



# FUTURE VISION

FOCUS FOR THE NEXT SEASON

## REFRESHED & RENEWED VISION FOR TRINITY CHURCH

**TRINITY CHURCH IS ROOTED THROUGH PRAYER AND ENCOURAGED TOWARD UNITY TO ENABLE US TO HAVE THE ENDURANCE TO REACH OUR WORLDS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.”**

### **Romans 15:5-6**

*<sup>5</sup> May the God who gives **endurance** and **encouragement** give you the **same attitude of mind** toward each other that Christ Jesus had, <sup>6</sup> so that with **one mind** and **one voice** you may **glorify the God and Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

### **WHAT DOES THIS PRAYER OF PAUL'S FOR THE CHRISTIANS AT ROME IN THE FIRST CENTURY MEAN FOR US IN REDLANDS IN 2021?**

- we begin with a posture of humility and **PRAYER** because that's what this is – a plea for God to grant these things to the Church @ Rome
  - it fleshes out as a renewed call to prayer and reliance upon the resources of God for anything good to come from us
- we recognize that He is the provider of **ENDURANCE**, of the strength and the fortitude to “remain under” the challenges that we have faced, continue to face and will face in this global pandemic
  - it fleshes out as a ministry leaders attempt to unite the needs of our church family and of our community w/the strengths of who we are, knowing that God uses people to care for people
- we recognize that He is the provider of **ENCOURAGEMENT**, that He calls us to courage not from afar, but up close: walking, running or crawling beside us, urging us to “keep on keeping on” though we are tired and worn
  - it fleshes out by us mirroring that encouragement to our church family and choosing consistently and strategically to employ the power of encouragement to motivate God's people to live God's way
- we see a deep desire that the Church @ Rome would walk in **UNITY** in their Christ-like attitudes towards one another and that they would speak as one with “one accord”
  - it fleshes out by efforts to “maintain the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace” among a people that have voiced so many frustrations on so many different issues during this pandemic
- all of this endurance and encouragement and unity is to serve one great purpose – that God would be **GLORIFIED**, that He would be demonstrated for who He is because of the way that we love Him, one another and our worlds
  - it fleshes out by us not forgetting the plot – that is all about Him and that we're called to keep shining the light on His greatness