



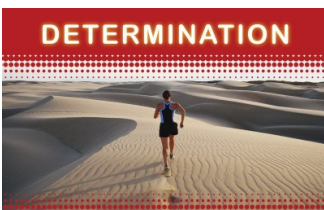
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Monumental Effort

- A Few Thoughts from Steve Authier

There are moments where I wonder about my brother-in-law Vince's sanity. The reality is that he often does too. My sister is married to a very loving and caring man—he's not really crazy. The reason that we kid him about his sanity is because of the brutal pain he will put his body through to train and run in long distance and unusual marathons. When I say long distance I am talking about 100 mile marathons. Yes, I said 100



miles. He runs for 24 hours straight. The man is a machine,

or so it would seem to us. A few weeks ago he ran in a marathon up a 14,000 foot mountain. It's considered by many to be the most difficult marathon in the world. He spends a lot of time preparing for and overcoming obstacles that get in the way of completing these runs. He's not a so called natural runner nor would he consider himself a gifted athlete. He accomplishes his goals because of sheer determination and a relentless

refusal to give up despite what his mind and body might be telling him.

I spent a lot of time preparing spiritually and intellectually to deliver the three-part *Thy Kingdom Come* series we just experienced. It truly was an honour to let the Holy Spirit work through me to share with you what he wanted us all to hear. There were moments when I was speaking that I could sense the connection with the Holy Spirit. We all seem quite ready to accept the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives but we almost always want to neglect the possibility of Satan's presence or influence. We think that if we do not experience outright demon possession symptoms *à la Exorcist* style that Satan is kept at bay. Oh, how happy he is to have us think so.

I shared a little bit about the darkness and spiritual attacks that I sensed leading up to and during the series. I have no doubt it was all related to the potential that



could be unleashed as a result of us responding to the Holy

Spirit's leading like passionate citizens of God's kingdom. Even though there were challenges, with God's help, I managed to turn away Satan's lies and deliver the message the Holy Spirit wanted us to hear.

Now that his message has moved many of us the spiritual warfare will really start, and likely already has. Satan will not merely sit back and watch us

become a purple church. He'll crank it up full throttle to try and make sure we are irrelevant to the community around us.

It won't look like an *Exorcist* sequel. It will consist of little doubts that try and overtake our desire to follow the Holy Spirit's lead. It will be things like, "I don't have time to do this; I am barely able to keep up with what's currently going on in my life." He'll push us away from thoughts like, "Maybe

You've all been to the stadium and seen the athletes race. Everyone runs; one wins. Run to win. All good athletes train hard. They do it for a gold medal that tarnishes and fades. You're after one that's gold eternally. ~ 1 Corinthians 9:24-25

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I should reconsider how I spend my time so that I can do what God's calling me to do." He'll make sure that obstacles get thrown in front of us. Things that we can overcome will seem insurmountable and we'll choose not to address them—we'll walk away. I have already seen evidence of it; as I write this piece I'm also communicating with one of our Home Church leaders about the attacks they're dealing with in trying to move forward. We should not doubt for one single moment



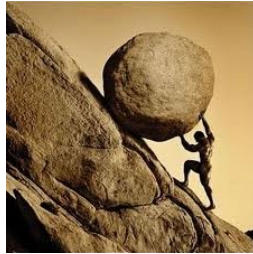
that Satan is going to come at us with his artillery of deception and mind games. He's not going to merely sit back and watch us

become the missional purple church that God's calling us to be and the Holy Spirit is inspiring us to be.

In his book *Waking the Dead* John Eldredge deals extensively with the spiritual warfare that goes on around us. He writes, "To live in ignorance of spiritual warfare is the most naïve and dangerous thing a person can do. It's like skipping through the worst part of town, late at night, waving your wallet above your head. It's like walking into an al-Qaida training camp wearing an 'I love the United States' T-Shirt...you don't escape spiritual warfare simply because you choose not to believe it exists or because you refuse to fight it."

In this *Thy Kingdom Come* series I gave an analogy about

where Heise Hill is at in its journey. It is kind of like we're rolling a giant rock type ball up a hill with the intent of getting it to the top so we



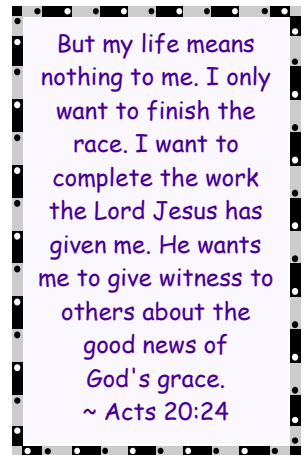
can roll it down the other side. It's one of those big *Raiders of the Lost Ark* balls. We're about three quarters

of the way up and it's starting to get really really hard to push up the hill. We have to get some positive inertia going or the ball will stall and maybe even eventually roll back. Satan doesn't necessarily want to make us go backwards. He'd be more than happy if we just stayed put, if we merely were a church which gets together on Sundays and isn't relevant to the community around us. He'll try to discourage us and he'll put things in our way to prevent any inertia from building. He'll try and keep many of us from pushing with all we've got.

My brother-in-law, Vince, writes a popular blog called *Monumental Effort* that is read by people from all over the world. He writes stories to inspire and move people to action. He says, "If my little tales of running can inspire anyone to be stronger and persevere when faced with a challenge, then mission accomplished." The tagline for the site is *Do More than Exist—LIVE*. He wants to push people to go above and beyond, to challenge our

preconceived limits, to push ourselves farther and harder than we have ever done before. That's what we're going to have to do at Heise Hill if we want to take up the role that we are called to in God's kingdom. It will take no less than a full all-out effort to pull this off—don't think it will take anything less. We have to do more than just exist. We have to live like Jesus *really* means something to us.

Indeed it will take determination to push beyond the challenges that Satan will lay before us, and to become relevant to those around us. But let's never forget what Jesus tells us in John 16:33. Yes, we will have trouble in the world; however, we can take heart



because he has overcome the world. He has defeated Satan.

Our call is to run the race, fight the fight, remain faithful, and put in a monumental effort. We can do this. Let's let the mighty power of our great God fill us. Let's let his Holy Spirit pour into us. Let's lay our bodies down despite the pain and challenges. Let's tell Satan to move on because there's a big rock coming his way.

Blessings, Steve

Love the Lord your God with **all** your heart Matthew 22:37

October 2011

Birthdays

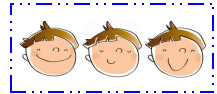
- : 01 ~ Wendy Shropshire
- : 01 ~ Janice Todd
- : 03 ~ Jesse Shropshire
- : 04 ~ Travis Foster
- : 06 ~ Mina VanderBent
- : 06 ~ Graham Wride
- : 14 ~ Christie Boake
- : 20 ~ Lynda Kentie
- : 25 ~ Drew Hogg
- : 27 ~ Judi Authier
- : 28 ~ Lorna Hogg
- : 29 ~ John DeZwaan
- : 29 ~ Anna Reesor



Anniversaries

- : 03 ~ Lorne & Miriam Shropshire
- : 03 ~ Ken & Carla Gillies
- : 11 ~ John & Anna Reesor
- : 16 ~ John & Karen DeZwaan

KIDZ WORSHIP



Here's what kids are learning at HH in October. Pray for our kids!!

The virtue: **Creativity**

~ Using your imagination to do something unique

Bottom Line

- * You were created, so you can be creative
 - * Use your imagination to think big
 - * Use your imagination to make your mark
 - * Use your imagination to do more good.
- * Imagine what could happen if everyone used their gifts together.



Memory Verse: "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepares in advance for us to do." ~ Ephesians 2:10



Consider joining HC for the 6 week REVOLUTION series. There'll be lots of challenging things to talk about in this series. Please prayerfully consider pushing yourself to engage in a Home Church.

Check the bulletin board or website for the location that works for you.



Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings—find one that is right for U.

Heise Hill Runs for **Urban Promise**



**Sunday,
October 16**

This is a great opportunity for us as a church community to put into action what we claim to believe. On Sunday, October 16th, we can play a significant role in Urban Promise's ministry, and we can play the part that Jesus calls us to by going into the world and partnering with where God is already at work.

It was a great experience for those who got involved in the Heise Hill Runs for Urban Promise day last year. Whether they ran, walked, or merely came out to cheer, people were amazed at the impact that such an event can have on them and on others. Let's not forget that this is also a major fundraiser for Peter and Lynda Kentie's Urban Promise Ministry.

Last year we raised just under \$5,000 for Urban Promise. However, in order to do so again **we need runners and walkers.**

WE NEED YOU!

If you'd like to run or walk 5K please contact me at [\(647\) 987-5983](tel:6479875983) or by email at steveauthier@heisehill.org. Don't be overwhelmed by this challenge, just take a step forward and give it a shot. We'll walk alongside you as you walk alongside Urban Promise.

October 2011

2	10:00 am 10:30 am	Time of prayer for Heise Hill Worship Service ~ #4 Thy Kingdom Come series
9	10:00 am 10:30 am	Time of prayer for Heise Hill Worship Service ~ "REVOLUTION" #1
16		Heise Hill Runs for Urban Promise
17	7:30 pm	Church Board Meeting
22	6 to 9 pm	Lazarus Rising Fall Celebration Fundraising Dinner at Heise Hill
23	10:00 am 10:30 am	Time of prayer for Heise Hill Worship Service ~ "REVOLUTION" #2
30	10:00 am 10:30 am	Time of prayer for Heise Hill Worship Service ~ "REVOLUTION" #3
31	Noon	HOPE 55+ Luncheon with Mark Cullen

November 2011

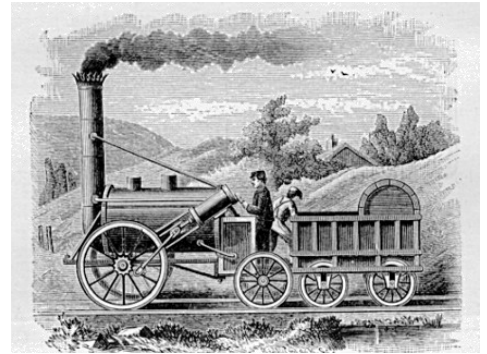
13	10:30 am	Live sermon ~ Christa Hesselink, BIC Global Ministries Team Director ~ "Compassion"
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Bus Offering ~ ~ ~ On Sunday, November 6th there will be an opportunity to give an offering to help to pay for the ongoing bus expenses and keep the bus safely on the road.



Heise Hill History



The early founders, including Christian Steckley Jr. whose ministry began in 1829, were the only leaders who did not live to use the church building. Some who did live to see the building had already spent most of their ministry prior to 1877.

Bishop Peter Cober was in charge at this time when the church was built. He had already been preaching for 45 years and 37 of these as the local Bishop. For 17 years Samuel Snider was his assistant Bishop.

Other preachers a century ago were John Byer, Christian Hoover, Peter Baker, John Eyer and Samuel Baker who later became Bishop. The deacons were Jacob Heise, Jonas Byer and Daniel Steckley Sr.

~ from "100 Years at Heise Hill"



On November 13th Christa Hesselink, BIC Global Ministries Team Director, will be speaking about *compassion* here at Heise Hill.

"Christa's prayer is that that her brothers and sisters would fully embrace the denomination's Core Values of peace, simplicity, and personal commitment to Jesus, and thus bring light and hope into the lives of hurting and confused seekers." ~ BIC website

A Core Value of Heise Hill Church

We are committed to prayer as a vital part of our corporate and individual lives.



We desire to devote ourselves to prayer for one another, our community and our world.

Save this date:

Saturday, October 22

Lazarus Rising will be having their Fall Celebration & Fundraising Dinner at Heise Hill ~ 6 to 9 pm.

LAZARUS
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Exploring Baptism and Membership

Exploring Baptism & Membership



Part 1 : November 6, 7, 11
Part 2: November 13, 18, 20

You might be considering membership or you might simply want to learn about baptism, communion, our Brethren in Christ history, or Heise Hill's history and direction.

There's a two part *Exploration Time* being offered this November. Each part is offered three times so you need only register for one of them.

The syllabus for the

sessions is available on our bulletin board at Heise Hill.

All classes are here at Heise Hill from 7 PM to 9 PM.

Please register by sending an email to steveauthier@heisehill.org or by signing your name on the class registration form on the bulletin board.

HOPE 55+

October 31, TV host and gardener, **Mark Cullen** will share with the Heise Hill seniors at noon, following a roast beef dinner.



We can accept only the first 70 persons who register, so be sure to phone Margaret 905.640.3522 as soon as possible. Neighbours and friends are welcome.

Our final 2011 gathering is the Christmas event at Jackson's Point, Salvation Army, noon, Dec. 5.

But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.
~ Jeremiah 17:7-8

Prayerfully consider how you can help us reach our goal for the "Repair the Church Campaign".



October 9 we launch *The Meeting House's* six week series *Revolution*. Jesus Christ is not only the Saviour, The Messiah, the Prophet, the Priest, and the King. He is also the Revolutionary. Yet few Christians know Him as such. Don't think for one minute that Jesus didn't come here to shake things up. Maybe it's time we do a little shaking ourselves.

I will give thanks to You, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds.
~ Psalm 9:1

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Would it make any noticeable difference in your community if your church ceased to exist?
~ William Metzger & Karen Stiller (*Going Missional*)

Our surrendered lives
+ the Holy Spirit

= a purple church

~ Thy Kingdom Come series

Just say Thanks!

See that you do not forget what you were before, lest you take for granted the grace and mercy you received from God and forget to express your gratitude each day.
~ Martin Luther (1483-1546)

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first began.
~ John Newton

We demonstrate our gratitude to God for His sheer grace by holy living, self-denial, and walking in the light. One day Jesus will welcome us home. Can you imagine how thankful we will be then?
~ R.T. Kendall



Declare His glory
among the nations,
His marvelous deeds
among all peoples.
~ Psalm 96:3

America is awash with the idea that everyone has the right to have whatever he or she wants and to be free from any kind of misfortune. Almost everyone seems to believe they have a right to pleasure, excitement, luxury, ease, and freedom from any kind of discomfort. Many of us have come to believe the lie that what I have and how other people treat me are what make me happy or unhappy. It's a formula for disaster at every level.



Where do we find the correct beliefs to live by?
Psalm 119:11 says, "*I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You.*"
~ Gary Smalley

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Someone is not hungry because you gave. THANK YOU!



Want to experience Sunday church in a garden?

Come and join Glenda at Heise Hill at 10:15 am Sunday, October 16th. We'll head down to Kin Village from 10:30-12 noon and help seniors and physically challenged folk do a garden clean-up.

Bring some garden tools if you have them (eg. shovel, spade, rake, hedge shears, gloves).

Only compassion is a requirement. Leave a message on voice mail at 905-888-1026 if you are able to help.



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