

According to His Will

Problem:

1 John 5:13-15

10 years ago I prayed a prayer - that today I realize was according to His will

"in ten years we hope to have 300 people in attendance all in the process of being equipped...to engage their community with the truth that Jesus is the only Way, Truth, and Life."

10 years ago this was a dream
today it is a reality

so much has happened but we are here to celebrate that according to His will

Main Idea:

God has formed a family
from our fellowship in the Word
God has built a building
upon our belief in the Word
God has propagated a people
through our proclamation of the Word

Implication:

Matt 16:18

God answered our prayer 10 years ago and here we are
10 years from now I pray we are 1000 people - can you see it? will you pray for it? will you take part in it?

can you see it
I am confident God is going to keep
forming this family
- as we continue to fellowship around His Word
building this building
- as we continue to believe in His Word
propagating this people
- as we continue to proclaim His Word

Application:

for this is not our story...it is His

Articles for further study:

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/2015/april/christ-builds-his-church-we-make-disciples.html>

<http://www.barabbas.com/about-us/>

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Text

God has formed a family

1Pet. 1:22 ¶ Having purified your souls by your **obedience** to the truth for a **sincere brotherly love**, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

1Pet. 1:23a since you have been **born again**,

this is a visible family - Mk 3:32-35

a real family - 1Jn 4:7-21

born by God - Jn 1:12-13

this was His plan - Eph 1:3-5, 22-23

from our fellowship in the Word

1 Pet. 1:23b not of perishable seed but of imperishable, **through** the living and abiding **word of God**;

1Pet. 1:24 for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

1Pet. 1:25 but **the word** of the Lord remains forever.”

¶ And **this word** is the good news that was **preached** to you.

1Pet. 2:1 ¶ So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

1Pet. 2:2 Like newborn infants, **long for** the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may **grow up** into salvation—

1Pet. 2:3 if indeed you have **tasted that the Lord is good**.

we have been formed by the Word - 1 Jn 1:3

nourished by the Word - Acts 2:42

matured by the Word - eph 4:11-16

empowered by the Word - col 3:12-17

God has built a building

1Pet. 2:4 ¶ As you come to him, **a living stone** rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,

1Pet. 2:5 you yourselves like **living stones** are **being built up** as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

why no temple of God - Rev 21:22

we are that temple - 1 Cor 3:16-17

upon our belief in the Word

1Pet. 2:6 For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever **believes** in him will not be put to shame.”

1Pet. 2:7 ¶ So the honor is for you who **believe**, but for those who do not **believe**,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

1Pet. 2:8 ¶ and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

¶ They stumble because they **disobey the word**, as they were destined to do.

we were built upon the belief of those who came before - 1 Cor 3:10-16

their belief in the Word - Acts 4:10-12

God has propagated a people

1Pet. 2:9a ¶ But you are a chosen race, a royal **priesthood**, a holy **nation**, a **people** for his own possession,

we have become kingdom of priests - Rev 1:4-7

citizens of heaven - Phil 3:20

a people, a family, a temple - Eph 2:11-22

through our proclamation of the Word

1 Pet. 2:9b that you may **proclaim** the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1Pet. 2:10 Once you were not **a people**, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have **received mercy**.

we have been fulfilling our mission - matt 28:19

through the proclamation of the Word in our lives - 2 Cor 5:16-21