

**Prov. 29:18** “Where there is no vision, the people are *unrestrained*” (NASB)

**1Cor. 1:10** “Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you *be in agreement* and that there *be no divisions* among you, but that you be *united in the same mind* and *the same purpose.*”

**James 1:8** “A double-mind person is unstable in all their ways.”

“If a person hasn’t discovered what he’s willing to die for, he isn’t fit to live.” M.L.K.

## **Woodland Hills Vision**

**“We covenant to be a community of spiritually empowered people who advance the Kingdom of God against the Kingdom of darkness in St. Paul and the surrounding area, and to the world as the Lord leads, working hand in hand with other expressions of the body of Christ until all have reached fullness of Christ.”**

# I. Myth #1: The Church Exists To Make My Life a Little Better

**Mark 10:38** But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”

**Luke 9:23** Then he said to them all, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

**Luke 14:27** Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

**Matt. 10:39** Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

**Mt 10:39 (paraphrase)** The thing you're trying to find you finally find when you give up trying to find it.

**Kingdom Life**: Christ Centered; God's Life, Love, Joy, and Peace Within; Worth From Relationship With Christ. *If Ultimate, this is "Spirit"*

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**"Natural Life"**: Survive; Security; Comfort: "Life" from things . *If Ultimate, this is "Flesh"*

**Rom. 6:1-11:** We have died with Christ and are alive in Christ

**Gal. 2:20:** “ and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.”

**Phil. 1:21:** ” For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

**Rom. 14:8.** ’If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.”

**Matt. 6:31-34.** Therefore I tell you, *do not worry* about your life.... Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ....can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ....the [pagans] strive for all these things.... But [you] strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

**2Tim. 1:7.** “...God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and a sound mind”

**Matt. 6:19-21.** “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.