

A Planting Of The Lord That We Might Have a **C.R.O.P.** **Acts 19:1-5; Heb. 11:8-10, 17-18; Gen. 12:1**

As a church body we stand on four things. They are pillars of our assembly. Together they make up our C.A.R.E. focus taken from **Acts 2:42**

We need to remember where our focus should be and realign it if it has shifted. We need to devote ourselves to the Word of God, to prayer, to worship and to evangelism. Are you willing to be coached? Are you taking notes? Are you involved in a CARE Group where you can unpack the message? If we want to see victory we need to listen to the coach and work as a team to execute the plays. We are devoted to worship; it's a main focus. Relationships are important; they need to be worked on. We have a hard time getting into CARE Groups once a week but the new church gathered daily, that speaks of geography. We are devoted to one another; we unpack our lives, our woes and concerns, face to face with each other, we stand shoulder to shoulder and as we build trust we can stand back to back. That's how our needs will be met, not by the pastor or the elders. When we need healing we call the elders, for provision we should call a brother or sister in Christ and get them to agree with us in prayer.. We are focused on evangelism **Acts 2:47**. We are a busy church, lots of outside ministries going on; the question is where are the fruits? Are there any? Are we ministering in the power and unction of the Holy Spirit? We need to welcome Him in, give Him control and follow His lead. He is as much God as God the Father and God the Son and we cannot separate them, we must not!

God has promises for you, your life, your home, your marriage. Do you know what those promises are? No matter your age, situation or status in life God is speaking to us. Do we have ears to hear that still small voice? At the end of our Sabbath rest we should be able to take pen and paper and write what the Lord said to us. Joy comes with the tarrying. How is your joy level? If you desire a crop from what the Lord is planting then you need to realise there are some **C.onditions** to be met. We can't cross our fingers and hope it all works out. There are steps we need to take and they are steps of obedience. Devastation of our plans will come if there is disrespect or dishonour for the leadership in the church. We honour the men because of the role they fill. The world lives for titles which speak of entitlement. Roles speak of responsibility. What is your role, what is your function in the church? Abraham had a role to play; Paul had a role to play. Your past poses no opposition to God, He will change you and use you for His glory. Everyone of us, without exception, have a role to play in the Kingdom of God. And when we honour our role the entitlements come. We want the titles, the rewards and the control but not the responsibilities. We need to take responsibility but relinquish control to God. Abraham had to leave everything and everyone, his family and his inheritance. And let God lead him. If we want a crop we need to follow God's **R.adical** instructions. We live by faith not sight so don't expect God's instructions to fit in with the world. The promises of God are obtainable. **Eph. 3:20** With God all things are possible **Matt. 19:26**. So we look at the way things are and as bad as they may seem, we can say, "But God..." Regardless of the C.onditions if we follow God's R.adical instructions, His promises are **O.btainable** and will **P.roduce** a Crop. It has to be His conditions. Leave the crossing of fingers to the unbeliever and superstitious. That is not our stance. **2 Tim 1:12; Rom 8:28**. As born again believers *WE KNOW!*