

SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SERMON

COME, LET US BUILD!

Nehemiah 2-4

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9th JUNE 2024

What breaks your heart?

What are you doing about it?

THREE QUESTIONS:

1. What is needed in the process & work of rebuilding?
2. What is the purpose of our personal rebuilding?
3. Where can we rebuild?

1. WHAT IS NEEDED IN THE REBUILDING?

PHYSICAL

- Material
- People
- Repair work

SPIRITUAL

- Prayer & fasting
- Confession & repentance
- Waiting & preparation
- Knowing God
- Resilience & conviction
- Faithfulness
- Perseverance

NEHEMIAH 2:5

So I prayed to the God of heaven. ⁵ And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you **send me** to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ tombs, **that I may rebuild it.**”

NEHEMIAH 1:4

⁴ So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

Growing in our Discipleship Journey



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Developing intimacy with Christ –
a means to creating a Kingdom people whom God
can use to engage the world.

What God has worked into our lives
must be worked out in the world.

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10)

2. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF PERSONAL REBUILDING?

**Breathe in.
Breathe out.**

2. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF PERSONAL REBUILDING?

Growing IN Christ

Mission WITH Christ

Breathe in.

Breathe out.

2. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF PERSONAL REBUILDING?

There can be no healthy spiritual growth in Christ apart from mission with Christ.

However, there can also be no transformative mission with Christ apart from spiritual growth in Christ.

2. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF PERSONAL REBUILDING?

Our intimacy with Christ must be
“for the sake of others”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

True Christian spirituality is one that is self-transforming, God-encountering and other-embracing.

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1. MATERIAL

2. PEOPLE!

YOU AND I ARE

CALLED TO BE

WALL BUILDERS!

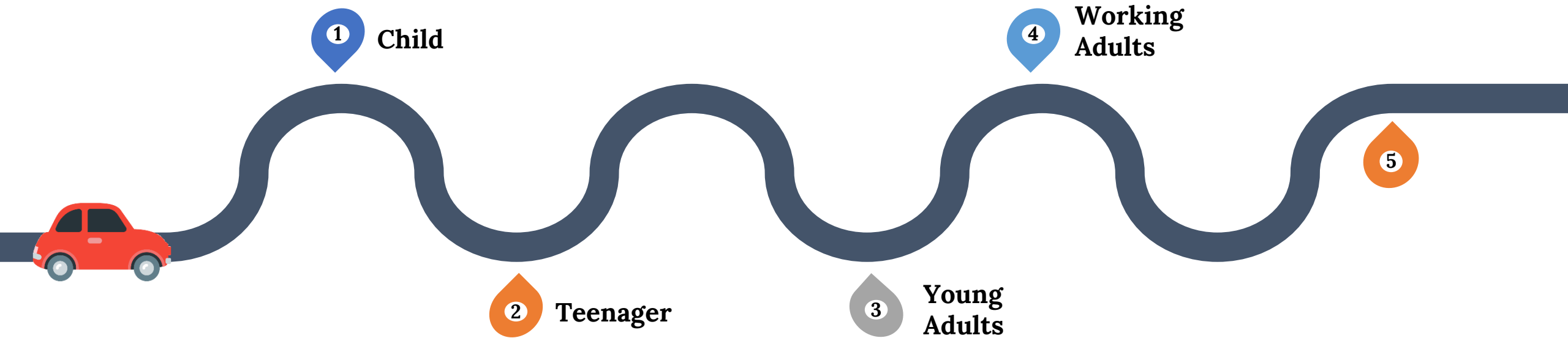
*For in fact the body is not one member
but many...but now indeed there are
many members, yet one body.*

1 Corinthians 12:14 & 20

#3 WHERE CAN WE REBUILD?

a) Generations





	Children 1	Methodist Youth Fellowship 2	Methodist Young Adults Fellowship 3	Working Adults 4	Methodist Senior Fellowship 5
Age Groups [Methodist Discipline]	Not defined	Not defined, generally 13 to 21 yrs old	26 to 49 yrs old	Not defined	50 yrs old & above
Age Groups [SSMC]	0-12 yrs old Up to Primary School	13 – 21 yrs old Secondary / College & University	22 – 35 yrs old Graduates to Young Families	36 – 60 yrs old Working Adults with older children	Above 60 Retirees (MSF Average = 74)
SSMC Demographics (%)	4%	11%	18%	34%	33%

Based on Membership Data June 2023



³ Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
The fruit of the womb is a reward.

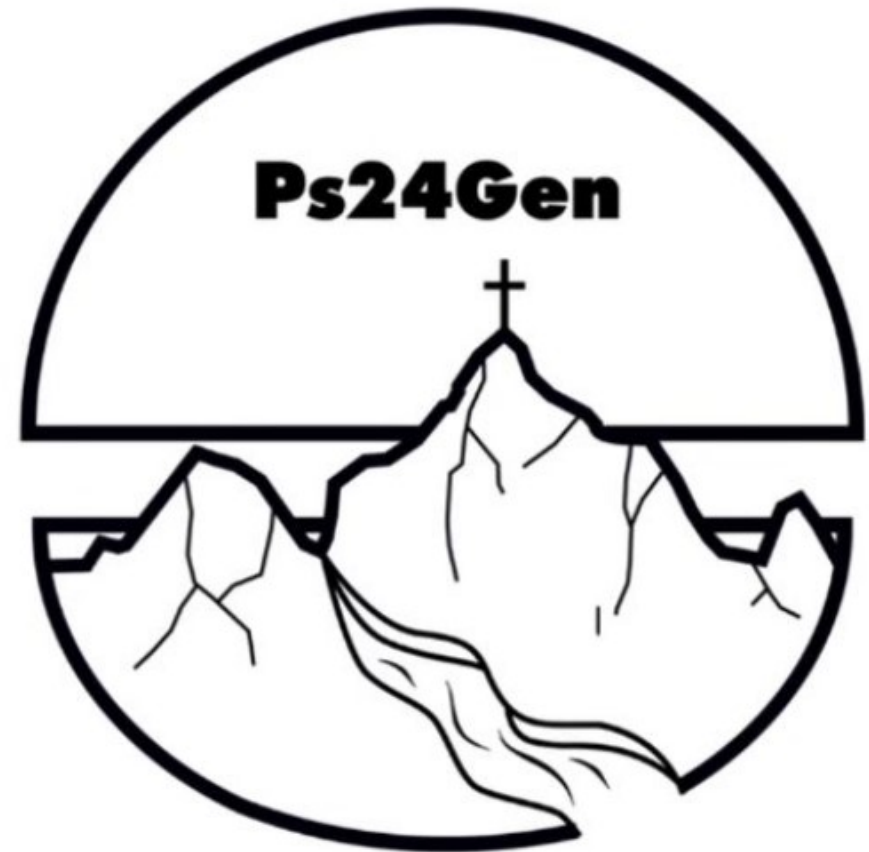
⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
So are the children of one's youth.

⁵ Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them;

Psalm 127:3-5a

³ Who may ascend into
the hill of the LORD?
Or who may stand in
His holy place?
⁴ He who has clean hands
and a pure heart...
⁶ This is Jacob, the generation
of those who seek Him,
Who seek Your face.

Psalm 24:3-4a, 6



IDENTITY | PURPOSE | MISSIONS

3. WHERE CAN WE REBUILD?



It's A Relay

SEE THE BIGGER RACE

- We all have to run our own individual race but our race is just part of a bigger race.
- **Generations need each other**, walking together with one generation building on the previous.

3. WHERE CAN WE REBUILD?

Then Judah said, “The strength of the laborers is failing, and there is so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall.”

...**Remember the Lord**, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.”

Nehemiah 4:10, 14b

#3 WHERE CAN WE REBUILD?

a) Generations

b) Body Life Ministries

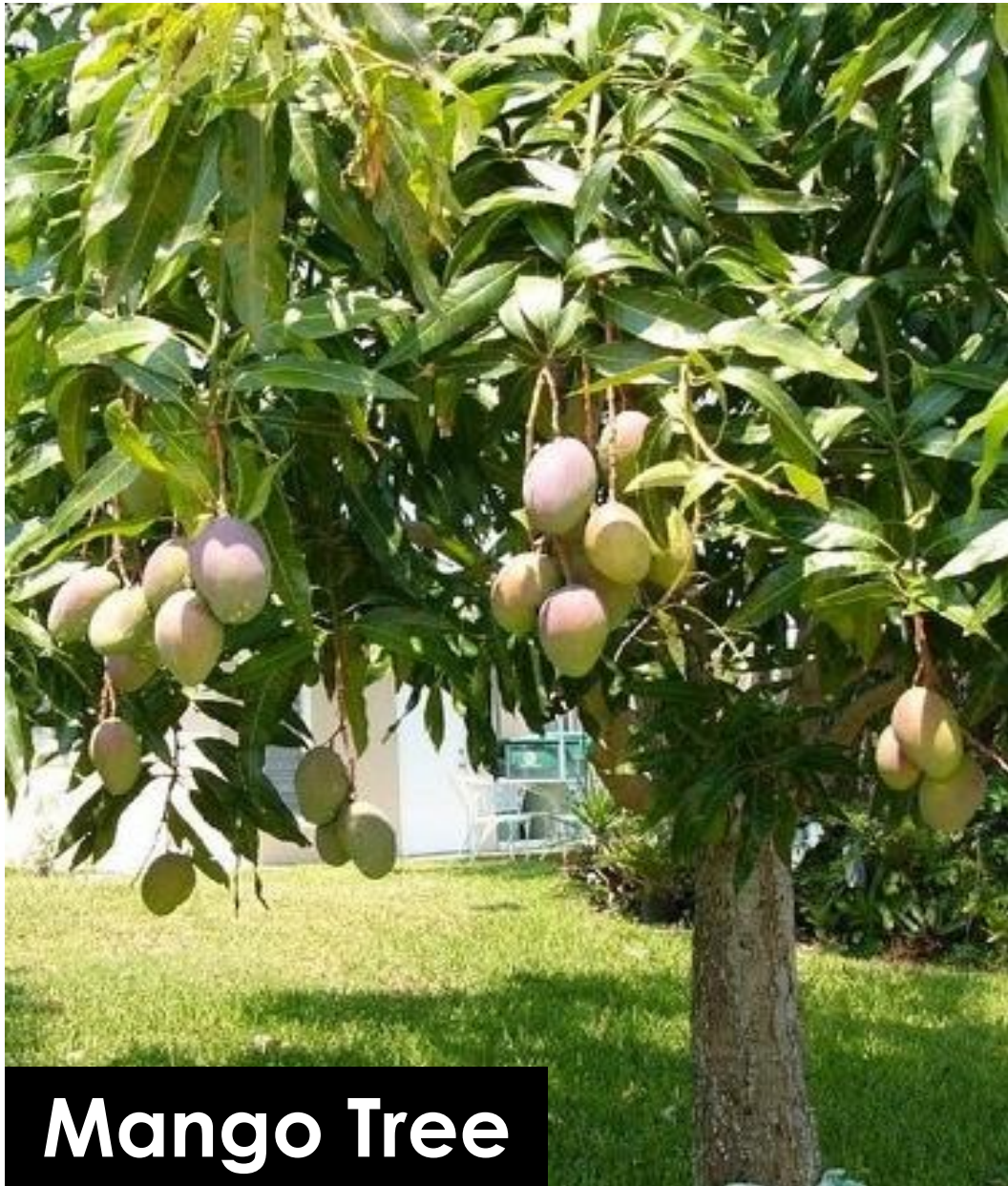
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- a) Generations
- b) Body Life Ministries
- c) Holistic/Integral Mission here & beyond**

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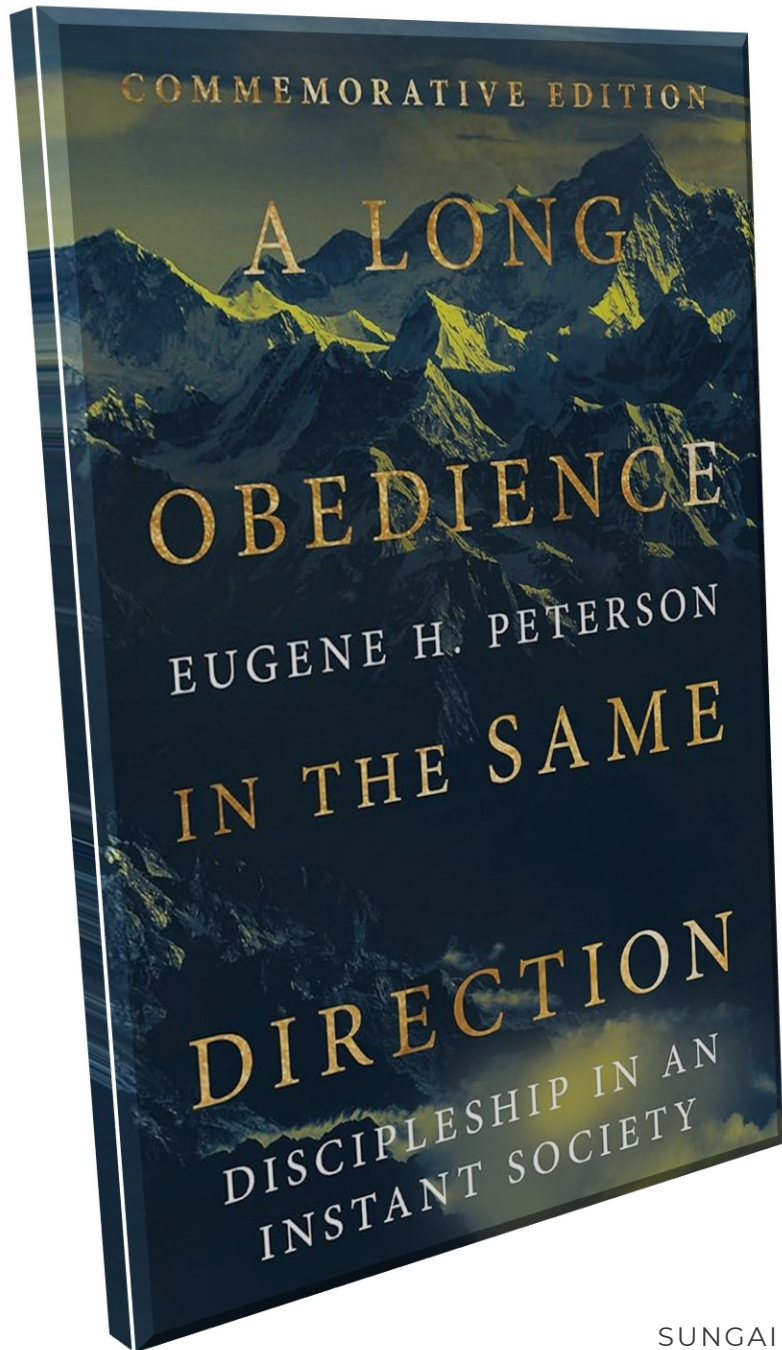
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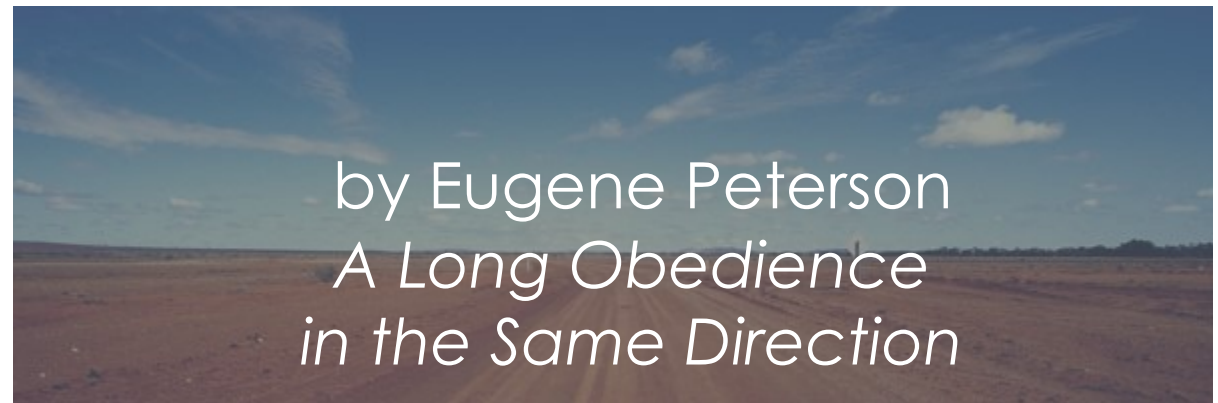
Mango Tree



Papaya Tree



“Stick-to-it-ive-ness” *Perseverance*



by Eugene Peterson
*A Long Obedience
in the Same Direction*

Therefore, my beloved brethren,
be **steadfast, immovable**,
always abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that your labor is
not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:58



MSF FOOD FAIR

**ALL PROCEEDS DIRECTED TO
EL-SHADDAI LEARNING CENTRE**

23 JUNE 2024

After Service @ Church Foyer

**PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THIS WORTHY CAUSE.
ALL FOOD ARE BAKED/ BROUGHT FROM
OUR FRIENDS/ MEMBERS OF MSF.**



SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

“ASK OF ME ...”

Psalm 2:8

GIVING

49th Anniversary Gift Day

Asking the Lord for **RM 1.3 million** to be released into missions

PRAYING

Praying for 195 nations

Isa 56:7 and Hab 2:14

GOING

A burden to involve

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- c) Holistic/Integral Mission here & beyond
- d) Marketplace, Schools/College/Uni**

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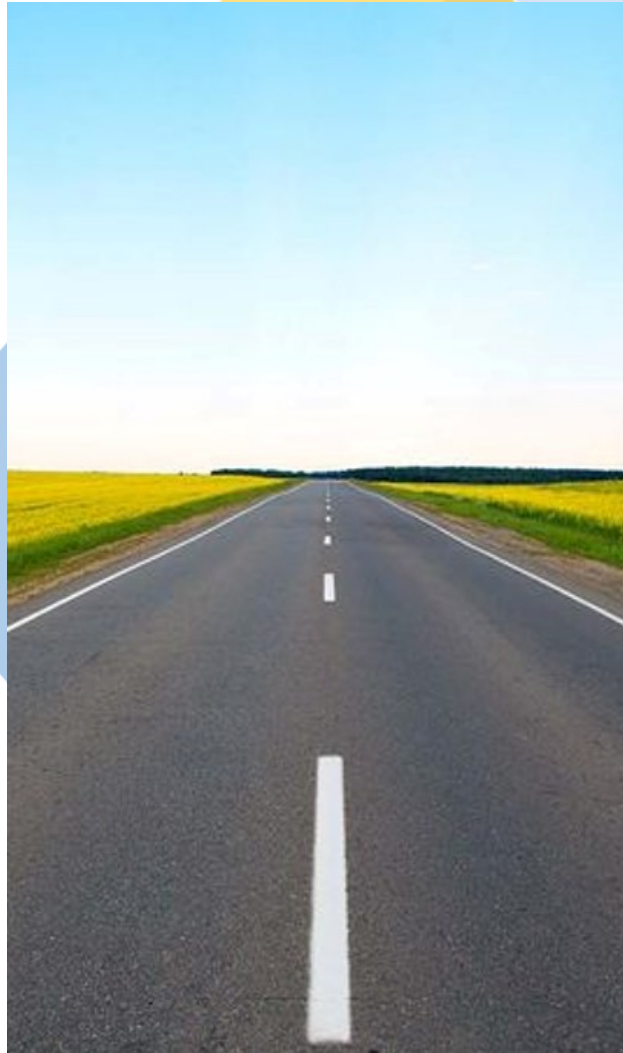
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Love God. Love People. Make Disciples.

The Call to
Make Disciples
Matthew 28:18-20



ROAD to 2028

- ❖ Establish a **DISCIPLESHIP** culture
- ❖ **STARFISH** ethos
- ❖ **IMPACT** society, community, nation(s)

The SHIFT

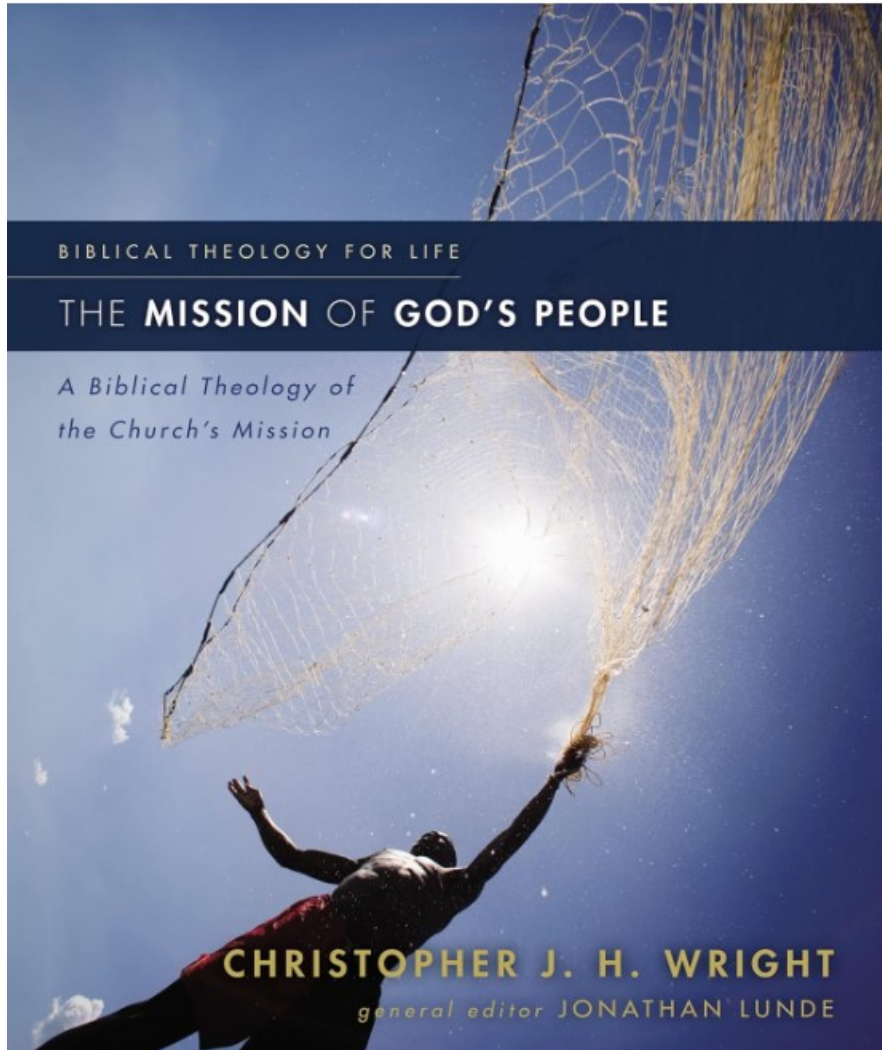
1. REDISCOVER Jesus is Lord

2. RECALIBRATE Movement and Metanoia

3. RIGHT POSTURE Renewal and Encounters

*Will we participate and join
hands to set our hearts and hands
to the work for the glory of God?*

CONCLUSION



“It is not so much the case that God has a mission for His church in the world, as that God has a church for His mission in the world.

Mission was not made for the Church, the Church was made for mission – God’s mission.”

Christopher Wright

CONCLUSION

... Come and let us build...

And I told them of the **hand of my God which had been good upon me**, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me.

So they said, **“Let us rise up and build.”**
Then they set their hands to this good work.

Nehemiah 2:17-18