



I don't know about you but God never stops amazing me? Why do I say that, let me share this with you. Many of you I know my story of coming here to First Presbyterian Church. I felt called, I believed that God had a big plan and a work to do here in Hutchinson. Well, 55 months later I still have that burning desire in me to fulfill all that God has for us to do and be. We have come a long way in that time, with so many new and exciting things that have happened but I have to tell you that we have only scrapped the surface of what God has planned. You see I know that I serve a God who doesn't deal in being just satisfied with things and the status quo, he is a God of the MORE!

He wants more for all of us here at FPC, he wants more people to be reached, loved, cared for, supported, taught, nurtured and changed by the Gospel. He has taken me, at a time when I have felt tired and weak and stirred my heart and passion for what is ahead of us. Now, please take note, I said "what is ahead of us" this is not about me, it's about us. We are God's people, his family and he wants to shower all of us with his blessings. As summer starts to come to an end we look at what's next it is my hope and prayer that it will be a time when we trust that God knows what he doing. I believe with all my heart that he

is calling on us to get busy serving him and go deeper in worship so that others can see him through us. I know there are times when the last thing you want to do on a Sunday is get up and come to worship, even the preacher thinks that sometimes. I know for so many years I went to church expecting nothing from God. How wrong that was! You know we have a loving God you wants to get close to us, yes get close to you, amazing, right. He wants to whisper in your ear as you hear scripture being read, he wants to challenge and instruct you in Christian education classes, books or sermons. We live in a world of self help and leadership books. We strive for more learning in our fields of work and we gobble up any training that will make us better and successful. Surprise, surprise, that is what a Sunday should be like for us. Its has to be our place of learning, instruction and training that equips us to be better followers of Jesus.



How can we do what God calls us to do if we aren't close enough to him to hear his voice? As I said earlier, I am so excited about the days, weeks and months ahead because I know God will be there with us. He doesn't give a plan and then walk away. No, he gives a plan and he walks through it with us. He is filling my heart with a deep aching for those who don't take Jesus seriously and those who don't know he even exists. There is so much to do and we have to put aside our own likes and preferences so that we can see and know what God wants. What he wants is to see us faithfully living lives that glorify his name. Do your friends, neighbors, work colleagues and even family know that you are a follower of Jesus? People today more than ever need hope and they need joy. We have that in our relationship with Jesus and we must share it. You see joy is contagious and when it is flowing and present we all benefit. So go share, go bring truth and joy to all of those we meet and together let us be an army of Believers turning the world upside down for God.