

I Promise . . .

_____ . . . **to use the Bible as my ultimate standard of truth.** It is God's word and is more accurate than my opinions, feelings, passions and perspectives.

- *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

_____ . . . **to practice the spiritual disciplines** so that Christ becomes strengthened in me. This includes but is not limited to Bible reading, prayer, tithing, fasting, solitude, etc.

- *Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. (1 Corinthians 9:25)*

_____ . . . **to receive truth** spoken to me by others. Regardless of how the message is delivered I will remember that the information is being given to help and strengthen the mission of our community and me. I will give the benefit of the doubt to the person delivering the difficult information to me.

- *As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. (Proverbs 27:17)*

_____ . . . **to pursue personal holiness** and purity in my life. That which is honorable I will strive for. That which is dishonorable I will strive to stamp out.

- *As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.*

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (1 Peter 1:14-16)

_____ . . . **to go directly to the person** I have a concern with prior to enlisting support from other people. If after the initial difficult conversation, I still don't feel right, I will ask someone who might feel the same way if they will go with me to resume the difficult conversation. If after that interaction I haven't been satisfied then I will find a person in a position of leadership of the church and seek their guidance.

- *If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you . . . But if he will not listen, take one or two others along . . . If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church . . . (Matthew 18:15-17)*

_____ . . . **to trust those in authority** over me. Even when a decision is made that I don't understand I will remember that I don't have all the information nor the responsibility and insight that God gives those in leadership. I will commit to not being a burden to authorities in the church so that their job will be a joy. When this happens I will be blessed.

- *Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. (Hebrews 13:17)*

_____ . . . **to follow-through on my commitments.** I realize that when I don't do what I said I would do I dishonor God and those I'm in community with. Unfulfilled commitments put an additional burden on others that they shouldn't bear. I commit to follow through on "I Promise."

- *Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No' . . . (Matthew 5:37)*

_____ . . . **to reach new people.** I'll do anything short of sin to reach my friends, help other people reach their friends and grow Crossroads as large and impactful as possible. This is a task that will take creativity, flexibility, and resiliency.

- Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present

everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.
(Colossians 1:28-29)

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