## The Passion Of God Ephesians 2:17-22

Your <u>PASSION</u> is a Powerful <u>Force</u>...

WHAT are Your passions? Do they Align with God's?

Today, Paul shares 3 PASSIONS God has for Each one of US.

## 1. WE BECOME THE PEOPLE OF GOD. (v.19)

- God's People (church) should be a <u>SPIRITUAL Family</u>.
- God's People should Offer Others a <u>SAFE</u> Place. (Proverbs 29:25)
- God's People should Offer Others a <u>SUPPORTIVE</u> Place. (Exodus 17:8-13)
- God's People should Offer Others a Place to <u>BELONG</u>.

## 2. WE FOLLOW THE <u>PROCESS</u> OF CHRIST. (Ephesians 4:11-16)

- Leaders are merely EQUIPPERS. (4:11-12).
- ALL Believers are to be individually <u>GROWING</u> to Maturity. (4:15)
- The **Entire Church** is to be **Actively <u>SERVING</u>**. (4:16)
- Jesus shared a <u>PROCESS</u> for Developing His <u>Disciples</u>. (Matthew 4:19)
- 1.) "Follow Me" 2.) "I will Make You" 3.) "Fishers of men"
- Where are YOU in the Process?

## 3. WE FULFILL THE <u>PURPOSES</u> OF GOD. (Ephesians 2:21, 3:21)

- God's Purpose is Bigger *than <u>PEOPLE</u>*. (2 Timothy 4:16-17
- God's Purpose is Bigger *than a PLACE.* (Jeremiah 29:10-11)
- God's Purpose is Bigger *than our <u>PROBLEMS</u>*. (Luke 22:42)
- God's Purpose is Not Measured by <u>PROPORTIONS</u>. (1 Samuel 16:1, 6-13)
- When <u>Each Part</u> of the <u>Church Family Fulfills its <u>Function</u>, the <u>Whole Church</u> will <u>Fulfill God's intended <u>Purpose</u>.
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- You Can't Fulfill your God-Given Purpose in the Church from the Fringe...