

FBC Purpose, Mission, Vision
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Various Passages

- I. On Prayer - Jay Robinson
 - 2 Chronicles 14-20; Asa & Jehoshaphat, Kings of Judah
 - Asa - Judah (580,000) v. Ethiopia (1,000,000 + 300 chariots)
 - 2 Chronicles 14:11-12 (Asa's prayer); 15:2 (Azariah's exhortation)
 - Jehoshaphat - Judah (1,160,000) v. Sons of Ammon, Moab, Mount Seir (Great Multitude)
 - 2 Chronicles 20:3-4,10-13,17 (Jehoshaphat's posture, prayer, & God's response)
 - Both men finished poorly because of alliances made outside of God's will relying on humans
 - Call to keep our eyes on God [*Spurgeon quote*]

- II. FBC Purpose, Mission, Vision
 - A. Purpose
 - Glorify God
 - Romans 11:36 (glory=good opinion, resulting in praise and honor and promotion among mankind)
 - Psalm 67 (cf Genesis 12:3); pointing to culmination in Revelation 7:9-12
 - B. Mission
 - Go Make Disciples who Go Make Disciples - GMD²
 - Matthew 28:18-20
 - C. Vision
 - Church full of joyfully obedient disciples glorifying God
 - People saved and churches born (Acts example)
 - D. Ministries Structure & People

- III. On Discipleship - Zach Efaw

- IV. Next Steps
 - In line with Elders' position for the last couple of years (September 2014 sermon)
 - Prayer is foundational (Let's be askers...and let's keep our eyes on the Lord; Lead Adult Ministries Pastor)
 - Get off the sidelines and into the game/Take one step

Then Asa called to the LORD his God and said, "LORD, there is no one besides You to help in the battle between the powerful and those who have no strength; so help us, O LORD our God, for we trust in You, and in Your name have come against this multitude. O LORD, You are our God; let not man prevail against You." So the LORD routed the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah, and the Ethiopians fled. (2 Chronicles 14:11-12)

...[Azariah] went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: the LORD is with you when you are with Him. And if you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. (2 Chronicles 15:2)

Jehoshaphat was afraid and turned his attention to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. So Judah gathered together to seek help from the LORD; they even came from all the cities of Judah to seek the LORD....(Jehoshaphat speaking) "Now behold, the sons of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom You did not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt (they turned aside from them and did not destroy them), see how they are rewarding us by coming to drive us out from Your possession which You have given us as an inheritance. O our God, will You not judge them? For we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on You." All Judah was standing before the LORD, with their infants, their wives and their children....(God speaking through Jahaziel) You need not fight in this battle; station yourselves, stand and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out to face them, for the LORD is with you." (2 Chronicles 20:3-4,10-13,17)

"They said, 'Our eyes are upon thee.' What did they mean by that? They meant, 'Lord, if help does come, it must come from thee. We are looking to thee for it. It cannot come from anywhere else, so we look to thee. But we believe it will come, men will not look for that which they know will not come. We feel sure it will come, but we do not know how, so we are looking; we do not know when, but we are looking. We do not know what thou wouldest have us to do, but as the servant looks to her mistress, so are we looking to thee, Lord. Lord, we are looking.'"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen. (Romans 11:36)

God be gracious to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us. That Your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations. Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for You will judge the peoples with uprightness and guide the nations on the earth. Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God, blesses us. God blesses us, that all the ends of the earth may fear Him. (Psalm 67)

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen." (Revelation 7:9-12)

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)