

# UNLEASH THE POWER

INTENTION | INITIATION | INNOVATION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT STEPS:

- THE BEAT, January 14, (Sunday) 6:30PM Knox Church
- LEADERS LAB, January 25, 2018 (Thursday) 6:30 Knox Church
- BAPTISM BASH, February 11, 1:30PM Microtel Pool

## PRAY TOGETHER FOR

- Guidance and boldness as you plan for the new year.
- Strength as we pursue God's agenda together for Mosaic.
- For Mosaic Downtown plans and strategies

## GOAL FOR THIS STUDY:

"It's not how you start, it's how you end." The only way to end strong is by carrying through strongly despite the difficulty along the way. The power of intention is released by decision and we want to be able to make a strong resolve in 2018.

## PROVERBS 3:6 (TLB),

*"In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success."*

Always make faith your starting place – not your last resort. Don't wait for everything to turn into smoke before you commit your plans to the Lord. The power of Intention is released by decision: first decision...

**SURRENDER DECISION: I intend to prioritize the presence of Christ in my life.** Pastor Jon mentioned, "When you write down your plans, be sure to use a pencil; and when you're done writing your intentions, surrender the eraser to God. There might be things there that won't be good for you at this time, so let Him get rid of them early on. That's called surrender. Surrendering is the joining of two hearts—your heart with God's heart. And together, you will create a powerful force for the future—His will for you and your heart for His will. If you bring your will, God will bring His power. When you offer Him your faith, You will see His faithfulness.

Philippians 3:7-8 NLT, *I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ.*

**LOVE DECISION: I intend to get rid of every distraction.** It's important to focus on what you already have, a relationship with Jesus. One of the Enemy's most effective strategies is to get you to focus on what you don't have, what you used to have, or what someone else has that you wish you had. The enemy does this to keep you from looking around and asking, "God, what can You do through what I have? Stop waiting for what you want, and start working what you have and love. This can turn your greatest frustration into your greatest potential innovation. If you want to release the power of intention in your life, set your plans on greatest love. It is your love for your greatest love that will enable you to carry through despite the barriers you face. Let your love for and commitment to God determine all your other plans and intentions. Make God your WHY.

Deuteronomy 6:5 (NIV), *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

**WISDOM DECISION: I intend to make the most of the New Year.** Wisdom is the ability to use the best means at the best time to accomplish the best ends. We gain wisdom several ways. First, we gain wisdom through God's Word (Psalm 119:105). Another way we gain wisdom is by gleaning (or harvesting) godly truth and lessons from our personal experiences. I encourage you to start journaling this year. For every experience you go through, ask God to reveal to you what lessons you need to learn (Psalm 90:12). The third way God gives us wisdom is through others who are further down the road than we are. We don't have to live and learn; we can learn and live. Solomon assures us: (Proverbs 13:20). As you set your intentions before the Lord for 2018, don't forget to deepen yourself in God's Word; learn from your experiences and consult with godly people in our community.

Ephesians 5:15-16, *Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity (Kairos), because the days are evil.*

Remember your *Kairos*.

## Connection and Action

Questions to promote conversation and connection

### Question:

What 2018 New Year's resolutions have you made that you're still doing now?

What resolutions have you failed in following through so far?

Why do you think some of your are resolutions so difficult to follow through?

## Bible and Belief

Questions to help believers develop a biblical point of view.

### SURRENDER (Proverbs 3:5-6)

What does trust look like in a relationship? How do you know when you fully trust someone?

Read Proverbs 3:5-6. How would you define trusting in God?

In a world being driven by fear of failure, how does trust in God help dispel that fear?

How would you respond to non-believers if they asked you how they could begin trusting in the Lord?

### LOVE (Deuteronomy 6:5)

What is the basis on which you decide what you will think, say and do?

Is there anything in life that you don't do as an expression of love for God?

Is there anything you do without any concern over whether or not it pleases God?

What plans do you have for the future that you haven't invited God in?

### WISDOM (Ephesians 5:15-16)

Does your concept of being godly include being a person of godly purpose? Should it? What does this mean?

How can a person inclined to living impulsively by his feelings develop self-discipline? What steps should he take?

What kind of opportunities should you be looking for to grab in 2018?

## Growing in Leadership

Questions to help people grow as leaders.

Does "making the most of every opportunity" imply that every Christian must devote every spare minute to serving the Lord? How do we determine the balance between leisure and service?

How can we learn to be alert for the opportunities that God brings our way?

Practically, why is it important for every believer to understand the big picture of God's will for the ages and our Kairos moments in His grand scheme of things?

What are you believing God to do in this season (Kairos) of your life?