



# KEEPING **MISSION** RELEVANT

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To explore issues that cause mission drift,  
make the church irrelevant today,  
and the role of leaders to prevent it.



1. Identify the primary issues that you believe cause mission drift and make the church irrelevant.
2. What is the role of leaders in this hour?
3. What do you personally see as a legitimate role of organizations, congregations, and institutions to help prevent mission drift?
4. What else could help the Church remain on target and relevant to mission?





# RELEVANCE

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“the quality or state of being closely connected or appropriate.”

Oxford Dictionary



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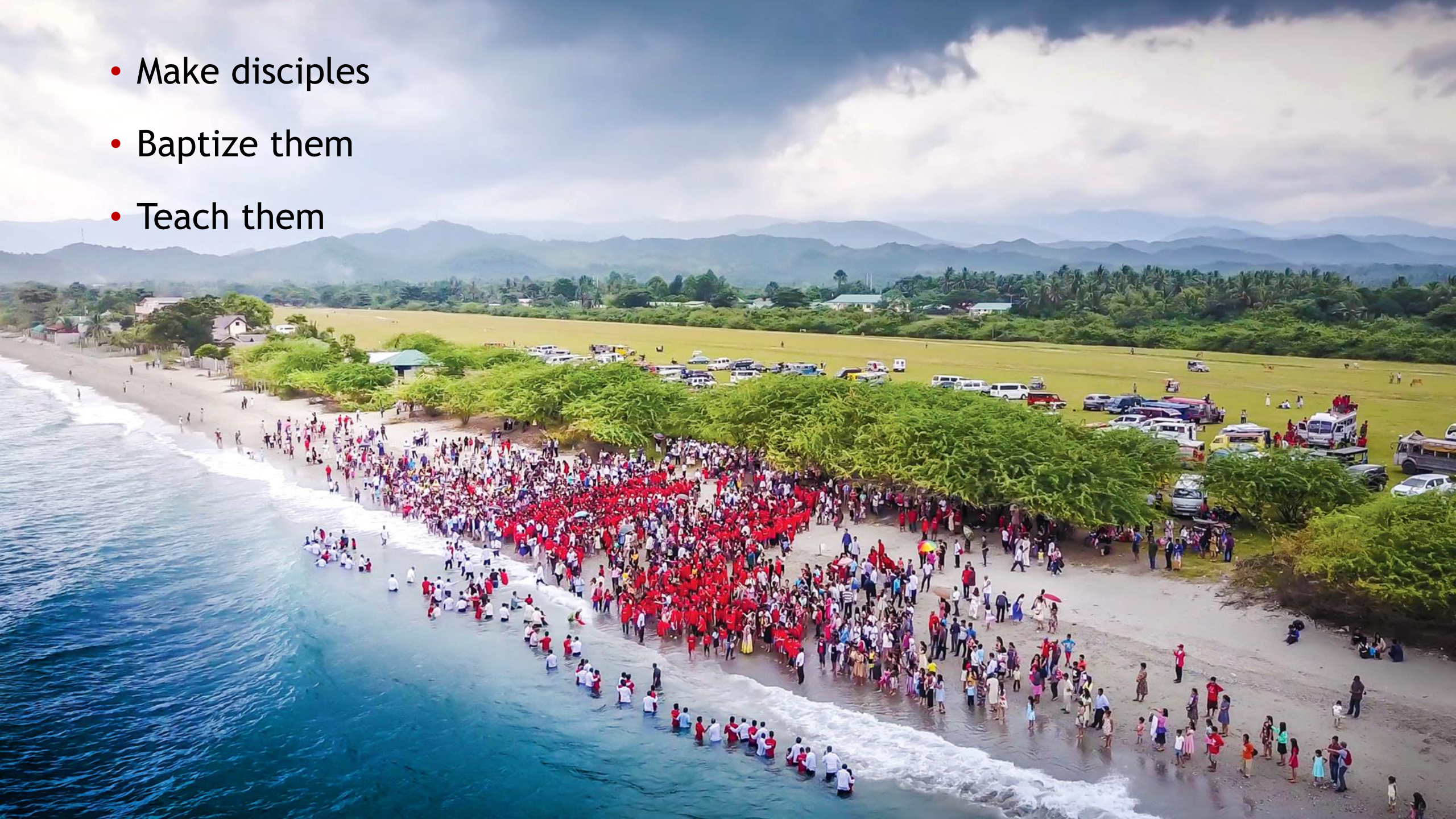
The mandate of Jesus  
in Matthew 28:18-20 is  
clear, balanced, and  
issued with full  
authority.

- 1) Make disciples
- 2) Baptize them
- 3) Teach them





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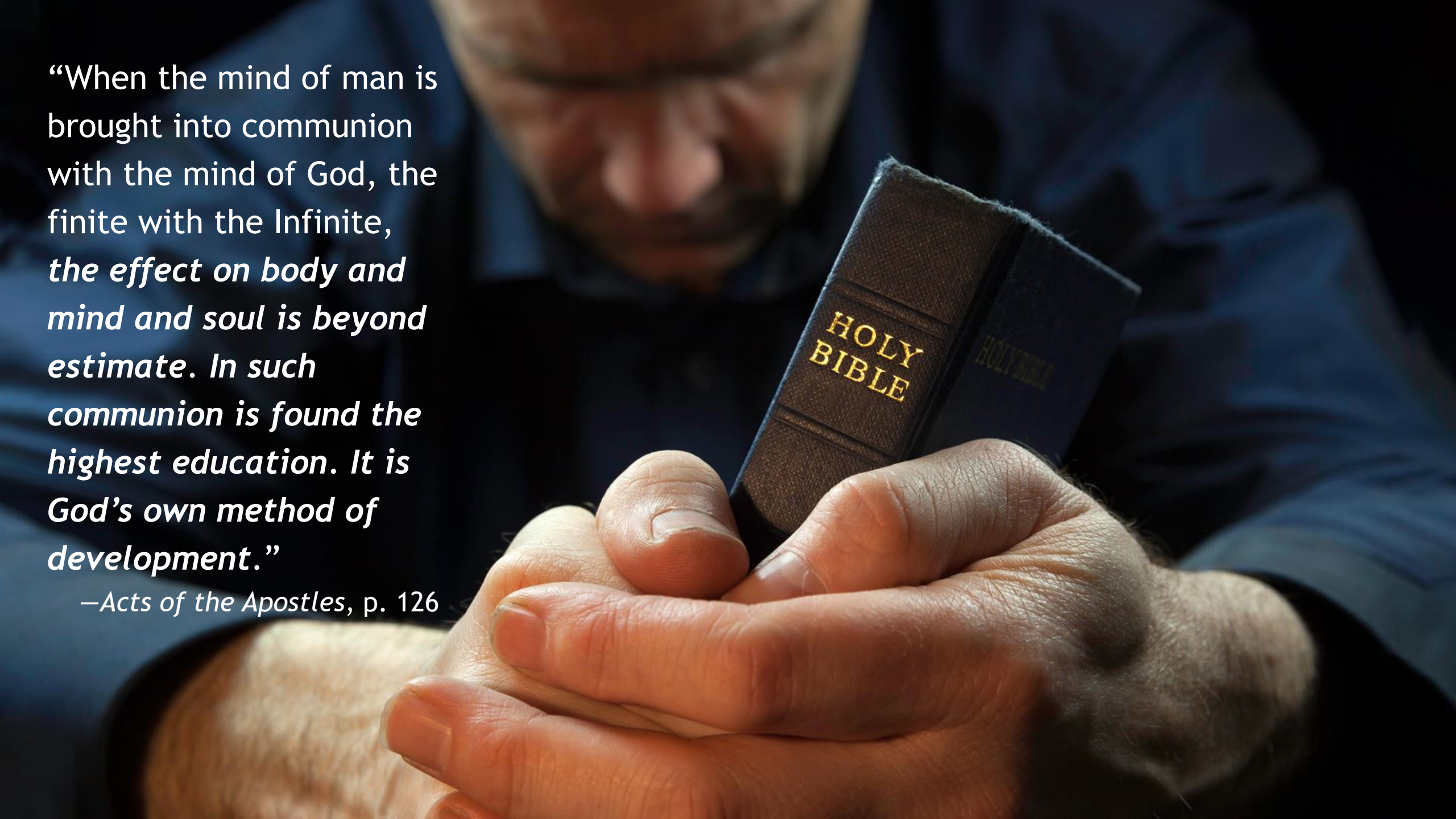


# “Occupy till I come”

Luke 19:13







“When the mind of man is brought into communion with the mind of God, the finite with the Infinite, *the effect on body and mind and soul is beyond estimate. In such communion is found the highest education. It is God’s own method of development.*”

—Acts of the Apostles, p. 126



If you don't fill your mind with the word of God,  
the enemy will fill it with fear, anxiety, stress,  
worry, temptation, doubt, and discouragement.



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# THE LINK BETWEEN CHURCH AND MISSION





Church and Mission are inseparable



“...the mission of Christ has a church.” Adrian Hastings





“And he said to me, ‘You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.’” —Revelation 10:11



The church exists for mission





What is meaning of *drifting*?



It is a departure from your  
main objective.





# Harvard University

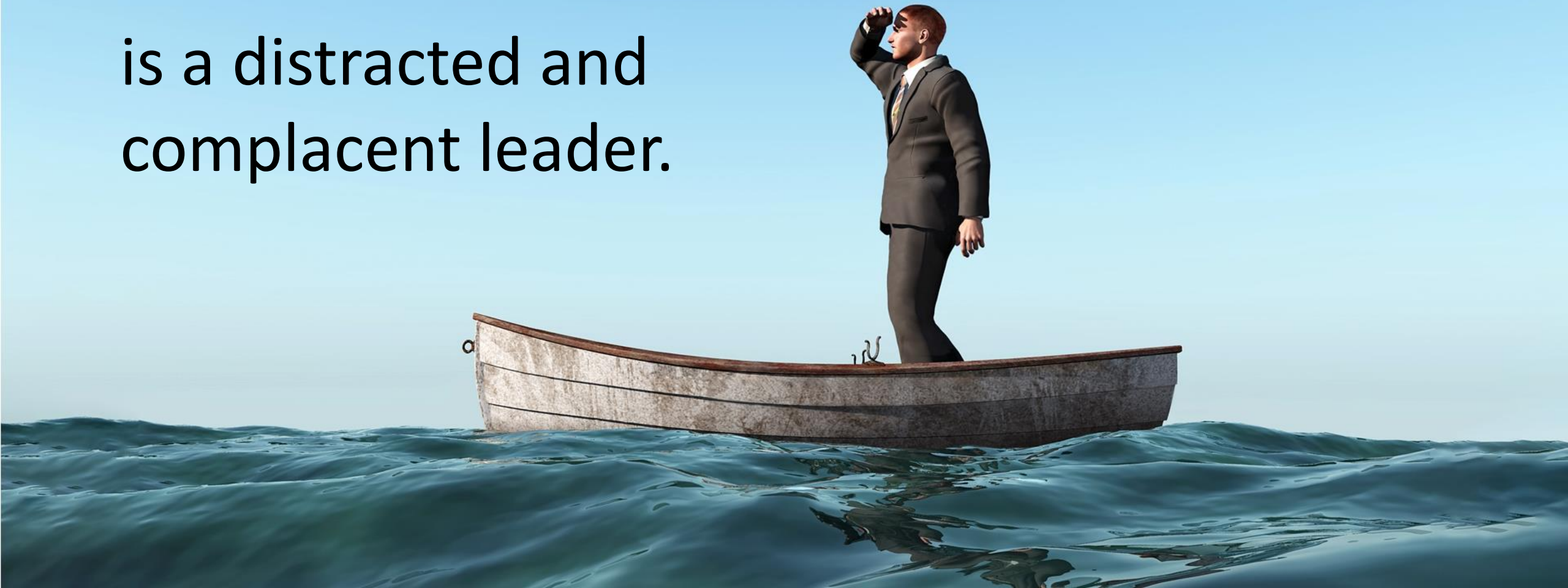


“To be plainly instructed and consider well that the main end  
of your life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ.”

Mission Statement



A drifting leader is  
not an infidel. He  
is a distracted and  
complacent leader.







What kind of  
leaders are we?

# 4 KEY WORDS





1. Relationship.
2. Identity.
3. Distraction.
4. Leadership



# RELATIONSHIP





# IDENTITY



# DISTRACTION





# LEADERSHIP





# My Mission identity as a follower of Christ

“a strong  
donkey, lying  
down between  
two burdens”

—Genesis 49:14





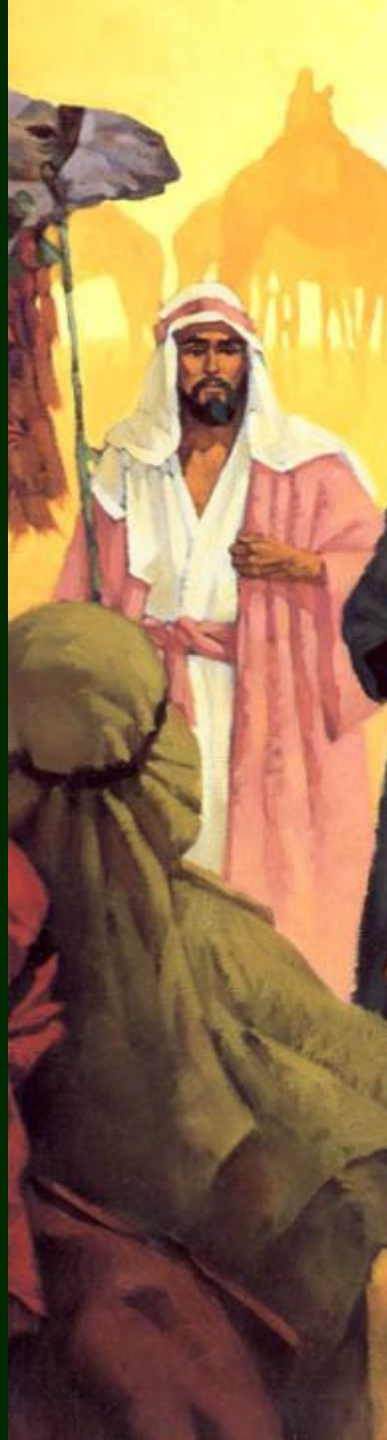


“From the Issacharites, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do.”

—1 Chronicles 12:32, HCSB

## The Sons of Issachar

- Had an understanding of the times
- Knew what Israel ought to do
- Whose “chiefs were two hundred”
- All their brethren were at their command



## They knew their:

- Place
- Moment
- Number
- Purpose

Gen. 49:14,15; 1<sup>st</sup>  
Chronicles 12:32



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