

**Vision Weekend**  
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*"Humans are not driven by the past, we're pulled forward by the future we're most committed to."*

— Dr. Benjamin Hardy

**PRINCIPLES FOR FORMING YOUR FUTURE**

**1. Principle of \_\_\_\_\_: God works with your \_\_\_\_\_ as he \_\_\_\_\_ your future.**

*"As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.' He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed — the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not."*  
**Romans 4:17 (NIV)**

*"God makes the dead live again and speaks of future events with as much certainty as though they were already past."*  
**Romans 4:17 (TLB)**

**2. Principle of \_\_\_\_\_: Your unknown future is \_\_\_\_\_ when you \_\_\_\_\_ it into God's hands.**

*"Look here, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit.' How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog — it's here a little while, then it's gone. What you ought to say is, 'If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.'"*  
**James 4:13–15 (NLT)**

**3. Principle of \_\_\_\_\_: Nothing will motivate you to move like a \_\_\_\_\_ of a better future.**

*"Faith shows us the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see."*  
**Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)**

*"I pray that God, the source of hope will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."*  
**Romans 15:13 (NLT)**

**WHY ARE THESE GREAT THINGS HAPPENING?**

**1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in our church in this way.**

*"Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted."*

**Psalms 127:1 (NLT)**

**2. We are a church that \_\_\_\_\_ on the solid foundation of God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have — Jesus Christ."*  
**1 Corinthians 3:10–11 (NLT)**

**3. We are a church who \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God for the impossible.**

*"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen."*

**Ephesians 3:20–21 (NLT)**

**4. We are a church who \_\_\_\_\_ on God with \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

**James 4:6 (NIV)**

*"Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land."*

**2 Chronicles 7:14 (NLT)**

**5. We are a church who says \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ for God and His mission.**

*"As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me — the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing."*

**2 Timothy 4:6–8 (NLT)**

**Great churches are not built on the talents of a few, but on the sacrifices of many people.**

*"So Jesus told them this story: 'If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!'"*

**Luke 15:3–7 (NLT)**