

Why This Guide? A Pastor's View

I believe no one in this generation will disagree with the statement: “Something is broken in the Church and in the home.” It is no coincidence these two institutions are simultaneously broken, for the Church is simply a collection of homes. However, from ashes and rubble God is always rebuilding His Church. He is setting apart men and women for such a Kingdom-building purpose. “And they shall *rebuild* the old ruins, they shall *raise up* the former desolations, and they shall *repair* the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations” (Isaiah 61:4).

I believe Eric Wallace is one man God has subcontracted for this rebuilding project of the Church and home.

The guide you hold in your hands is not another “philosophy of ministry.” It is not the next wave of church growth or church health. This is a biblical vision that emerges from God’s heart for relationships: heart-level, Spirit-filled relationships (Ephesians 4:15–16).

If we truly have been created for God’s glory, then why does it seem that an invisible sign hangs above the doors of most churches and homes: ICHABOD (the glory has departed). Yes, we all fall short of the glory of God. However, it seems as though God’s glory has fallen off the face of the Church. We live in a time when the morals, values and beliefs of the Church virtually mirror those of the world.

Jesus Christ was crystal clear in the mission He has called us to: “Make disciples.” If this is our mission, are we accomplishing it? Not according to every statistical survey I have read of the current state of the church and the home.

If you care about God’s glory and the mission He has called us to, read this guide. Ask questions. Pray with others for God’s heart to be revealed. Follow the biblical roadmap in this guide. Lead others to follow this roadmap. And the heart of God will be lived through you, His Church will be repaired and rebuilt, and the invisible sign will be removed.

For the return of the King and His Glory,
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**“Lift up your heads,
 O you gates!
 And be lifted up,
 you everlasting
 doors!
 And the King of
 glory shall come in.
 Who is this
 King of glory?
 The Lord strong
 and mighty,
 The Lord mighty
 in battle.”**

—Psalm 24:7-8