

# Theme: “Transformed for Kingdom Impact



**Matthew 16:18-19**

- This weekend we are celebrating 34 years of Ministry. God has been good and so faithful to His Word and promises.
- We thank God for our Bishop Michael Thomas and his family. God gave him the vision of Love and Faith in 1981, in San Antonio, Texas. He started Love and Faith in 1991, he and his family (Michelle and Melody).
- I truly believe that 2025 is going to be an exciting year here at Love and Faith. I believe God is going to use us to impact the world around us for the Kingdom of God.
- I believe the Spirit of God has stirred our hearts and has awakened in us a greater awareness of His power, presence, purpose and grace.
- Failure is not an option for your life.
- This is Your Bounce Back Year!!
- We are pressing ahead! Faithfully pursuing after Jesus Christ and resting in the promises of His Word. (Philippians 3:12-14)
- The word “press” means to follow after, run toward, to lean upon and constant pursuit of.
- God is writing His story in and through our lives. There will be challenges, but God is not finished with me yet.
- Salvation is the beginning of what Jesus Christ has started in your life and not the end. (Philippians 1:6, 2 Corinthians 3:18)
- Focus on Jesus Christ’s mission and message – not messy people or problems! (Hebrews 12:1-2)
- Singular focus – “To mature, develop and grow intimately in our relationship with Jesus Christ through His Word and prayer.”
- Letting go of anything or anyone who will attempt to stand, hinder, mislead, misguide or cause me to stumble and lose focus upon Jesus Christ. (Luke 9:62)
- Stay humble and hungry for Jesus Christ. (Matthew 4:4, 5:6)
- Purpose deeply in your spirit, heart and mind – “That were He leads, you will follow!” (John 16:13-15)
- Purpose deeply in your spirit, heart and mind – “To keep growing in the grace and saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:18)
- Stay an active witness for Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8)

- Fulfill Christ's mission – "To seek and save that which is lost. Go into the highways and byways and compel men to come." (Luke 19:10, 14:23)
- Share Jesus Christ's message with others – The gospel the good news about Jesus Christ dead, burial and resurrection. (Romans 10:9-10, 13, 1:16)
- Purpose: to make us aware of God's ability to impact and influence the whole earth through Kingdom giving.
- Goal: to allow the Word of God to reshape our thinking, living and giving in order for God's Kingdom purposes to be fulfilled in the earth.
- Spiritual Principles: Stewardship, Sow and Reaping, Obedience, Authority
- Objective: 1) Kingdom Giving, 2) The Impact of Kingdom Giving, 3) The Joy of Kingdom Giving, 4) The Lifestyle of Kingdom Giving
- The Kingdom of God is much greater than the kingdoms of this world. The Body of Christ is much bigger than our denominations, and our individual selves. (Ephesians 4:4-7, 11-16)

1. Let's remain strong together in the power of His might. (Zechariah 4:6)

2. The believer source and strength come for having a close and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:15-23, 6:10-13, Isaiah 40:29-31)

- We must remain united together and not divided. (Matthew 12:25)
- There's one Vision for the house of Love and Faith – "To equip the people of God for the work of ministry."
- We are One church in Two location. Not two separate churches with two separate visions.
- We must grow together and build each other up. (1Thessalonians 5:9-12)
- We must pray and fast together. (Matthew 18:18-20)
- We must serve together in love. (Matthew 20:26-28, Galatians 5:13-14)
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3. We are Love and Faith and not love and hate.

- Be humble and not prideful.
- Be a blessing and not a burden.
- Be a builder and not a destroyer of lives.
- Be a giver and not a taker.

4. We will have our differences and our share of disagreements, but that's alright.

- Our differences and disagreements should never come at the expense of dividing us, destroying us, and distracting us from impacting our world through Jesus Christ.

5. This is God's House. You do not belong to Bishop Thomas, John Goins, or any of our Associate Pastors. "You belong to God." God deserves all the glory and honor!

- What is the Biblical definition for the (3) three words found in our Theme?

1. The word "Transformed" means – changed, converted, fashioned, rearranged, graciously improved upon, spiritually mature, fit and developed.

2. The word "Kingdom" means – rule, reign, and authority of God.

3. The word "Impact" means – effect or influence of one person, thing or action upon another. It also means collision, violent shock, or force between two or more things.

- What is Kingdom giving? (Malachi 3:8-12, Matthew 23:23)

1. When the Kingdom citizens give according to the rules and regulations of the King - "Jesus Christ."

2. Every kingdom operates by principles, systems, and laws.

3. God is given has given us His Kingdom system called tithes and offerings. It applies to everyone who is under His authority, rule and reign.

4. The Kingdom citizen is protected when their lives as a steward is in proper alignment with the authority of God's divine Word.

- The Spiritual Principle of Authority: God's plan to protect my life.
  - The Highest authority for every believer is the Word of God.
  - The believer (Kingdom citizen) must remain under the authority and influence of God and His divine Word.
  - Failure to remain under the direct authority and influence of God and His Word will place the believer (Kingdom citizen) in direct violation of God's perfect will and plan for their lives.
5. Kingdom giving as a steward of God is about utilizing our life, gifts, talents, financial resources, and our time for God's Kingdom purposes.

○ The Impact of Kingdom Giving - (Malachi 3:8-10)

1. The Mission work of Jesus Christ is supported locally, nationally and internationally.
2. The Gospel message of Jesus Christ is spread throughout the entire world.
3. The House of God is resourceful. (Matthew 21:10-14)
  - To take care of the house of God.
  - To help the people of God in need.
  - To equip the people of God.
  - Safe place where the lost can be saved and the newborn can be disciplined.
  - A place of prayer.
  - A place where Jesus Christ is worshipped and lifted up! (John 12:32)

○ What is does stewardship mean? (Genesis 1:26-28)

- It means the right to care for the property of another.
- Another word for "dominion" is stewardship, manager or administrator over.
- God is the Owner, "I'm just the manager."
- God gave mankind dominion or stewardship over everything that He created. (Psalm 8:4-9)
- God gave us stewardship to teach us to honor Him and to teach us responsibility. (Psalm 24:1-2, 100:1-5, Deuteronomy 8:18)