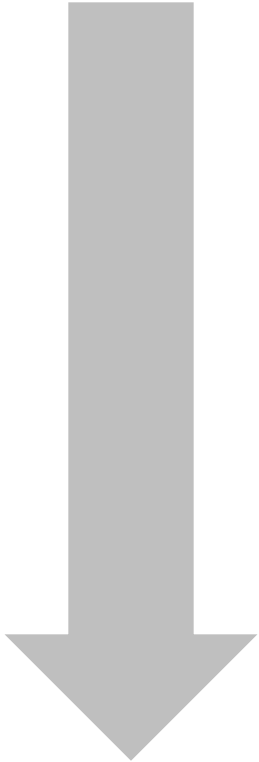




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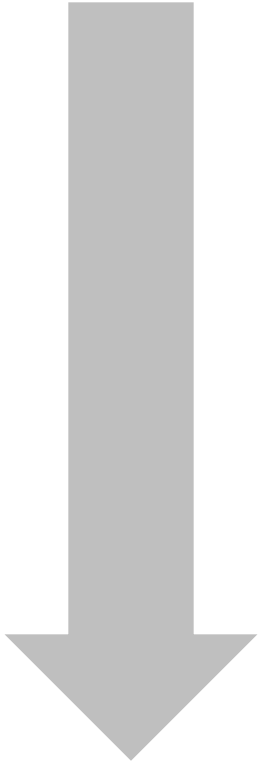


“ Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell will not overcome it.”

Matthew 16:18

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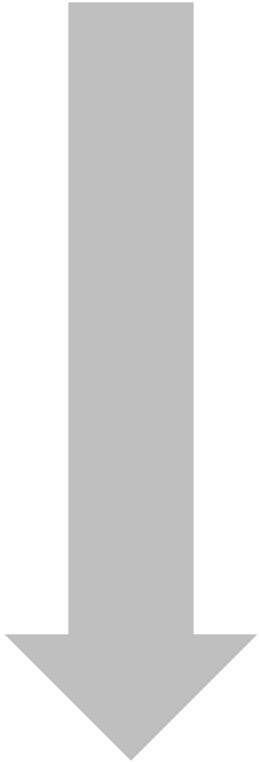


“ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,”

Ephesians 4:11-12

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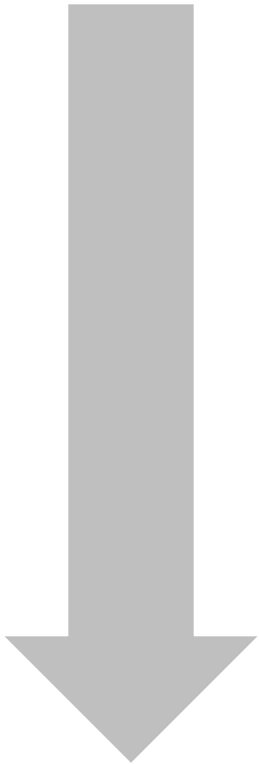


“ to prepare God’s people  
for works of service, so that  
the body of Christ may be  
built up,”

Ephesians 4:11-12

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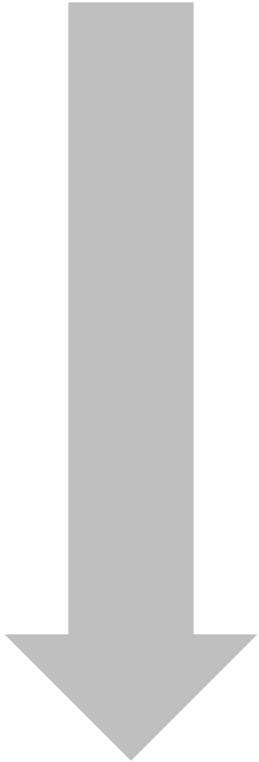


“Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.”

1 Cor 14:1,3,12

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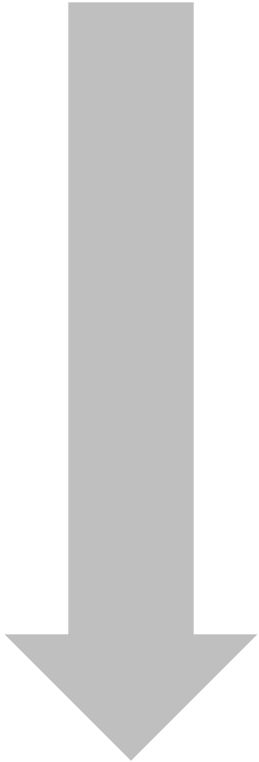


“...everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement, and comfort.”

1 Cor 14:1,3,12

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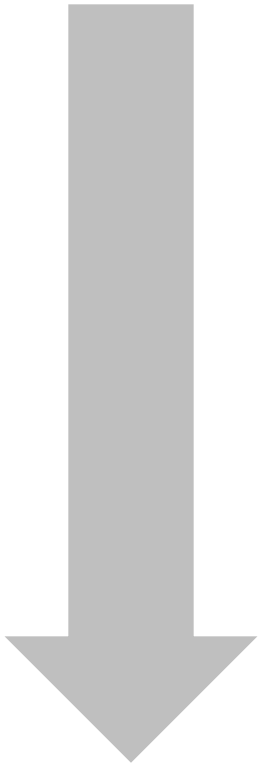


“...So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.”

1 Cor 14:1,3,12

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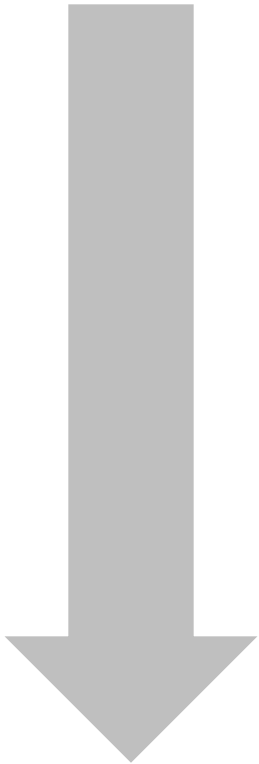


The Church continues the  
MISSION of God which was  
begun before Creation and  
is fulfilled in Jesus – it needs  
to stay on task

MAIN IDEA

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OT Prophets

Preached law

Spoke of judgement

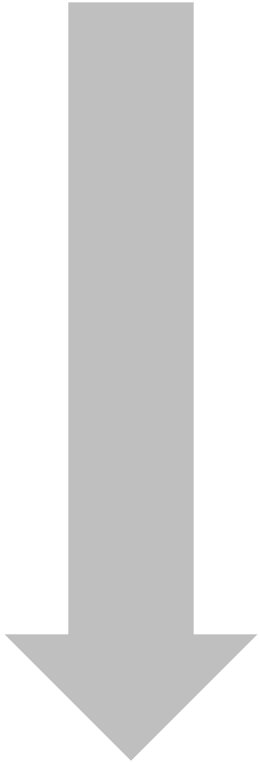
Spoke of covenant

John Baptist

GENERAL INFO

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Prophets FORETELL  
Prophets FORTHTELL  
Mainly TO the Church

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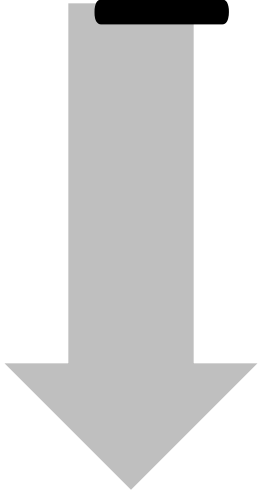
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# RETURN/REPENT

“strengthening”

1



“ From that time on Jesus began to preach, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.’”



Matthew 3:17

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# RETURN/REPENT

“strengthening”

1

Repent from sin

Repent from self

Repent from self-righteousness

in the light of God’s mercy  
and grace

Matthew 3:17

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# BELIEVE – “encouragement”

“About Jesus of Nazareth,...he was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people...He said to them, ‘How foolish you are and slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!’”

Luke 24:19-27

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# BELIEVE — “encouragement”

## 2

What the Cross says about God  
What the Apostles say about Jesus  
What Jesus says about the church

Luke 24:19-27

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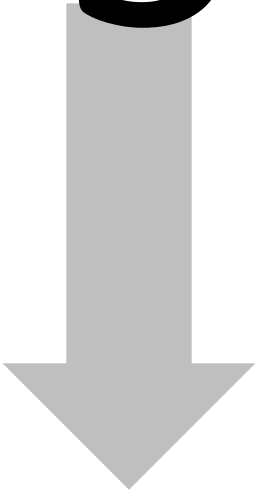
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# STAY FAITHFUL - comfort

3



“ Be faithful , even to the point of death and I will give you the crown of life.”

Revelation 2:10

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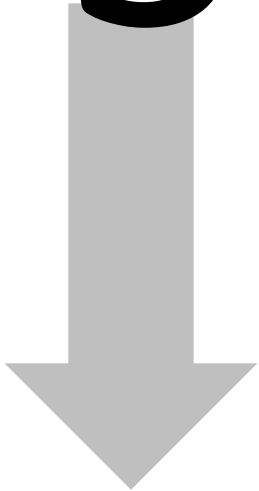




# STAY FAITHFUL - comfort

# 3

...to the simplicity of the Gospel  
...to Jesus as the Bridegroom  
...to the ethics of the kingdom



Revelation 2:10

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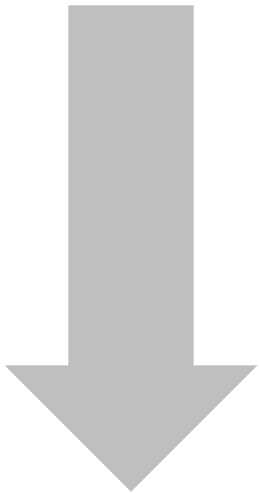
# CONCLUSION

Let's get back to the essence of  
being Prophetic

REPENT/RETURN

BELIEVE

STAY FAITHFUL



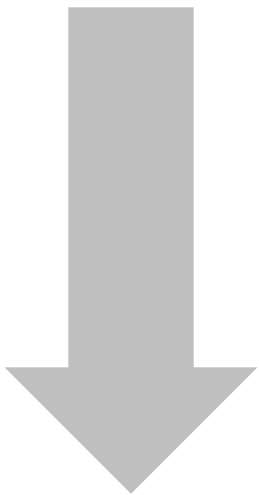
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# CONCLUSION

“ I wish that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!”  
(Num 11:29)



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