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Sing to the Lord a 'N.E.W. S.O.N.G.'

I. OUR VALUES & VISION

- A. In addition to our **VALUES** at L.I.G.H.T. of the World Prayer Center of:

LOVE • INTERCESSION • GENEROSITY • HOLINESS • TRUST

- B. We have a **VISION** of “Uniting and igniting believers of Whatcom County for global harvest by exalting Jesus through day & night worship & prayer”. In light of that vision, at New Song Fellowship we are seeking to be...

a place of: *NEARNESS • EQUIPPING • WARFARE*

made up of: *SPIRIT-LED • OVERCOMERS • NOURISHED on the • GREATNESS of GOD*

II. NEARNESS

Drawing near to God and near to those in His family from various local churches in our region by stewarding His presence in intimate prayer & adoring worship.

- A. **The distinguishing witness of His presence**

Exodus 33:15,16 “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

Deuteronomy 4:7 “For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the Lord our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him?”

- B. **By the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony (Rev 12:11)**

Ps 145:18 The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth

Hebrews 10:22 ...having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus...let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience... Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful

Hebrews 4:16 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore

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let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Romans 10:8,9 “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”... that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Philippians 4:4-6 Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God; and the peace of God...will guard your hearts and minds...

C. Drawing near through consecration

James 4:7-9 Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Psalms 139:7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?...23 Search me, O God, and know my heart...see if there is any wicked way in me...

D. True Nearness with others can't happen apart from true nearness to God

John 17:23,24 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory...

III. EQUIPPING – Training for reigning as a kingdom of priests

A. Equipped by God's word

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

B. Equipped by God's leaders (unto unity, intimacy, & maturity)

Ephesians 4:11-16 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the [unity of the faith] and of the [knowledge of the Son of God], [to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ]; that we

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should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

C. Equipped by God Himself (through prayer)

Hebrews 13:20 Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, 21 equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

D. Equipped for what?

Equipment in the OT referred to instruments used in **war** (Gen 27:3; Deut. 23:13; 1 Sam 8:12; 2 Kings 7:15; 2 Chron 14:8; 20:25; Neh 4:16; Dan 11:13) an article or implement for the **tabernacle/temple** (Numbers 3:36; 4:26,32; Neh 13:9), an instrument of **music** (same Hebrew word, *keliy*, [Strong's 3627] usually translated *instrument*...1 Chron 15:16; 16:42; 23:5; 2 Chron 5:13; 7:6; 23:13; 29:26) a tool for **farming** (1 Kings 19:21) or **shepherding** (Zech 11:15).

IV. WARFARE – Fighting the good fight of faith with the whole armor of God

A. Standing against the wiles of the Devil

Ephesians 6:10-12 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

B. The whole armor of God

Ephesians 6:13-18 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

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1. Truth (belt - waist)
2. Righteousness (breastplate – heart)
3. gospel of peace (shoes – feet)
4. faith (shield – whole body)
5. salvation (helmet – head)
6. word of God (sword – offensive)
7. prayer (in the Spirit – tongue and eyes – for all the saints)

C. A fight for your mind

2 Corinthians 10:4-6; For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ...

D. The power of prophecy

1 Timothy 1:18 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare

E. Combating Covetousness

1 Timothy 6:10-12 the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

F. Releasing the War Cry of victory

2 Chronicles 20: 21,22 Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever." As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

As seen in 'new songs' of Ps 96; 98; 144; 149; Isaiah 42:10-13; Rev 5:9; 14:3

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Made up of:

V. SPIRIT-LED

*“...he who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches...”
(Revelation 2:7;11;17;29;3:6;13;22; 22:17)*

Rom 8:14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Gal 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law

Mt 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil

John 16:5-15 “But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8 And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. 12 “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.

VI. OVERCOMERS (John 16:33; Revelation 2:7;11;17;26;3:5;12;21)

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimonies and they did not love their lives to the death

Jesus promised twenty-six eternal rewards for those who overcome (Rev. 2-3)

1. To eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God (2:7)
2. The crown of life (Rev 2:10)
3. Shall not be hurt by the second death (Rev. 2:11)
4. Some of the hidden manna to eat (Rev. 2:17)
5. A white stone (Rev. 2:17)
6. On the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it (Rev. 2:17)
7. Power over the nations - ‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’ - (Rev. 2:26-27)

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8. The morning star (Rev. 2:28)
9. Walk with Jesus in white (Rev. 3:4)
10. Clothed in white garments (Rev. 3:5)
11. Jesus will not blot out his name from the Book of Life (Rev. 3:5)
12. Jesus will confess his name before His Father and before His angels (3:5)
13. An open door (Rev. 3:8)
14. Make the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie worship before your feet (Rev. 3:9)
15. Make the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie... to know that I have loved you (Rev. 3:9)
16. Jesus will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth (Rev. 3:10)
17. Made a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more (3:12)
18. Jesus will write on him the name of My God (Rev. 3:12)
19. Jesus will write on him the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God (Rev. 3:12)
20. Jesus will write on him His new name (Rev. 3:12)
21. Jesus counsels to buy gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich (3:18)
22. Jesus counsels to buy white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed (Rev. 3:18)
23. Jesus counsels to buy & anoint our eyes w/ eye salve, that we may see (3:18)
24. Jesus will come in to him (Rev. 3:20)
25. Jesus will dine with him, and he with Me (Rev. 3:20)
26. To sit with Jesus on His throne, as He also overcame and sat down with His Father on His throne (Rev. 3:21)

VII. **N**ourished (Eph 5:29; Matt 4:4; 24:45; John 4:34; Isaiah 55:1-2; Ps 34:8) on the

Ephesians 5:29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it; just as the Lord does the church

VIII. **G**reatness of God (Ezekiel 36:23; Malachi 1:11; Ps 96:4; 145:3; Mt 6:9; Rev 15:3)

Ezekiel 36:23 I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord

Malachi 1:11 My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations," says the Lord Almighty.

Ps 96:4 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

Matthew 6:9 Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name