## AWomb With a View



# If I could perform well under pressure, I could...

### Confidence > Pressure



# Confidence ensures stability under pressure.

# Our solution to better performance under pressure

### Work Harder



Matthew 7: 21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

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The Pathway Do Life Together (having the wisdom to build your house on the rock with others doing the same)

### The Pathway

Worship Together Regularly (true worship in spirit and truth is an inward experience done in the presence of fellow followers of Christ)

The Pathway Enjoy God's Presence (the struggle of spiritual disciples is what makes them exceptional)

## The Pathway Give Generously (we never regret the money we give away)

The Pathway Share Your Story (sharing our story so that others can switch theirs) Be Hospitable. Claim Everything as yours Listen Notice other's Pain

### The Pathway Serve Others (getting our hands dirty as we seek to redeem a lost humanity)



## The Pathway Live Differently



John 3: Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." 3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

John 3: 4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" John 3: 5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. John 3: 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

# Unless the Spirit does something supernatura

### we remain spiritually lifeless.

# We tend to believe new birth is something we do.

# Being born again is not something we accomplish.

New birth is and always will be the work of the Spirit.

John 6: 44 "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them... Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me.

# The key to 'living differently' has always been our willingness to surrender to God.

Proverbs 3: 5–6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Matthew 16: 25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Genesis 22: Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. 2 Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

### Genesis 22: 3 Early the next morning



Genesis 22: 3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac.

# The only times Abraham got into trouble

# were the times he failed to surrender his will to God's.



Your Resources (possessions, experiences, and future)



Acts 16: 15 When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

What belongs to God (His love, grace, mercy, and acceptance)



### Philippians 2: 13 It is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Your Will



Matthew 6: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Luke 22: 42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

Your Sins



2 Corinthians 5: 21 God made him who had no sin to be sinfor us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Corinthians 6: 19b You are not your own;20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

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