

I WILL BE TRUE TO CHRIST...

This means not only pursuing a committed life of holiness as I follow Him, but making every effort to be who I was created to be.

1. PRAYER:

I will work toward the cultivation of continual prayer, practicing the presence of God in daily life.

- *Daily Personal Prayer:* I will seek to meet with God in daily, scheduled prayer.
 - (Usually mornings)
 - Journaling
 - Bible Reading
 - Meditation on Scripture and other literature
 - Prayer response to reading
 - Praying with the kids at bed time.
 - Praying for the church.

Aspirations:

- Begin day at office in prayer room.
 - Pray with Monica more frequently.
 - Prayer walk the church neighborhood.
- *Community Prayer:* I will seek to gather regularly with other believers to pray.
 - Alliance Bible Church – Tues 4 pm, Sun 9 am; 24-7 Prayer 2+/year
 - PrayerPDX meeting – Thurs am
 - PastorPDX – Last Thurs am
 - OMS Third Watch (M-Fr)
 - Prioritizing prayer as I gather with other believers
 - *Silence & Solitude:*
 - Personal retreat monthly
 - Monthly Pastor's retreat @ Mt Angel Abbey
 - Week-long retreat annually
 - Annual Alliance Pastor's Retreat

2. CREATIVITY:

I am committed to exploring how God has gifted me with creativity and exploring how to express this God-given creativity in my daily living.

- Sermons: producing sermons that glorify God and move people to act
- Establishing ARISE Culture/Future; Graphics
- Music: playing piano, guitar

- Prayer Room Art!
- Curricula: creating classes
- iHeartIndia and other entities.
- Community: Create community where people can belong and grow.
- Publish something annually.

Aspirations:

- Relaunch MorePrayer Podcast: taking ownership of the production.
- Writing: academic article (annually); work on book;
- Relaunch blogging as a story-lens-cultivation tool

I WILL BE KIND TO PEOPLE...

This means learning to “love my enemy”, choosing to forgive, moving in love toward those who have hurt me, and (where possible) pursuing reconciliation so there is no unnecessary relational barrier in my life.

3. HOSPITALITY & PILGRIMAGE:

I desire to cultivate a countenance of hospitality, not merely to have an open space in my home. I want to be, like Christ, someone who welcomes all who will come, creating safe space where they can simply *be*.

- Home: regularly hosting meals, and allowing our home to become a community hub. (one “new” family each week)
- Heart: I desire to be a person of hospitality, creating space in my heart to “host” others.
- Pilgrimage: I will seek to visit ONE pilgrimage site annually, preferably with company!
- Unity: I will work to be an agent of unity in my city, building relationships with other pastors and leaders.
- Audience: I will be aware of WHO I spend time with, and seek to be hospitable with a diversity of people (not just eg. Leaders).

Aspirations:

- Work on remaining house projects with “the other” in mind.

4. JUSTICE:

I am committed to being an agent of justice in the world, actively engaging with the poor and oppressed.

- iHeartIndia: ministering to India’s most impoverished.
- Church: leading the church outward in engaging the needs of the local community, including prioritizing using buildings to meet justice needs.
- Listen: I will prioritize opportunities to listen to, read, and learn from those in marginalized demographics and those who are “other” than me.

- Reading: ensure the books/resources I am reading/recommending come from a diverse authorship. Prioritize books from non-white authors.
- Theology in the Raw Conference.
- Befriend and understand perspective of neighbors (eg. Leif)
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Aspirations:

- MacLaren: get recertified and take some of the YAs to love the youth.
- Befriend and understand perspective of neighbor (Leif)
- Education: learn more intentionally about justice, and NOT ALONE.

I WILL TAKE THE GOSPEL TO THE NATIONS...

This means I will prioritize intentional engagement with those who do not share my Christian faith, both locally and globally.

5. MISSION:

I am committed to taking my private experience of God out into the world around me to introduce others to the same Hope.

- ALMA: Pastor's conferences in March 2023 (?)
- MITS: Teaching in July/September (2022/23)
- Local: Ministering to neighbors, school people.
- Portland Metro Network: Church planting locally
- Faithful Presence: consistent regular presence in places that allow relationships to form "the Sacrament of Evangelism".
- BRT with non-believers.
- Restablishing overseas mission partnerships with our church

Aspiration:

- Seek to become bolder and more proficient at sharing the gospel with those around me.

6. LEARNING:

I am committed to growing and deepening my own relationship to God.

- Spiritual Direction: Meeting monthly with Jim Jackson.
- Reading: Continuing to read regularly and widely.
- Teach: I will endeavor to bring new and fresh ideas to what I teach, rather than merely regurgitate old content.
- Courses: Attend courses, retreats, workshops, that will expand my knowledge and experience.

Aspiration:

- Pursue formal spiritual direction certification?

7. RELATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY & MUTUAL SUBMISSION

I seek to cultivate relationships of mutuality in relationship and submission

- Spiritual Direction: Meeting monthly with Jim Jackson.
- Cymbrogi: Roberto, Keith, Sean, John, Brad, Billy, Drake, Renee, Mark.
- My team: cultivating this in the leadership of Arise.
- Practice regular and historic voluntary self-disclosure.

8. RHYTHMS OF PRAYER, WORK, STUDY, AND REST.

- Regularly tithing to my local church and to mission agencies
- Regularly supporting individual missionaries
- Vacations with the family, with work “switched off.”
- Scheduling “fun” activities with the family.
- Getting enough sleep.
- Trying things I’m not good at.
- Swim 3-4x/week

9. SUPPORT & OVERSIGHT.

I am committed to offering strong initial support and oversight to new novices and members, leading prayer watches, sponsoring candidates, and leading cohorts.

- Serve on the OMS Watch Team
- Coordinate & Participate in Third Watch
- Lead OMS Cohort

Aspiration:

- OMS Cohort at Arise.

10. OTHER.