

# FUTURE CHURCH



A WAY OF LIFE FOR THE  
CHURCH OF THE FUTURE

## **A Rhythm for the Future**

Matthew 7:13-14, 24-27

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Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it...Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

1. Moral Relativism
2. The Digital Revolution
3. Political Polarization
4. Exhaustion
5. Careerism
6. Injustice
7. Idolatrous Ideologies
8. Individualism

What if this was our moment?

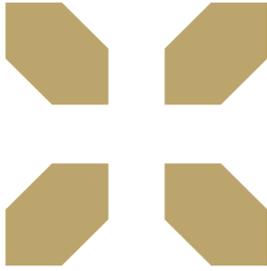
“The renewal of the church will come from a new type of monasticism, which has only in common with the old an uncompromising allegiance to the Sermon on the Mount. It is high time men and women banded together to do this.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Rule of Life is a schedule and set of practices and relational rhythms that create space for us to be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what he would do if he were us, as we live in alignment with our deepest desires.

Reality SF Rule of Life:

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| 1. Fasting            | 5. Hospitality |
| 2. Sabbath            | 6. Vocation    |
| 3. Scripture          | 7. Generosity  |
| 4. Silence & Solitude | 8. Community   |



“We divide these two activities at our peril. On the one hand, without work, prayer becomes rote, vacant and irrelevant, an empty discipline that shows little evidence of a deep concern for the world. It loses its purpose, lacks passion, turns inward, serves the self. We mouth the words, but there is nothing at stake. It does not seem to matter much whether our prayers are answered or ignored. On the other hand, without prayer, work becomes an idol. We work to make money, to gain power and prestige, to advance in our careers. We become presumptuous too, thinking that our work can accomplish good things without actually relying on God for wisdom and power. But work that pleases God and serves the common good of humanity must have God involved in it, for only God can accomplish what has transcendent value and eternal significance. Human effort is necessary, but it is not sufficient.”

- Gerald Sittser, *Water from a Deep Well*

1. A community of holiness in a culture of moral relativism through the practice of fasting.
2. A community of peace in a culture of fear through the practice of silence and solitude.
3. A community of peacemakers in a culture of political polarization through the practice of hospitality.
4. A community of rest in a culture of exhaustion through the practice of sabbath.

5. A community of contribution in a culture of careerism through the practice of vocation.
6. A community of justice in a culture of social Darwinism through the practice of simplicity and generosity.
7. A community of orthodoxy in a culture of ideological idolatry through the practice of scripture.
8. A community of tight-knit loving relationships in a culture of individualism through the practice of community.