



fairwaybaptistchurch

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The Fairway Mission – Ephesians 2:1-10

For a vision to ever become more than something for tomorrow, it must be made practical and put into **action**.

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“used to *live*” – to walk about, literally your **whole** manner of life

The ways of this world belong to our **enemy**, Satan.

*We have got to be aware of and be careful about how much of this world’s ways we allow into our **minds** and **lives**.*

“following its desires” – **doing** what it **demands**

*Man apart from Christ is altogether at the mercy of the tyrant of **self** and its rash impulses.*

Our status is not a matter of comparison, it is a matter of **Lordship**. It is a matter of being dead or being **alive**.

God never has and never will **owe** us anything. He saved us because of Who **He** is—not because of who we are.

God saved you to show the world that His **grace** is deep enough and awesome enough and powerful enough to save even you.

“do” – same as verse 2 – to walk about, your whole manner of **life**

Being saved is **intended** to produce the good works that attest to its reality. Works play no part at all in securing our salvation. But afterward, Christians **prove** their faith by their works.

Gods vision of showing the riches of His grace through us means we must live in the **works** He has planned for us to do.

Until we understand that the vision means **my life** has to make an impact, the vision will never come to be.

FAIRWAY MISSION

4 things we are committed to in order to bring our vision of “Moving people to **LIFE** in Christ one step at a time together” into reality

1) Invest in people **like you**.

We will never grow to have more people or touch more people like you unless you bring them.

2) Invest in **military** ministry to build military missionaries.

*As we love, encourage, teach and train our military families, we can send them out as **missionaries** to take the vision wherever God takes them.*

3) Invest in the next **generation**.

We must see our nursery, kids, and youth ministries as well as the kids and students in them as worthy of our very best.

4) Invest in opportunities to **serve**.

*If everyone else at Fairway served, gave, worshipped, and participated the way I do, would Fairway be **better** or **worse** off?*

A **holy** life is God proof to a dead and dying world that His Kingdom really exists and that life in Christ is far more **satisfying** than anything this world has to offer.

Each of us is responsible for leveraging our relational **influence** for the glory of God every day.

- What are you praying for God to do in you this year?
- What are you praying for God to do through you this year?
- What are you **purposefully** doing to see those things accomplished and to make sure you are further along in this life in Christ than you are right now next year?