

Why I Love
the Church
(and you should too)
1 Timothy 3:14-16

What is the Church?

1. It is not a building.
2. It is not a denomination.
3. It is not an organization.

Church = assembly

An assembly/gathering of believers and
followers of Jesus Christ

When the Bible talks about church – 2 meanings:

- 1. Universal church – every true believer from the time of Christ's death until the rapture**
- 2. Local Church – individual groups of believers in specific locations**

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1. IDENTIFICATION #1 – The FAMILY of God

- Application: Everyone needs a place to BELONG.



Three Characteristics of family life:

1. In a family, there is COMMITMENT.

Any relationship void of commitment is lacking the critical ingredient to fulfillment.

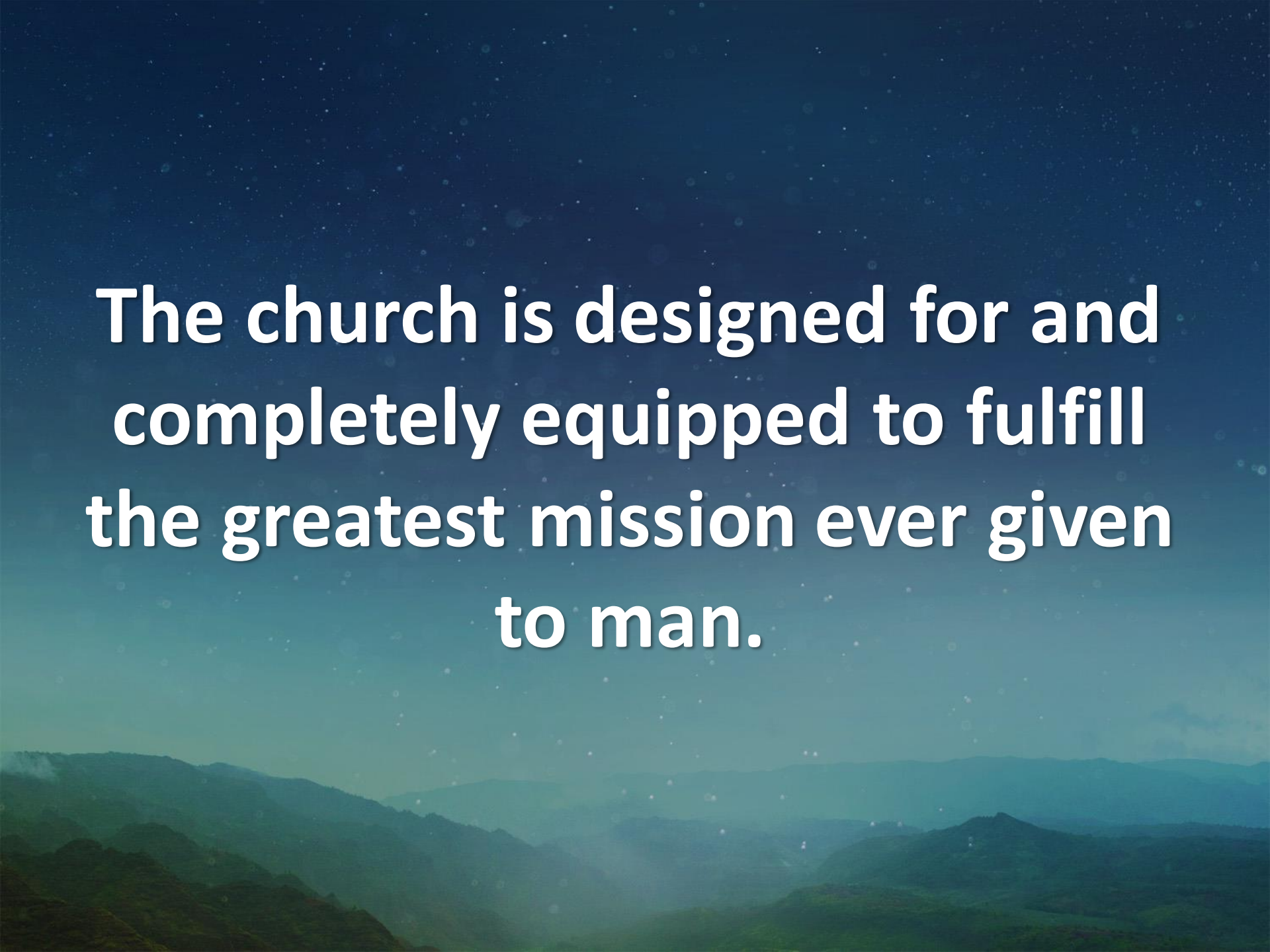
Three Characteristics of family life:

1. In a family, there is COMMITMENT.
2. In a family, there are EXPECTATIONS.
3. In a family, there are BENEFITS.

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2. IDENTIFICATION #2 – An assembly of “CHANGE-AGENTS”

- Application: Everyone needs to see their lives CHANGED.

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**The church is designed for and
completely equipped to fulfill
the greatest mission ever given
to man.**

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3. IDENTIFICATION #3 – The pillar and ground of TRUTH

- Application: Everyone needs a FOUNDATION for life.