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ONE CHURCH. ONE MISSION. WON GENERATION.



Introduction:

• *Torre di Pisa*, otherwise known as The Tower of Pisa, is one of Italy's most famous structures. However, in spite of all its history, beauty, and antiquity, *Torre di Pisa* has become known for its one flaw... it leans! Hence, The **Leaning** Tower of Pisa!

• This magnificent structure leans because of an error in the foundation.

• The North American church culture has become a "leaning tower" of sorts, because of a **weak commitment to its foundational purpose**. And it has unintentionally become known for its "flawed construction".

• I believe that the church can never function properly until we:

- _____ what our **foundational purpose** is.
- Develop a "_____ " commitment to fulfilling that purpose as designed by the Master Builder... the Chief Cornerstone Himself, who is the Lord Jesus Christ.

• Over the next three weeks, I want us to wrestle with this question: **"Why Does the Church Exist?"** And not only that, but an even greater question: **"Are we willing to do 'whatever it takes' to fulfill that God-ordained purpose?"**

God Has Always Had a Mission: _____

_____ (Genesis 1 and 2)

_____ (*The Fall: Genesis 3*)

_____ (Genesis 3:15, 21)

God made a _____ to defeat Satan.

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he [offspring of woman: Jesus] will bruise your head [Satan's head] and you [Satan] shall bruise his [Jesus'] heel" (Genesis 3:15).

God made a _____ for dealing with our sin.

And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them (Genesis 3:21).

The church was created to be the people of God to join Him in His redemptive mission in the world. The church was never intended to exist for itself. It was and is the chosen instrument of God to expand His kingdom.

Reggie McNeal, **The Present Future**, p. 15-16

God's Mission Has a _____.

What if you and I:

- Committed to _____ to this ancient command?
- Had a total _____ of self rather than a preoccupation with self?
- Were more concerned about _____ rather than style?

We have to do _____ !