

HEART & SOUL

Psalm 18:28-30, 28 *You light a lamp for me. The Lord, my God, lights up my darkness. 29 In your strength I can crush an army; with my God, I can scale any wall. 30 God's way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true.*

God wants to use you! Despite your past; despite your issues and current struggles, God wants to use you! We learn from Scripture that God uses the ones whom we expect less from. He takes the weak and foolish things in this world to be His instruments to change the world (1 Corinthians 1:27-29)! You are His child, His creation, and when you received Jesus as Lord and Savior, He made you His new creation, his disciple; and if you know God well enough, you know that God never creates anything useless.

As God's child, you are part of the Body of Christ, the church! He wants to use you in significant ways for His glory! That's why at Mosaic, we keep emphasizing everybody's usefulness in the Kingdom of God! This third core value, Total Mobilization, is about helping everyone at Mosaic function and contributing to the growth of the Body. While some functions are more visible than others, they are all important! God wants to use you, but that can only be a reality until we embrace the following attitudes and declarations:

I CAN. It's not just a statement we declare, it's an attitude we embrace. God has placed in you a potential that can only be drawn out and harnessed when you embrace the I CAN attitude. Pastor encouraged us, beginning today, to embrace this attitude when it comes to your relationship with Jesus. He said, "The moment you say I can't, you won't." When we say "I CAN" we release the following powers in our life: 1. *The Power of Intention:* Your intention to obey and glorify God is established. 2. *The Power of Initiation:* You take initiative today and allow your faith to break down barriers. 3. *The Power of Innovation:* You overcome any resistance by finding ways and steps to pursue God's will. Philippians 4:13.

WE CAN. God did not call us to do it alone! God's design for each of us is to love, follow and serve Jesus with others. As a church, we embrace this attitude because we know that we can more together than we are alone. We also believe that our gratitude to God for His grace should propel us to serve Him heart and soul (Psalm 130:3-4). The reason why we can serve Jesus is because of His grace! And His grace should be the driving force for us to do what God calls us to do. If we're supply the will, He will supply the power! By His grace, we can! We can help each other grow. We can change this city one life at a time. That's why we desire to reach people, because people matter to God! Together, we can pursue our goals of reaching 1000 people for Christ by 2019 and planting five new church venues in 2021! We believe we can because...

GOD CAN. The Bible tells us in Ephesians 3:20 that God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us. He is not just going to use you; He will work through you! You won't do it by your own strength, but by the great vision, will-power and energy He gives you! I can, we can, because God can! **YOU SUPPLY THE WILL, HE SUPPLIES THE POWER.** You supply the will. He supplies the power.

God can be trusted. Hebrews 10:23, Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

God can do the impossible. Jeremiah 32:17, "Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you. Matthew 19:26 ...with God all things are possible."

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT STEPS:

- Leaders Lab (December 7, 7:00PM Lakeland College)
- The Beat: Downtown Interest Meeting (Dec. 10, 6:30PM)
- Christmas Prom (December 22, 7:00PM Grace Hall)

PRAY TOGETHER FOR

- A change of heart and soul—that you may declare with confidence, I CAN because GOD works through me.
- The future plans of Mosaic and your role in its accomplishment.

GOAL FOR THIS STUDY:

To release the Power of Intention, the Power of Initiation and the Power of Innovation so we can pursue God's Will as individuals and as a church.

Connection and Action

Questions to promote conversation and connection

Question:

Which statement is true for you and tell us why:

1. I drag myself out of bed every morning?
2. I am always excited to spring out of bed every morning!

What is your greatest motivation (or greatest hesitation) to get out of bed in morning, and why?

Bible and Belief

Questions to help believers develop a biblical point of view.

READ PSALM 18:28-30

How does light/lamp influence the way we see things?

Why is it important for a follower of God to take guidance from Him?

Based on verse 30, what should be our attitude toward God's ways and word?

David wrote Psalm 18 after winning a fierce battle (2 Samuel chapters 21-22). In the Hebrew/Jewish culture, light symbolizes wisdom, posterity and prosperity. David attributes his success and abilities to God's light and strength. All David contributed was his availability and willingness, but God did the rest. Pastor shared, "You supply the will, God supplies the power."

How can these verses encourage you to always seek God's light and direction?

Does God always lead His children to victory? 2 Corinthians 2:14, Psalm 1:1-3

If God always leads His children to victory, why do we sometimes experience failure?

How can you experience continuous success in everything that God calls you to do? Read Proverbs 3:5-10

Can you ask and believe for God to give you a number of people you would be willing to bring to Jesus by year 2019?

Growing in Leadership

Questions to help people grow as leaders.

Pastor shared that there are two types of people:

1. Those who know God's will and does everything to pursue it; and,
2. Those who know God's will but allow their limitations to keep them from pursuing it.

How can you grow to becoming like the first type?

How can we know when it's God's will to share the Gospel or invite someone to Jesus? Are there obvious signs? Read 2 Timothy 4:1-2.

Read Ephesians 4:11-12. Have you been mobilized to serve in the church? Are serving God in the way He has gifted you? (Leaders Lab, Dec. 7.)

We believe God can take us to the place of reaching our goals because He can be trusted and do the impossible. God has given our church a vision to reach 1000 people by 2019. What steps should you personally take to help pursue this vision God has given us together?