



Connect Notes - 3 June 2013

## GRAND DESIGNS: PURPOSE, PLANS & PURSUIT - Ps Phil Pringle

“Enlarge the place of your tent,  
And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings;  
Do not spare;  
Lengthen your cords,  
And strengthen your stakes. Isaiah 54v2 (NKJV)

Stage by stage God keeps enlarging us.

- If our situation is expanding, we also need to get bigger.
- Catching the heart of God to build the church and reach the world is something we should always be conscious of: to reach the world God needs big people.

The word *let* describes the unforced rhythms of grace - it's doing things but not by pushing hard rather by allowing God to move through your life.

"Let them" infers that people are released. Let the *whole church* reach out - not just the leaders.

Everyone has a gift - you might think it's a small thing. But you would be surprised what God can do with small things.

<sup>39</sup> *But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.* Hebrews 10v39 (ESV)

- The person of faith is continually stepping forward, enlarging and never stepping back. We must keep walking forward, declaring God is for us, and He will make it happen.

<sup>17</sup> *that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,* <sup>18</sup> *may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—* <sup>19</sup> *to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.* Ephesians 3v17-19 (NKJV)

### The purpose of God is LOVE

**The width of the love of God** compels us to reach out to those around us, to go beyond ourselves. The width of the plan and focus of God is outreach. We do this through initiatives like C3 TV Show 'Your Best Life' and Beyond, which includes ministries such as CAP course, Beyond, missions, church planting in Australia, Asia and Africa, and school scripture classes.

**The length of the love of God** speaks of investment for the future, sowing into the life of ministry. Our Bible College prepares people for their future in God.

**The depth of the love of God** is found in our prayer life, intimacy with Him and fellowship. We do not just want to build a church for weekend services - rather we have a network of connect groups that allows people to connect with intimacy in relationships with God and others.

**The height of the love of God** pushes us to worship. Anointed worship where the veil is parted and we touch God. The highest heights we can scale are the times of worship in this house. The thing we have been called to do as priests is to offer up offerings to God, in worship.

*Now David said, "Solomon my son is young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for the Lord must*

*be exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all countries. I will now make preparation for it." So David made abundant preparations before his death. 1 Chronicles 22v5a (NKJV)*

We who are here now can pick up the vision to build something amazing and victorious for the future generations.

- We are called to glorify God - to build a magnificent house.

The Highest purpose of God in all the Earth is the salvation of every person.

This is why Jesus died, conquered the devil and rose again. This is the widest width, the longest length, the deepest depth and the highest height of the grand design of the love of God.

We are making this happen as Vision Builders.

**TALK ABOUT:**

**\* What is your part of God's grand design? Are you looking to the Bible to affirm the plan of God?**

**\* Discuss how our church leadership and vision is always exhorting us to expand and look out.**

**\* Are you involved in the width, the length, the depth or the height of his plan? Where is God calling you?**

**\* How are you investing in the future of His magnificent house? How can we each step up rather than only attend meetings?**

**WHAT'S COMING UP:**

**C3 College Info Night**

Thinking of studying part-time or full-time at C3 College? Join us on Tuesday, June 18, from 7-9pm in the Art Lounge to hear from the Principal, Leadership Ministry and Creative Trainers about the vision of C3 College and all courses available. We look forward to seeing you there!"Email:

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