

Title: Year of Focus

Text: Proverbs 29:18: *“If people can’t see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; but when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.”* (MSG)

Target: Vision that goes beyond what is apparent or evident requires **F.O.C.U.S.** to see what is essential and necessary.

1. **Family-Focused:** *“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.”* Ephesians 2:19
 - a. **Names Matter:** *“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”* Isaiah 43:1
 - b. **Needs Matter:** *“Bear one another’s burdens”* Galatians 6:2
2. **Outreach-Focused:** *“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”* Mark 16:15
 - a. **Invest in Others:** *“The greatest among you shall be your servant.”* Matthew 23:11
 - b. **Invite Others:** *“I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”* Psalm 122:1
3. **Commitment-Focused:** *“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”* Hebrews 10:24-25
 - a. **Priority of Presence:** *“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”* Acts 2:42
 - b. **Place of Service:** *“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.”* Colossians 3:23
4. **Unity-Focused:** *“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!”* Psalm 133:1
 - a. **Believe in the Mission:** *“That together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* Romans 15:6
 - b. **Be a Mediator:** *“Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”* 2 Cor. 13:11
5. **Cross-Focused**
 - a. **Preached Daily:** *“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”* Galatians 2:20
 - b. **Lived Practically:** *“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”* Luke 9:23

Take Away: Tunnel Vision & Peripheral Vision