

## **2 Corinthians 4:7**

**But we have this treasure in clay jars,  
so that it may be made clear that this  
extraordinary power belongs to God  
and does not come from us.**



**Not by Power – Not by Might**

# **This Really Works**

**Think for a minute about how Jesus  
interacted with his disciples.**

**He said.....Follow me,**

**Jesus gave them power and authority  
over all demons and to cure diseases,  
and he sent them out to proclaim the  
kingdom of God, and to heal.**

**He set them free to use their intelligence, creativity, and passion to make it happen in any way that made sense in their context.**

**The whole story of Jesus and his disciples is one of empowerment and freedom.**

**After Jesus told them that they had  
the “power and authority”**

**He said,**

**You do it!**

**You confess!**

**Take up your cross every day**

**Get ready for my departure**

**Your hands are my hands**



# **Under the Umbrella**

**Purpose Statement**  
**Guiding Principles**  
**Strategic Directions**

# Purpose

**Jesus knew why He was here:**

**“Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came to do.” [Mark 1:38]**



**“I have come to call not the righteous  
but sinners.” [Mark 2:17 B]**

**I have come as light into the world, so  
that everyone who believes in me  
should not remain in the darkness.”  
[John 12:46]**

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me**

**Because he has anointed me to bring  
good news to the poor. He has sent  
me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind, to  
let the oppressed go free, and to  
proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.**

**The Spirit is given to us**

**Guiding principles are at the center of this ministry, just like our core values.**

**They are visible in our actions, and they are in the words we use.**

**For Peter, what really mattered  
was following the Spirit.**

**The followers of Jesus had  
a new Guiding Principle:**

**“Do what seems right to us, and to  
the Holy Spirit” [Acts 15:28]**

# **St. John's Core Values**

**Authentic Worship**

**Intentional Relationships**

**Sacrificial Service**

**Radical Generosity**

# **Strategic Directions**

**Very different from a future goal  
you hope to achieve.**

**They point you in a particular direction so  
that you know where to focus  
and what to do right now.**

**Example: feed those who are hungry**

# **Jesus' Strategic Direction**

**Jesus said,**

**“Go be my witnesses in Jerusalem;  
in Judea and Samaria;  
to the ends of the Earth.**