Un-stop-pa-ble

(adj.) A Church That Doesn't Stop

Bridge City

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UNSTOPPABLE

PART I: PASS ME A BRICK

Nehemiah 1:1-4a (NLT). These are the memoirs of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In late autumn, in the month of Kislev, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes' reign, I was at the fortress of Susa. Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me with some other men who had just arrived from Judah. I asked them about the Jews who had returned there from captivity and about how things were going in Jerusalem. They said to me, "Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire." When I heard this, I sat down and wept.

Mission: It allows you to see clearly, beyond your present reality, to redirect your life towards a better future.

REMEMBER: An unstoppable church is a church that walks on mission.

Proverbs 29:18 (NIV). Where there is no revelation [vision], people cast off restraint ["run amok" "stumble over themselves"]; but blessed [joyful, happy] is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.

ABOUT THE MISSION:

1. [METHODS] CHANGE, THE [MISSION] REMAINS.

Ephesians 2:20 (NLT). Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.

Bridge City Church exists to connect people far from God to the life-giving hope of Jesus. Our desire is to see people:

- Know God
- Find freedom
- Discover purpose; and
- Make a difference

2. [TIMES] CHANGE, [TRUTHS] REMAIN.

Although everything around us is constantly changing and fluctuating, God's truths remain firm and unchanging.

Matthew 24:35 (NIV). Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Amos 7:7-8 (NLT). Then he showed me another vision. I saw the Lord standing beside a wall that had been built using a plumb line. He was using a plumb line to see if it was still straight. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" I answered, "A plumb line." And the Lord replied, "I will test my people with this plumb line. I will no longer ignore all their sins.

<u>Charles Colson</u>: (Prison Fellowship International): "When it comes to culture, there is no such thing as peaceful coexistence. If we are not standing up for truth, fighting for Christian values in all of life, truth will be sacrificed on the altar of mainstream secularism."

3. [CAUSES] DISAPPEAR, HIS [CHURCH] ADVANCES.

Matthew 16:17-19 (NLT). Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, [a] because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He established a movement that has transcended the test of time: the church.

A.W. Tozer. "A scared world needs a fearless church".

