER** - Relationships make us stronger
3. **WE ARE BUILDING HIS KINGDOM** - It's bigger than us
4. **WE PULL ON THE LEASH** - Big faith, big risks and a big GOD
5. **WE LIVE GENEROUSLY** - Freely receive, freely give
6. **WE BRING OUR "A" GAME** - Excellence is a reflection of God
7. **WE TAKE NOTHING FOR GRANTED** - Appreciation is fuel for the future
8. **WE LIVE WITH HONOR & INTEGRITY** - Value people and what is right
9. **WE GO LOW AND GROW** - Stay humble and teachable
10. **WE PURSUE OUR "GREEN"** - Live from and for His purpose

II. WE WANT TO BE WITH HIM - His Presence means everything

A. Gen 3:8 - Adam and Eve - Relational Presence

1. John 10:4-5 4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers
2. V8 - Hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God.
 - a) Not Omnipresence but RELATIONAL PRESENCE

(1) **Ps 139:7-8** 7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.

3. **V10** - I was afraid because I was naked

a) **2:25** - they were both naked and were not ashamed.

4. **He wants relationship even beyond our perfection.**

a) **The idea is not Relationship INSTEAD of Obedience but rather Obedience OUT OF Relationship.**

B. **Ex 20:18-21** - **Moses - Informational Presence**

1. Satisfied with information over relationship

2. **Jer 31:33** 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

a) **Matt 15:8** 8 "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.

3. **Ex 33:11-16** - **Friends stay "with" each other**

III. **Jesus - 1,500 years later - Abiding Presence**

A. **John 1:33** - Descending and remaining

B. **John 7:33-34** - "With" you a little while longer

C. **John 16:7** - To your advantage that I go away...I will send Him to you

D. **John 14:16-18** - He will dwell or abide "with" you and "in" you

E. Moses was led by the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night.

1. Day of Pentecost - The same Spirit that descended on Jesus came to be the fire that leads us every day!