

our heritage



authentic
love



radical
generosity



hopeful
partnership



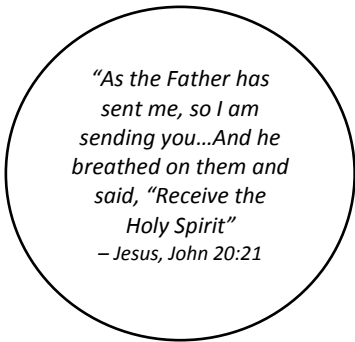
intense
spirituality



faithful
risk



passionate
mission



*“As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you...And he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit”
– Jesus, John 20:21*

Missions is not something we DO.

Mission is something we ARE on.

Matthew 28:18-19 [NIV]

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

ARE	-----	DO
RELATIONSHIP	-----	PROJECT
PARTNERSHIP	-----	TRANSACTION
PRESENCE (BE)	-----	GO (DO)
EMPOWERMENT	-----	DEPENDENCY

Romans 5:1-5 [NIV]

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Hopeful Partnership calls out the *Imago Dei* in [HUMANITY](#).

Romans 5:10-11 [NIV]

¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Our invitation...

Evidences of **Hopeful Partnership:**

- Call out the *Imago Dei* in people.
- Experience the power and fullness of doing life together.
- Effectively empower, enrich, and elevate others.

Evidences of **Passionate Mission:**

- Build "bridges" in intentional relationships.
- See all people walk in true freedom.
- Strive to facilitate justice & reconciliation.

Notes:

*"If our mission is to share good news, we need to be good news people.
If we preach transformation, we need to show some evidence
of what transformation looks like."*

~ Christopher J.H. Wright, The Mission of God's People

Prayer of the People

Throughout "Our Heritage," we are inviting the entire Heritage family to participate in what some traditions have called "Prayers of the People." These prayers provide an opportunity to connect with God in one heart and voice even as we disperse through the week.

This week, reflect and pray through this prayer out of Psalm 146:6-10:

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Lord, you are the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— you remain faithful forever. You uphold the cause of the oppressed and give food to the hungry. You, O Lord, set prisoners free, give sight to the blind, lift up those who are bowed down, and love the righteous. Lord God, you watch over the foreigner and sustain the fatherless and the widow, you frustrate the ways of the wicked. You reign forever, King Jesus, for all generations. We praise You, O LORD.***



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How to start a relationship with God:

- 1) *Admitting* that you, like everyone, are in need of rescue.
- 2) *Asking* God to forgive your sins.
- 3) *Saying YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.*

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to look to you and follow you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

For Further Reflection:

:: *What is one thing God has been showing you about yourself, or Himself, in the “Our Heritage” journey?*

:: *Where in your life have you cultivated Hopeful Partnership? What has it looked like for you to call out the Imago Dei in someone else? In your own life?*

:: *Reread Romans 5:1-11.*

:: *What stands out to you from this passage?*

:: *How does our own reconciliation with God inform our commitment to being part of reconciliation in the world?*

:: *How do we glory in our sufferings?*

:: *Where would you place yourself on the Missional Continuum diagram? What shifts would you need to embrace to move more to the left on the ranges?*

:: *Pastor Beth invited us to live on mission together. What are some personal implications of living like that? What specific invitation do you need to embrace this week?*

:: *How is your life demonstrating being a ‘good news’ person?*

:: *Identify one thing you believe God may be asking you to do next?*

:: *Take time to pray & ask God to give you courage to be on mission with Him.*

Unless otherwise noted, today’s Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].

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