

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

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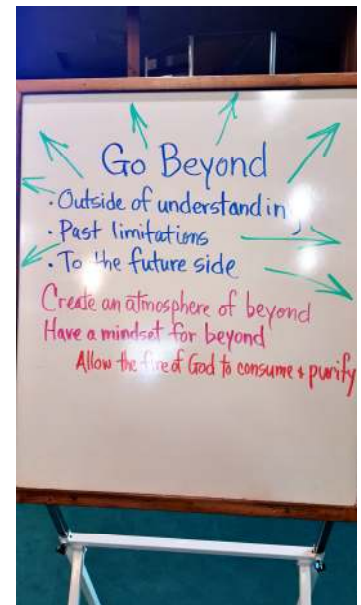
To **"GO BEYOND"** is to go into a place that you have not been before. To go beyond breaks the limitations of the last season and the NOW. It is outside of your experience and history. It is time to go beyond our last success and beyond our last challenge. It is a place of stretching and expansion. There are new definitions, new expectations and new language. Strength, courage and boldness are needed. It is breaking into a new identity not yet known or understood or available before. It is going "deeper still".

### Hebrews 11.23-30

<sup>23</sup> **By faith** Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because **they saw he was a beautiful [no ordinary] child**; and they were **not afraid** of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup> **By faith** Moses, when he had grown up, **refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter**, <sup>25</sup> choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, <sup>26</sup> considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for **he was looking to the reward**. <sup>27</sup> **By faith he left Egypt, not fearing** the wrath of the king; for **he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen**. <sup>28</sup> **By faith** he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them. <sup>29</sup> **By faith** they passed through the Red Sea as though *they were passing* through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.

<sup>30</sup> **By faith** the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

- Faith is essential to go beyond.
- Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen – it is connecting with the invisible, what has not been yet formed in the natural realm.
- The substance of faith is the essence or fundamental quality of being real.
- Faith and hope are connected. Faith and hope is a vehicle that takes us beyond current limitations and experience. If we become disconnected from faith and hope we become stuck where we are and left in the past.
- Faith and hope connect us to the future so that we can go beyond where we are.
- As God calls us deeper still into a place beyond where we have been and beyond what we are familiar with.
- Faith and hope ignite passion and desire that propel us forward and keep us from returning to the old form and substance of a past season that seeks to keep us locked in a false identity.



### 2 Corinthians 10.7

**You are looking at things as they are outwardly.** If anyone is confident in himself that he is Christ's, let him consider this again within himself, that just as he is Christ's, so also are we.

- Not looking only at the surface of things – go beyond the surface of how things seem.
- See God.
- See His word.
- See His promise.
- See His victory.

- See that God is able.
- See that He watches over His word to perform it.
- Go beyond outward appearances and experience.

### Romans 8.15-17

<sup>15</sup> For you have **not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons** by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> **The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit** that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, heirs also, **heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

- We have a new identity that comes from our Father.
- The Spirit Himself will reveal the new, taking us beyond what was before.

### "ADOPTION"

- A** Acceptable, we are a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God.
- D** Demonstration, we come not in the wisdom of men but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.
- O** Overcomers, we are from God, His children, greater is He that lives within us, than he who is in the world.
- P** Pattern, in all things we show ourselves a pattern of good works.
- T** Testifies, the Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit, that we are children of God.
- I** Inheritance, we are heirs of God and fellow heirs of Christ. For we have received a spirit of adoption as sons.
- O** Oh! We are filled with the glory of God; we reflect His radiance.
- N** Nations, our obedience of faith will be made known to all nations.

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### John 4.11-15

<sup>11</sup> She said to Him, "Sir, **You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep**; where then do You get that living water? <sup>12</sup> You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; <sup>14</sup> but **whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.**"



<sup>15</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, **give me this water**, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw."

- Jesus took the woman at the well beyond current limitations and expectations into a new identity. New language. New thinking. New understanding.
- A well of living water will spring up.

### Proverbs 3.20 TPT

**By his divine revelation he broke open the hidden fountains of the deep, bringing secret springs to the surface** as the mist of the night dripped down from heaven.

- God initiates going beyond.

*We go beyond our flesh, our natural thinking and experiences. By Your Spirit we declare that fountains of Living Water are breaking open and flooding Detroit, its communities and the people. Detroit, you will go beyond your current identity and limitations set upon you by man. We declare that the river of God is flowing in Detroit; it is penetrating, saturating and being absorbed into the land. Detroit, fountains of the deep broken open by the Spirit of God will cause a new sound to come out of you. A sound beyond what has been heard before – a sound that defines and declares. A sound that will awaken and align the nations to the voice of the Lord. The Church in Detroit is guardian of the sound over this city and region. We are positioned in His presence to hear, absorb and release His sound. We release the sound of **"GO BEYOND"** into the city. Detroit, you will persevere and break into your God-given identity and purpose. We worship the True God who is beyond what we can think or imagine; the True God who defines and gives new identity.*

