## making a difference



"Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD. That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.



"But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." Jer. 17

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The Measure of a Healthy Church



This is God's Word for my life in this Place and at this Time. Today I am a new creation in Christ, I am God's very own, and I <u>KNOW</u> He has a purpose for my life.

### Are you a Cynic?

#### To Sow or to Save?

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge

God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1

Saints are STRIVING not SATISFIED "Saints are sinners who kept on going." Robert Louis Stevenson

Saints are <u>HOPEFUL</u> not <u>HOPELESS</u> "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." Dr. Seuss

Saints are <u>Generous</u> not <u>Guarded</u> "Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare to think." — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"A Gloomy Christian is a Contradiction" share **laughter, music, smile** 

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"A Lonely Christian is tragic"
share presence, invitation, letter, ear

"A Hopeless Christian is distracted" Share Story, Bible, prayer, serving

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"The incomplete joys of this world will never satisfy the Human Heart."

Alexis de Tocqueville

### BEYOND CYNICISM