



Shofar Christian Church

# LIFE I PART 4

## GODS PEOPLE WALKING TOGETHER IN UNITY

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# King Family Background





# Testimony

God's promises fulfilled through a community of faith.

- Manifestation of Zoe Life in our relationships
- God might use you as the solution to someone's problem.
- There is a blessing in walking together in unity for God's people.

# The Zoe Life of God in the body of Christ.

## Psalms 133

- <sup>1</sup> How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity!
- <sup>2</sup> It is like precious oil poured on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
running down on Aaron's beard,  
down on the collar of his robe.
- <sup>3</sup> It is as if the dew of Hermon  
were falling on Mount Zion.  
For there the LORD bestows his blessing,  
even life forevermore.

## Ephesians 4:11-16 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

# Keys to experience the Zoe Life of God in our church community

**3.1.1 When you impart your God given gift in this Church community all of us are build up in Jesus and it also establishes unity amongst each other.**

**3.1.2 Example Men's Monday – Retief and Steven felt that the men in our MM group should pray for our wives and children.**

- Retief shared some truths around how we can encourage our wives and keep our hearts soft in difficult situations.
- Steven shared a vision where he saw the men pull out wheats in prayer in our relationships with our wives and children.
- Petri shared how God gave him wisdom in specific areas and how to impart that into his children and his family.

### 3.1.3 How did their obedience, vulnerability and transparency impact the lives of the Men in the Group that night?

- It made us feel that we are not alone and that we fighting the good fight of faith together.
- God changed our perspective and gave us new Godly vision for our wives and how we can love and support them.
- God showed me that Laetitia is His daughter and that He wants me to treat her like the daughter of a King. I had to repent in the areas where I wasn't doing that and I had to allow God to adjust my focus and bring it in line with the way He sees my wife.

### 3.1.4 Question – What does it require to walk in unity with one another?



## 3.2 Humility

### Philippians 2:1-4 New International Version (NIV)

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.



### 3.2.1 What does it mean to walk in humility with each other? ( Example: Chris)

- It means that Chris's needs, interests and desires is more important to me than my own needs and desires.
- When I hang out with Chris I make it my main focus to talk and think about what is important to Chris.
- When Chris and I pray together my main focus is to pray for the things that is important to Chris.
- Obviously we are going to talk about my needs and what is important in my life as well, but when I walk in humility I place his interest above my own.

# I believe humility is a key for us to experience Gods favor in our relationships.

- God says in Ps 133 – Behold, how good and how pleasant it is, For brethren to dwell together in unity.
- The Word brethren means – Fellowman, countryman or companion.
- Example – 2 weeks ago I was at a seminar of company that specializes in commercial property in the UK. And while I was listening to the presentation I felt God said to me you will be able to help this guy to build his business in Africa with your skill set.
- I went to introduce myself to him afterwards and explained what I am currently doing and how I believe I can help him with my connections and skills to grow his business in SA and Africa.

- I focused on how I could help him to solve his current problems and grow his business.
- After the conversation he said he will be very interested to meet with me and we met later that week.
- In our meeting I could really sense the favour and grace of God.
- God wants to make you the solution to someone's problem.
- Kris Vallotton from Bethel testimony about basketball membership.

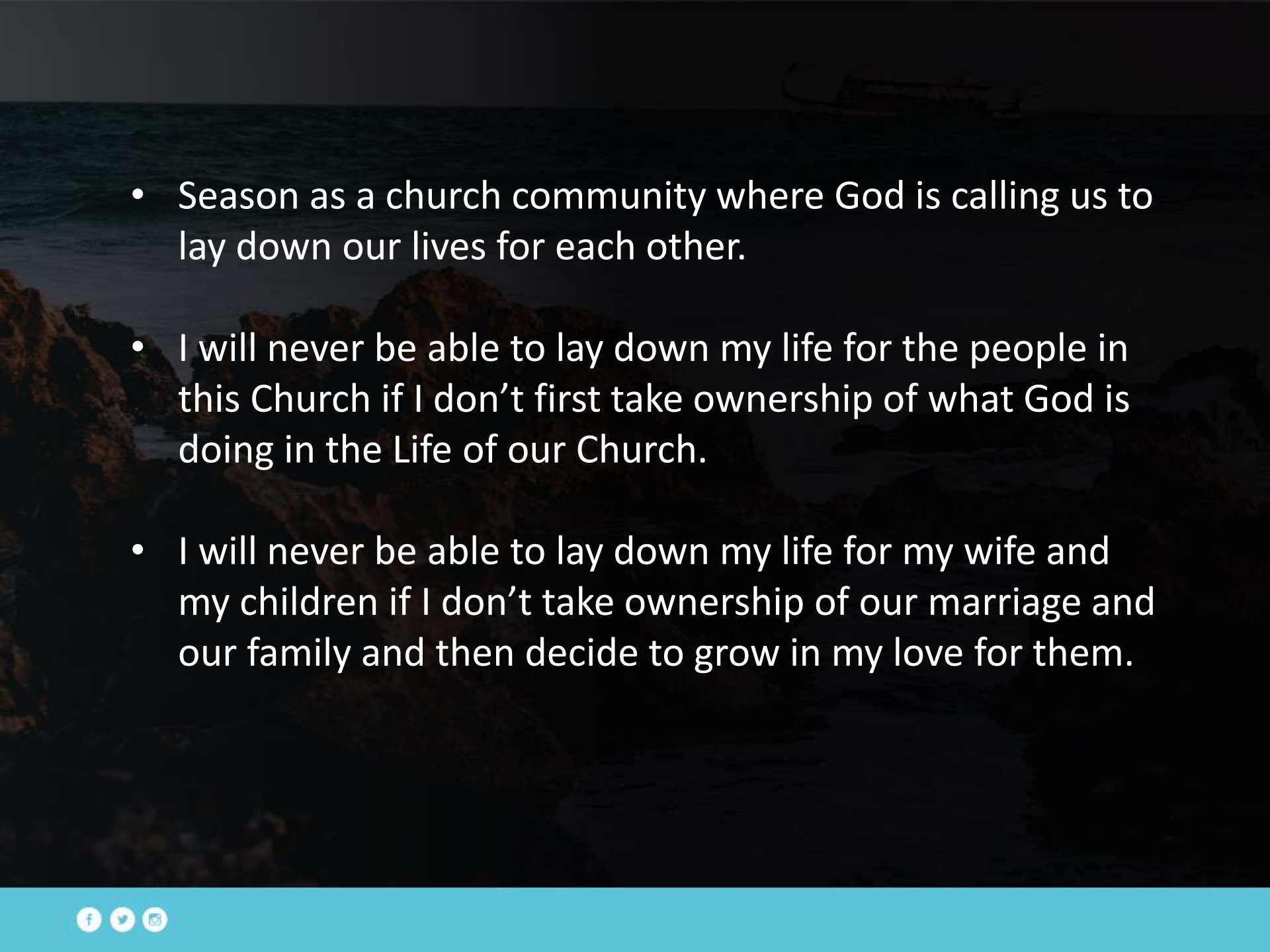
# Ownership

## Proverbs 11:14-15 Amplified Bible (AMP)

Where there is no [wise, intelligent] guidance, the people fall [and go off course like a ship without a helm], But in the abundance of [wise and godly] counselors there is victory.

- Pat Summit was a very successful woman's basketball coach she said – "Responsibility equals accountability equals ownership. And a sense of ownership is the most powerful weapon a team or organization can have."
- Jesus said in Matt 16: 25 – For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it.
- If you want to experience the Zoe Life of God in your relationships with people you are going to have to be willing to take ownership of those relationships and also be accountable to the people you have a relationship with.

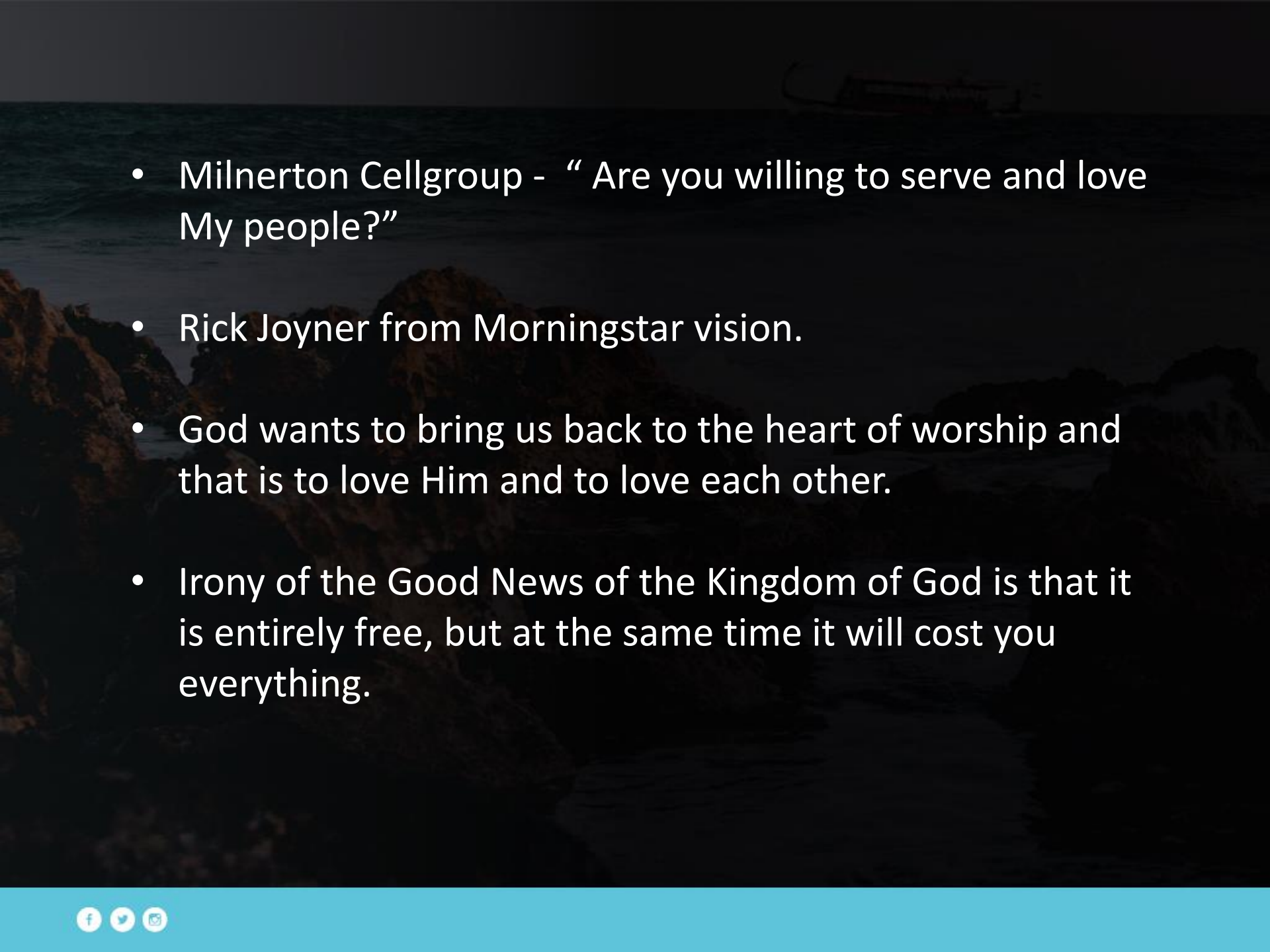



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- Season as a church community where God is calling us to lay down our lives for each other.
  - I will never be able to lay down my life for the people in this Church if I don't first take ownership of what God is doing in the Life of our Church.
  - I will never be able to lay down my life for my wife and my children if I don't take ownership of our marriage and our family and then decide to grow in my love for them.

# Love

## John 15: 12-13

This is My commandment: that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

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- Milnerton Cellgroup - “ Are you willing to serve and love My people?”
  - Rick Joyner from Morningstar vision.
  - God wants to bring us back to the heart of worship and that is to love Him and to love each other.
  - Irony of the Good News of the Kingdom of God is that it is entirely free, but at the same time it will cost you everything.



# PRAYER TIME LIFE