

Recalibrate 3

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Recalibrate your church life. Don't miss the mark!

Are you a thermometer or a thermostat?

- Thermometer: Tells you the temperature, but does nothing to change it.
- Thermostat: Set the mark and it brings the room to that temperature.

The church and the family are the only two institutions that God has placed His eternal approval upon. These are the two primary places the Word of God is delivered into our lives.

Jesus is the only hope of the world. As a result, his body—the church—is the only hope of the world.

Until you find your place in the body of Christ, you are living your life like a bone out of joint.

Ephesians 2:19-22 – Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household,²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.²¹ in Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.²² and in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his spirit.

We are members one of another.

When we build our lives intertwined with the Body of Christ, we experience the manifold grace of God.

You are not designed to grow outside of the Body.

Your relationship with God and your mission in life are directly tied to your church life. If your church life doesn't flourish, the other two won't either.

Your church life is designed to facilitate the mission of Jesus.

Whom the Son sets free is free indeed.

Every step toward God is a step toward freedom.

The church is designed by God to facilitate the input of God's Word into your daily life!

Psalm 119:9-11 – How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. ¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

God's Word is the greatest agent from which to recalibrate our lives!

Feeding upon God's Word must have the deepest priority in my life. Through it, God supernaturally does the following things in my life:

- Washes Me and Makes Me Holy
 - **Ephesians 5:26** – To make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word.
- Feeds Me
 - **I Peter 2:2** – Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.
- Directs Me
 - **Psalm 119:105** – Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
- Prevails for Me
 - **Acts 19:20** – So mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed.
- Sanctifies or Sets Me Apart
 - **John 17:17** – Sanctify them through your truth; your word is truth.
- Grows Me
 - **I Peter 2:2** – Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.
- Is My Weapon
 - **Ephesians 6:17** – Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God.
- Saves My Polluted Mind
 - **James 1:21** – Receive the engrafted word which is able to save your soul.
- Heals and Delivers Me
 - **Psalm 107:20** – He sent his word and healed them and delivered them from all their destructions.
- Brings Faith to Me
 - **Romans 10:17** – So then, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.
- Is My Hope
 - **Psalm 119:114** – . . . I hope in your word.
- Is My Daily Bread
 - **Matthew 4:4** – Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
- Causes Me to Be Born Again
 - **I Peter 1:23** – For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

- Builds Me Up and Gives Me An Inheritance
 - **Acts 20:32** – And now brothers, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among them which are sanctified.

Make coming to church first.

One-Year Challenge:

- Put God's Word in your heart daily.
- Come to church every Sunday and First Wednesday.
- Go through Growth Track.
- Join or lead a small group.
- Serve on the Dream Team.

I guarantee your life will be unrecognizable.