

Imagine a better future as you are **BECOMING** one who **Equips Kingdom Citizens**

God's heart is for you to make progress...

in your  Relationship with **God**

in your  Relationship
with **One Another**

in your  Relationship with **the Lost**

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Worshiping

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Loving

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PEOPLE GROWTH happens only
through the power of **God's Spirit** as
He applies **His Word** to people's hearts.
(The Trellis and The Vine)

Candies Creek Church
has a biblical plan
where **people can train people**
for ministry.

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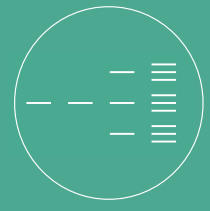
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1 Thes. 2:17-20



Equipping: Example Imitator



2 Timothy 2:2 The things which **you** have heard from **me** in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to **faithful men** who will be able to teach **others** also.

me

you

faithful
workers

others

others

others

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others

1 Corinthians 11:1

Be imitators of me,
just as I also am of Christ.

faithful
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Church: Brethren Beloved By God

Equipping: Example Imitator

Dear to Us: Entrusted Caring

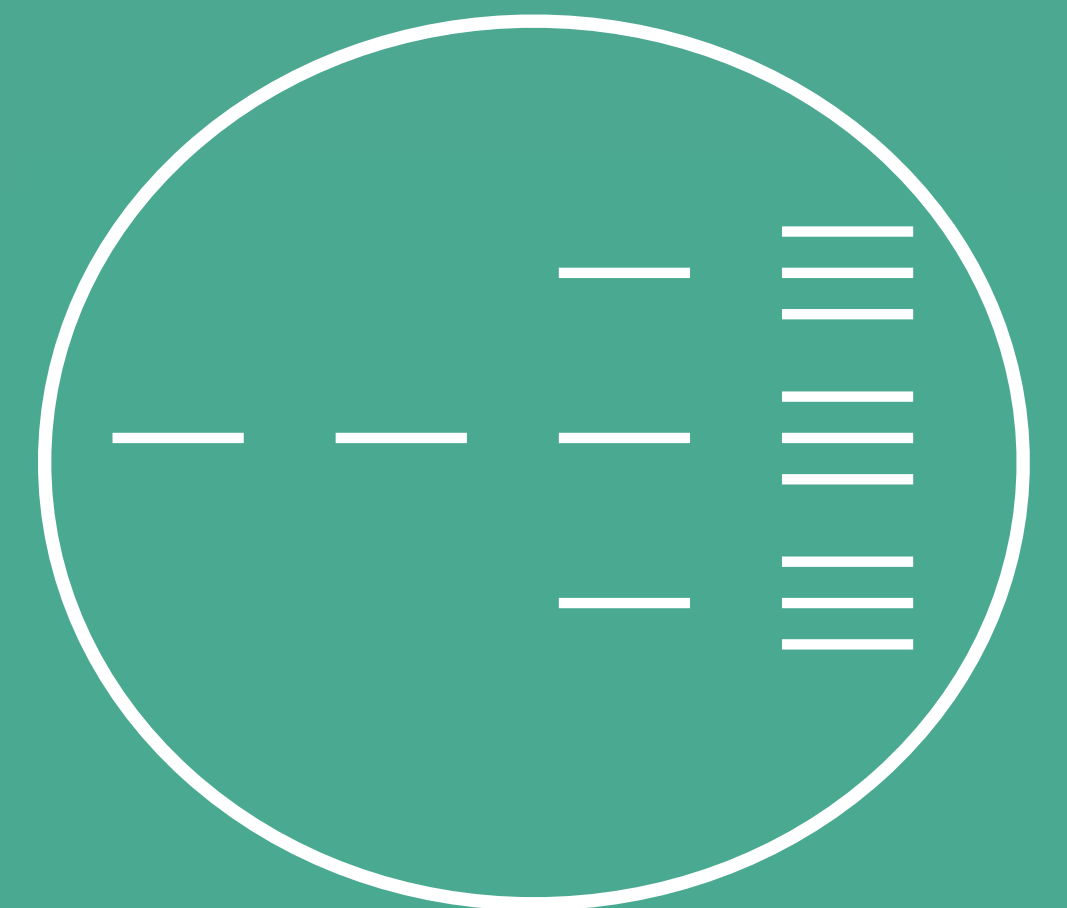
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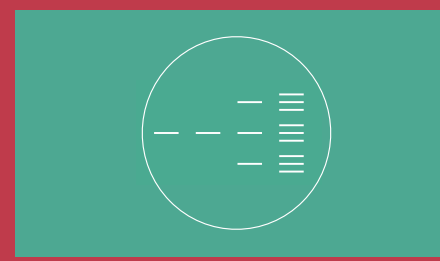
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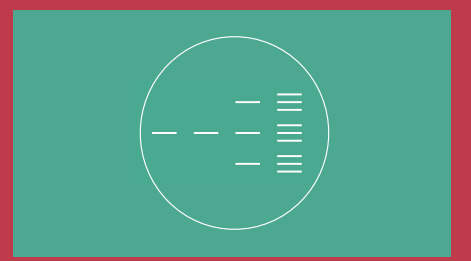


Charged: To Walk Worthy



1 Thessalonians 2:9 For you recall, **brethren**, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. **10** You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you **believers**; **11** just as you know how we were **exhorting** and **encouraging** and **imploring** each one of you as a father would his own **children**, **12** so that you would **walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you** into His own kingdom and glory.

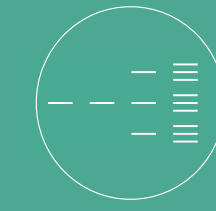
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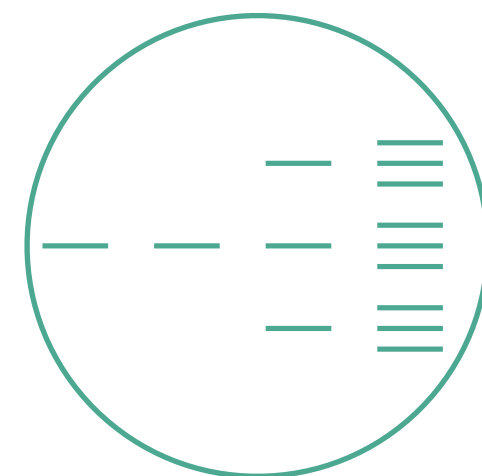
1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when **you received the word of God** which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, **the word of God, which also performs its work in you** who believe.

14 For **you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God** in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for **you also endured the same sufferings** at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they did from the Jews, **15** who both **killed** the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out. They are not pleasing to God, but **hostile** to all men, **16** hindering us from **speaking to the Gentiles** so that they may be saved; with the result that they always fill up the measure of their sins. But **wrath** has come upon them to the utmost.

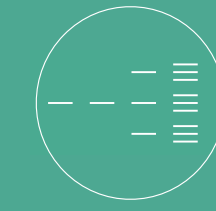
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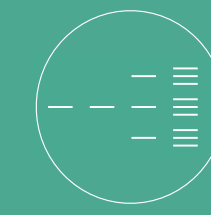


Real church growth is about real depth in relationships (intensity).

While there is no substitute for face to face, sometimes we have to be content with the next best thing.

Satan loves to hinder and separate. **faith** **love** **hope**

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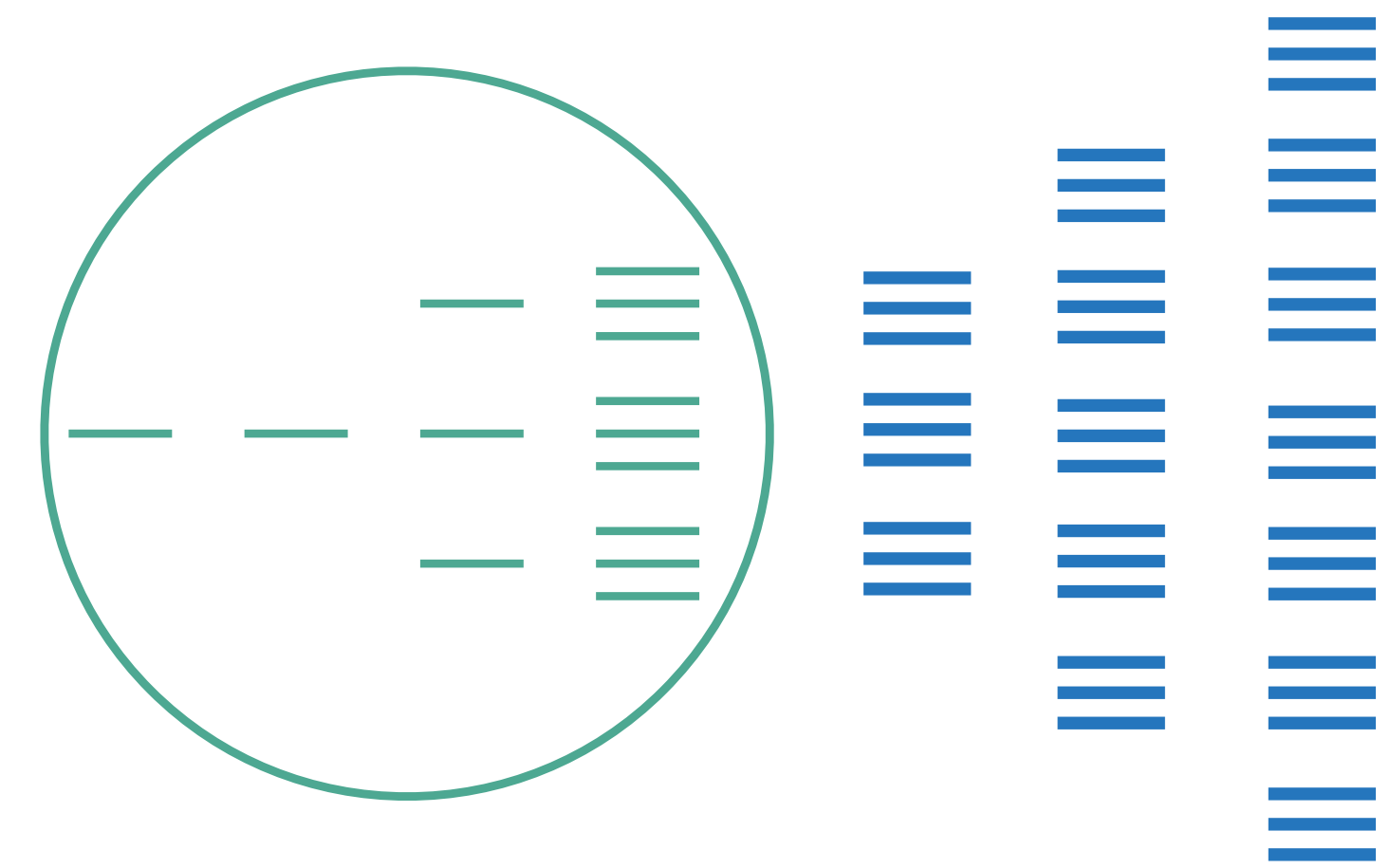
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Hope: Future Impact

Crown: Victory

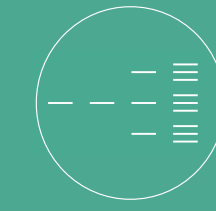
Glory: Reputation

Joy—Joy: Relational Satisfaction



The writers were grateful (excited) and yet concerned about the Thessalonians continued participation in the faith.

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John 15:11 **These things I have spoken to you so that **My joy** may be in you, and that your **joy** may be made full.**

1 John 1:4 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life— 2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 **These things we write, so that our **joy** may be made complete.**

Philippians 1:3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
4 always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, 5 in
view of your **participation in the gospel** from the first day until now.

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing; 15 so
that you will **prove** yourselves to be blameless and innocent,
children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and
perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,
16 holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have
reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain. 17 But
even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice
and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all.
18 You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy
with me.

Brethren: you are our joy Why Gather?

- I intentionally am a **fellow worker** in the local church & the broader kingdom of God.
- I intentionally work to have **fellowship, unity & community** by being present and **engaged in life with my brothers and sisters** in Christ in order to do my part as a member of Christ's body.
- I see the **local church** in the scriptures therefore I intentionally **give myself to others** in congregational worship/teaching, community/affinity groups & biblical leadership.
- I intentionally value **accountability** to one another & to the vision/mission of His body.