

ACTS 2 – Build Your Church  
The Vision - Loving Jesus  
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*When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place... And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit... But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:..*

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe<sup>[d]</sup> came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles... And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

*Accts 2:1-47 – Selected*

*"This is God's Word: 'You will succeed, NOT on your own strength or power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord. 'Nothing, not even a mountain will stand in your way ...*

*Zerubbabel is laying the FOUNDATION of this temple and he WILL complete it ...."*

*Zechariah 4:6–10 – Selected*

## **Dreams**

- **I dream of** a church where fellowship is genuine and where everyone is accepted, and lasting relationships are formed. Connecting
- **I dream of** a church where discipleship is passionate mentors and teachers conveying Biblical truth to every generation resulting in growing Christ followers who disciple others. Growing
- **I dream of** a church where gift-oriented ministry is where everyone has a role and purpose that contributes to our growth. Serving
- **I dream of** a church where evangelism is the relational lifestyle of people empowered to reach every land and generation fearlessly and compassionately. Going.
- **I dream of** a church where worship is Christ-centered, Spirit-led, & authentic, where lives are transformed in the presence of God. Worshipping.

## **5 Reasons Evangel is Guaranteed to Succeed**

1. DOING God's Word Will be Our Foundation.

*"God says 'My Word comes out of my mouth, and it will NOT FAIL to do what I intend for it to do! It will accomplish everything I desire, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.'" Isaiah 55:11*

2. FULFILLING God's Purposes Will be Our Plan.

*"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purposes that prevail." Proverbs 19:21*

*"David served God's purpose in his generation." Acts 13:36*

**Our Vision:**

Loving Jesus

Growing Together

Reaching Every Generation

3. TRUSTING God's Promises Will be Our Confidence

*"God, by his mighty power at work within us, is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of — infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes." Ephesians 3:20*

4. DEPENDING on the Holy Spirit Will be Our Strength.

*Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.  
Zechariah 4:6*

*"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;<sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. Acts 2:17-18*

5. LOVING Jesus and People Will be Our Attraction.

*"Everything you do must be done with love!" 1 Corinthians 16:14*

*"Love is more important than anything else." Colossians 3:14*

*"Love never gives up! Love never loses faith! Love is always hopeful! Love endures through every circumstance! And LOVE NEVER FAILS*

*1Cor. 13:7-8*