

# UPTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

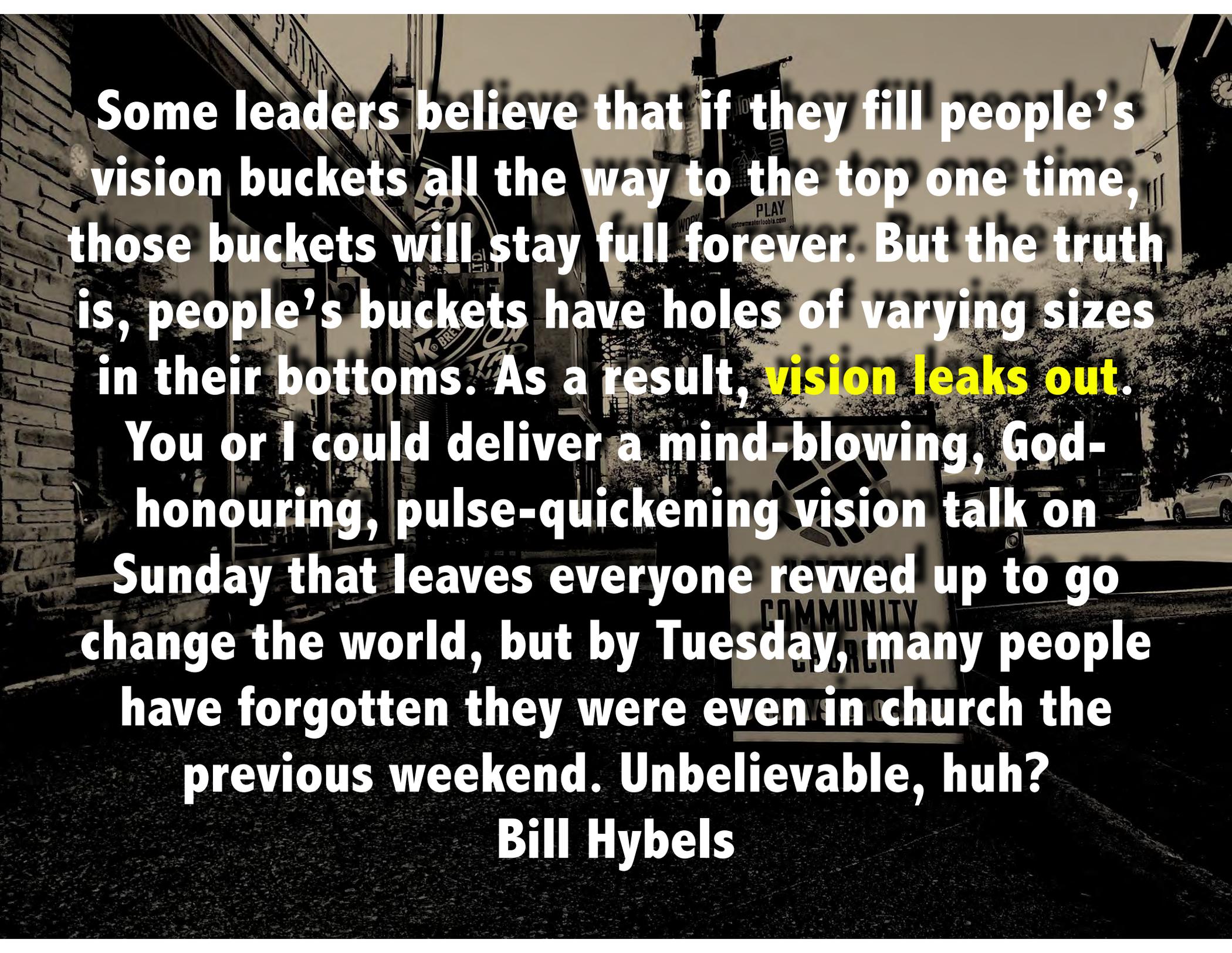


**PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**





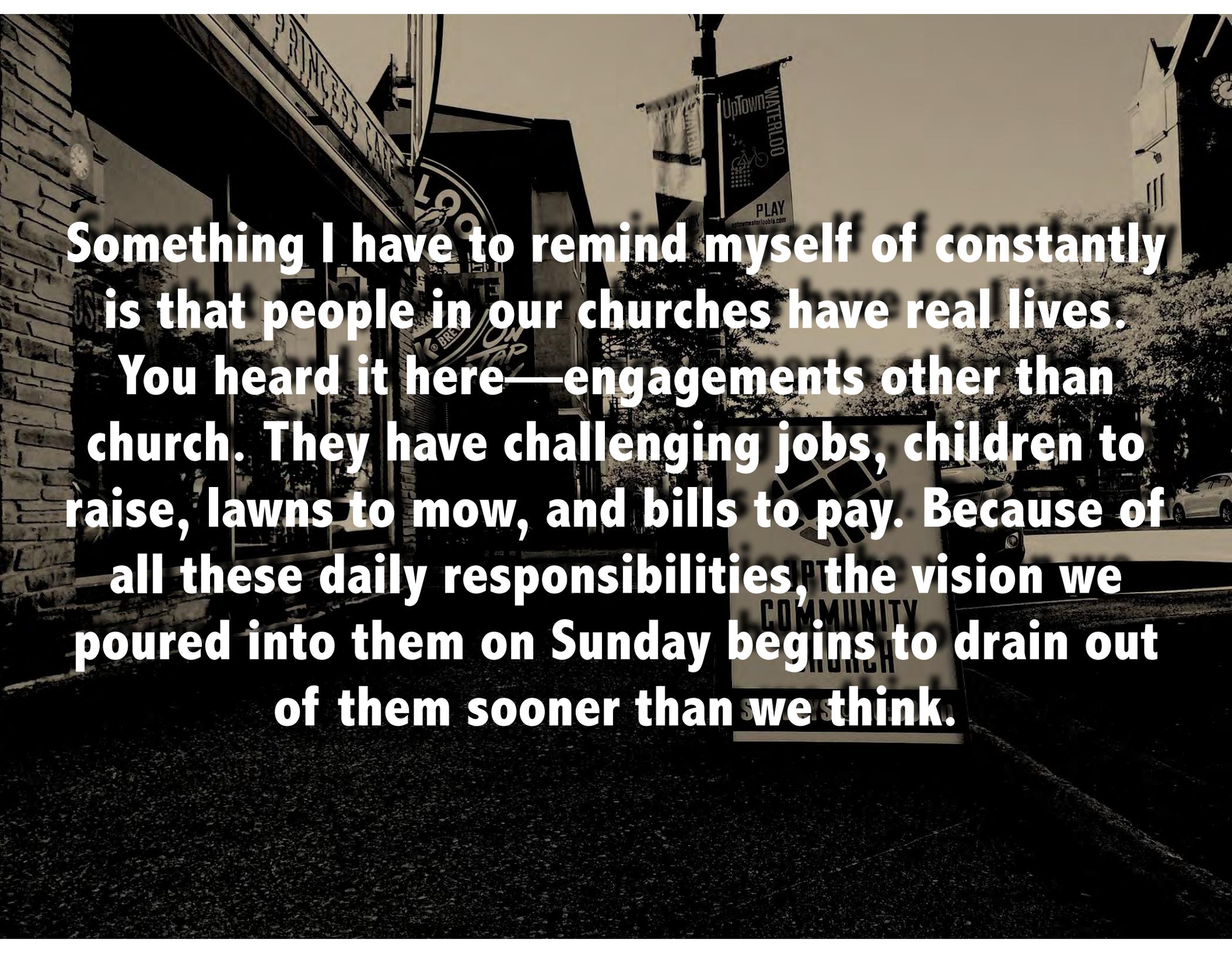




**Some leaders believe that if they fill people's vision buckets all the way to the top one time, those buckets will stay full forever. But the truth is, people's buckets have holes of varying sizes in their bottoms. As a result, **vision leaks out.****

**You or I could deliver a mind-blowing, God-honouring, pulse-quickenning vision talk on Sunday that leaves everyone revved up to go change the world, but by Tuesday, many people have forgotten they were even in church the previous weekend. Unbelievable, huh?**

**Bill Hybels**



**Something I have to remind myself of constantly is that people in our churches have real lives. You heard it here—engagements other than church. They have challenging jobs, children to raise, lawns to mow, and bills to pay. Because of all these daily responsibilities, the vision we poured into them on Sunday begins to drain out of them sooner than we think.**

# UCC Report Card

September 2014 151.5

October 2014 151.0

November 2014 166.6

December 2014 157.0

January 2015 168.0

February 2015 144.25

March 1st 2015 170.0

156.4

Attendance



# UCC Report Card

**Volunteers**

**74**



**UPTOWN  
COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**

**SUNDAYS @ 10:30am**



# UCC Report Card

City Groups

6 Groups

89 People signed up

67 per week average attendance



# UCC Report Card

HoF Food Hamper Delivery 51

HoF Nut Bagging Delivery 19

HoF Potato Blitz 33

Monthly Support of  
Melissa Maertens

Serving



# UCC Report Card

Monthly Budget \$9500

Theatre Rental

Equipment-Sound, Kids etc

Monthly Subscriptions-website,  
curriculum, Volunteer Management

Staff

Melissa Maertens

Office Supplies

Team Development

Special Events

**Giving**



# UCC Report Card

September-\$11, 654.70

October-\$10, 092.55

November-\$15, 909.57

December-\$12, 856.91

January-\$11, 200.03

February-\$8, 449.32

**\$11, 693.85**

**Giving**



# UCC Report Card

**Giving**

**Individuals/Families  
Regularly Giving-40**





**Private**      **Mystical**

**Feelings**      **Zen**

**Spiritual**      **Abstract**

**Individual**

**Passive**

**Buffet**

**The kingdom of Heaven is  
the philosophy of God's  
reign**

**The church is the physical  
manifestation of that  
philosophy**

**One does not exist without  
the other**

# Treasure and the Pearl

**“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.**

**“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”**

**Matthew 13:44-46**

# Accidental and Intentional Kingdom

**“treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again”**

**“like a merchant looking for fine pearls.”**

**One man stumbled upon a treasure,  
the other was looking for it**



# Response to the Kingdom

“When a man found it, he hid it again”

“he found one of great value”

But both recognized the value of  
what they had found



# The Cost of the Kingdom

**“in his joy went and sold all he had”**

**“he went away and sold everything he had  
and bought it”**

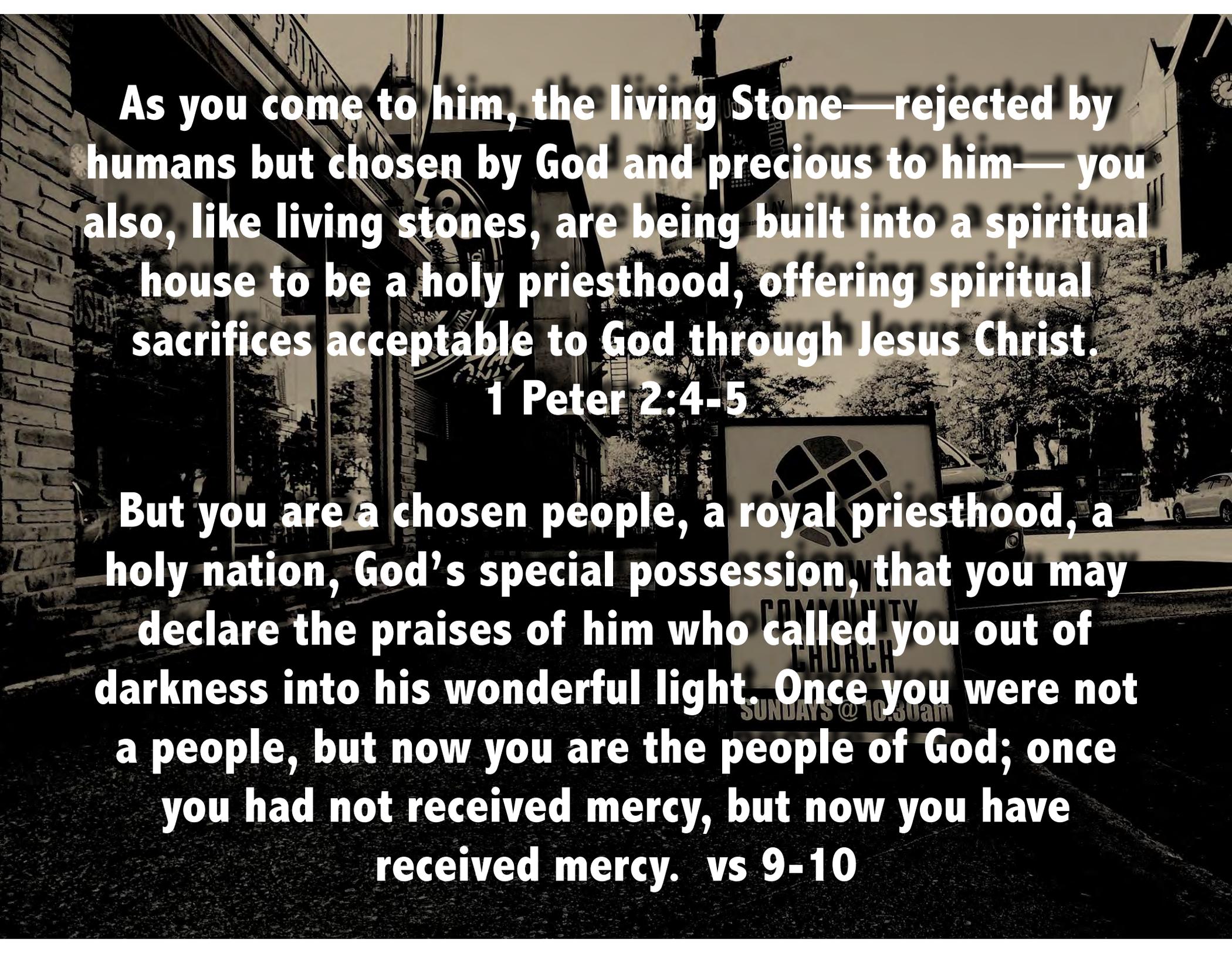
**We must never think that the things of God  
have no requirements on us**



**The dissatisfaction with church may be because we think its optional, disposable**

**UPTOWN  
COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**

**SUNDAYS @ 10:30am**

A black and white photograph of a street scene. In the foreground, a sign for 'TOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH' is visible, featuring a logo of a globe and the text 'SUNDAYS @ 10.30am'. The background shows a street with buildings, trees, and a clock tower in the distance. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, white font.

**As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

**1 Peter 2:4-5**

**But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. vs 9-10**