



**THE  
NEW  
LIFE**



**WALNUT CREEK**  
C H U R C H



# **ME VS. GOD**

**MATTHEW 28:16-20**

# 1. THE THEORY OF CONSTRAINTS

Because of constraints, every part of the system, or process, or organization must be evaluated in terms of how it relates to the goal. Those things which move the system toward goal achievement are productive, and those things that don't are unproductive.

What is the goal of the following systems or organizations?







Make  
money

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Win an NBA  
Championship





The purpose of our Federal Government, as found in the Preamble of the Constitution, is to "establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

## **2. GOD'S MISSION**

# **MATTHEW 28:18-20**

Then Jesus came near and said to them,  
“All authority has been given to Me in  
heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and  
make disciples of all nations, baptizing  
them in the name of the Father and of the  
Son and of the Holy Spirit,

# **MATTHEW 28:18-20**

teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”





What is a disciple?

μαθητής

mathētēs – a learner or pupil

# ROMANS 8:29

For those He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers.

# 1 JOHN 2:5-6

This is how we know we are in Him: The one who says he remains in Him should walk just as He walked.

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- Obedient to the teachings of Christ

# **3. THE PREREQUISITES OF DISCIPLESHIP**

## **LUKE 14:25-26**

Now great crowds were traveling with Him. So He turned and said to them: “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters — yes, and even his own life — he cannot be My disciple.”



a. Love God more than anyone  
or anything else.

# LUKE 14:27

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

- a. Love God more than anyone or anything else.
- b. Deny yourself and take up the cross.

## **LUKE 9:23-24**

Then He said to them all, “If anyone wants to come with Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of Me will save it.”

It's the attitude that our whole life, (our resources, our time, our relationships, our priorities) are freely given to God, put in His hands to do with us as He wills.

# LUKE 14:28-33

“For which of you, wanting to build a tower, doesn’t first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, after he has laid the foundation and cannot finish it, all the onlookers will begin to make fun of him,

# LUKE 14:28-33

saying, 'This man started to build and wasn't able to finish.'

“Or what king, going to war against another king, will not first sit down and decide if he is able with 10,000 to oppose the one who comes against him with 20,000?”

# LUKE 14:28-33

If not, while the other is still far off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. In the same way, therefore, every one of you who does not say good-bye to all his possessions cannot be My disciple.



- a. Love God more than anyone or anything else.
- b. Deny yourself and take up the cross.
- c. Count the cost.

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# **4. THE MOTIVE FOR THE MISSION**

“Salvation is free, but  
discipleship costs everything  
we have.”

Billy Graham

The background of the image is a piece of marbled paper with a complex, organic pattern of swirling, vein-like shapes in various shades of light gray, beige, and off-white. The pattern resembles natural stone or biological tissue. Centered on this background is the text "God's motive for His mission is love." in a clean, black, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in two lines: "God's motive for His mission" on the top line and "is love." on the bottom line.

God's motive for His mission  
is love.

# JOHN 3:16

For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

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God's command to give  
Him our whole life is  
motivated by love.

# PSALM 37:4

Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you your heart's desires.



# **APPLICATION**

How to please God?

# **MATTHEW 28:16-20**

The 11 disciples traveled to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. When they saw Him, they worshiped, but some doubted. Then Jesus came near and said to them, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

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Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

1. Trust Jesus – You have to be a disciple before you can make a disciple.

2. Go – Go to people in your life with intentionality. Form relationships for Christ.

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  - a. Share the message of the Gospel.
  - b. Pray for people.
  - c. Teach people the Bible.





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