

## **Engaging the Clutch**

### **Vision Sunday – Part 1**

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<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:3-6).

<sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. <sup>13</sup> As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And because of my chains, most of the **brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear**” (Philippians 1:12-14).

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—**continue to work out your salvation** with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose” (Philippians 2:12-13).

### **How can we “work out” our salvation?**

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#### **Some common spiritual clutter we need to toss**

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#### **2. G\_\_\_\_\_ in a small group**

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“Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do” (James 1:23).

• **D\_\_\_\_\_**

“...first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye” (Mt. 7:5).

• **Heal I\_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed” (James 5:16).

#### **3. G\_\_\_\_\_ on the G\_\_\_\_\_ Co-mission**

“The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn” (Isaiah 61:1-2).

<sup>3</sup> Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. <sup>4</sup> Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked” (Psalm 82:3-4).

#### **4. G\_\_\_\_\_ a great biblical GRID**

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Mat. 28:18-20).

#### **How to begin a relationship with Jesus...**

**Admit** that you’ve sinned (missed the mark of perfection) (Rom3:23)

**Believe** that Jesus is Lord, that He died on the cross for your sins and was raised from the dead (Rom. 10:9, John 3:16, 1 Peter 1:3)

**Choose** Jesus. Turn to Him. Receive Him and love God above all (Matt. 22:37, Eph. 5:1).