40 DAYS
OF GROWTH
Over the years God has spoken to me in very specific detail about moving our church forward. In 1996 at the end of a strategic planning process God told me to raise up 200 leaders to serve 2,000 people. God brought that and so much more to past.

After that God told me to raise up 300 members to form our Gideon Giving Ministry. And God worked miracles. It is through that group that we have sustained so many things over the past few years in spite of economic challenges in the world and in our church.

Now I believe God is speaking to me again. It is to raise up 200 families that will develop a model of ministry that will effect families in every facet of their lives. When I went through my challenge in 2011 and our church decided not to accept my resignation or to terminate me. It was a very empowering and humbling time in my life. I had three hundred and forty four days to seek the Lord for direction.

God gave me the responsibility to Build Strong Families through Faith, Fitness and Finance. For the past three years I have tried to determine a model to
best fulfill that responsibility. I have come to this place where I believe God has made clear to me the Word of Knowledge we need. He has given me the process to release it. As well as the way to interact with families to help them arrive at a very different place each year in their lives.

Together we will build a model based upon traditional interaction here on our campus that will be called. Face Time. We will also begin to learn how to apply the same capabilities through our new Technology Ministry. These two ways of interfacing with one another will allow everyone to participate and to achieve maximum potential.

Together we will develop materials, our own internet radio and television show. Together will Walk Thru the Bible, and look at practical ways to grow in our Faith, grow in our Fitness/Health, as well as grow in our Finance /Money.

Together we will begin this process February 10, 2016. This will be forty days of growth. It coincides with the forty day fast, or what some religious groups calls Lent. The next forty days we will follow the curriculum developed by Team Matthews. Together we will organize ourselves and learn how to use all of the materials
and technology. (You already know. I’m learning).

Finally, God has brought me to the conclusion that the violence, family challenges, and many of the maladies in our community, are the direct result of hopelessness and an inability to dream. So this year God challenge me to tell you to Dream Big with our God. All that I have shared with you and will share is my Big Dream. All of our families living the abundant life. So come and Dream Big with God and me. Let’s Walk thru the Bible into our God given destiny as we fulfill our dreams.
40 DAYS OF GROWTH
Day 1  
GROWTH

“Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.” 3 John 1:2 (NASB)

Principle: We build strong families through: faith, fitness, finance.

Faith Declaration: “I am whole in my faith, health, and finances!”
Day 2

“Good Planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.”
Proverbs 21:5 (NLT)

Principle: A good plan and hard work will lead to success.

Faith Declaration: “I commit to passionately pursue God’s plan in every area of my life.”
“What is the price of five sparrows—two copper coins? Yet God does not forget a single one of them. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.”

Principle: God values me!

Faith Declaration: “I am valuable!”
Day 4

40 DAYS OF GROWTH

“Jesus said to him, ‘if you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes’”. Mark 9:23

Principle: Faith makes everything possible.

Faith Declaration: “My faith manifests the impossible”!

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“A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.” Proverbs 17:22 (ESV)

Principle: A joyous heart yields good health.

Faith Declaration: “I have a joyful heart!”
“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well’. And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.” Mark 10:52 (ESV)

Principle: Faith makes us whole.

Faith Declaration: “I am whole!”
“For we live by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)

Principle: Faith enables me to see beyond my natural eyesight.

Faith Declaration: “My faith is not limited to what I see in the natural!”
Day 8

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1

Principle: Faith is the title/deed that enables us to take possession of what we believe.

Faith Declaration: “My faith manifests the unseen!”
Day 9
40 DAYS OF GROWTH

“Jesus told them, ‘This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent.’” John 6:29 (NLT)

Principle: Faith is the mission.

Faith Declaration: “My faith completes God’s mission!”
“Indeed, I will bring it health and healing, and I will surely heal them. I will reveal to them an abundance of shalom and truth.” Jeremiah 33:6 (TLV)

Principle: The Lord heals us.

Faith Declaration: “I am healed”!
“By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised.” Hebrews 11:11 (NASB)

Principle: Faith strengthens us.

Faith Declaration: “I have strong faith!”
Day 12

“"I will never forget your commandments, for by them you give me life.”’ Psalm 119:93 (NLT)

Principle: The word of the Lord makes us healthy.

Faith Declaration: “I am established in God’s word”!
Day 13

“All who believe in me should drink! As the scriptures said concerning me, Rivers of living water will flow out from within him.” John 7:38 (CEB)

Principle: Faith creates life.

Faith Declaration: “My faith is alive”!

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“Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13 (CEB)

Principle: Faith abides.

Faith Declaration: “I have abiding faith”!

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Day 15  

“So that it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. This life that I live now, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave his life for me.” Galatians 2:20 (GNT)

Principle: Faith makes me new.

Faith Declaration: “I have rejuvenating faith”!

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“Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

Principle: Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith.

Faith Declaration: “My faith is complete in Christ”!
Day 17 40 DAYS OF GROWTH

“The Lord will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength.” Isaiah 58:11 (NLT)

Principle: The Lord’s guidance gives satisfaction and healing.

Faith Declaration: “The Lord is my guide”!

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Day 18  

“but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.”

1 Corinthians 9:27 (NASB)

Principle: Discipline yields order and perfect alignment.

Faith Declaration: “I am self-disciplined!”
Day 19

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.” 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NLT)

Principle: God desires abundance for my life.

Faith Declaration: “I am living in God’s abundance.”
“Then he said, “Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you’ll get some!” So they did, and they couldn’t haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.”

John 21:6 (NLT)

Principle: God desires success for me.

Faith Declaration: “When I trust God, I am sure to succeed in all my endeavors.”
“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his Glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

Principle: God supplies all of our needs.

Faith Declaration: “Because of Jesus, all of my needs are met!”
Day 22

“...you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you’ve received it, it will be yours.” Mark 11:24 (NLT)

Principle: Faith manifests our beliefs.

Faith Declaration: “I have great faith!”
“But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out].” Hebrews 11:6 (AMP)

Principle: Faith pleases God.

Faith Declaration: “My faith pleases God!”
Day 24

“Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.”
Proverbs 3:78 (NKJV)

Principle: The fear of the Lord makes us healthy.

Faith Declaration: “I respect and revere the Lord!”
Day 25

“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.” Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

Principle: God is always with you.

Faith Declaration: “I am safe and secure in the hands of God.”
Day 26

“for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.” James 1:3 (ESV)

Principle: The testing of our faith produces patience.

Faith Declaration: “My faith is tried and true!”
“Whoever asks shouldn’t hesitate. They should ask in faith, without doubting. Whoever doubts is like the surf of the sea, tossed and turned by the wind.” James 1:6 (CEB)

Principle: Faith is unwavering.

Faith Declaration: “My faith is solid”!
“The blessing of the Lord makes a person rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.” Proverbs 10:22 (NLT)

Principle: God creates wealth.

Faith Declaration: “I am wealthy!”
Day 29

“Then God said, “Let the land sprout with vegetation—every sort of seed-bearing plant, and trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. These seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came.” And that is what happened.”

Principle: God places the potential for increase inside of everything that He creates.

Faith Declaration: “I have the ability to produce!”
“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.”

Principle: We reap what we sow.

Faith Declaration: “My seed will produce a harvest!”
“Whoever believes that Jesus is the Messiah is a child of God; and whoever loves a father loves his child also.” 1 John 5:1 (GNT)


Faith Declaration: “Faith is my I.D.!”
Day 32

“for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.” 1 Timothy 4:8 (ESV)

Principle: Godliness makes us healthy.

Faith Declaration: “I live godly by His grace!”
Day 33

“Pleasant words are honeycomb-sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.” Proverbs 16:24 (TLV)

Principle: Encouragement heals the soul and makes us healthy.

Faith Declaration: “I am an encourager

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Day 34

“\textit{A sound heart is life to the body, but envy is rottenness to the bones.}” \textit{Proverbs 14:30} (NKJV)

Principle: A sound heart brings health.

Faith Declaration: “My heart is sound and free of envy!”
Day 35

“And Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst’.” John 6:35 (NKJV)

Principle: Faith in God fulfills us.

Faith Declaration: “I have fulfilling faith!”
“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

Principle: The power of the Holy Spirit enables me to believe.

Faith Declaration: “My faith lies in the power of God!”
Day 37
GROWTH

“And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth…”
Deuteronomy 8:18 (NKJV)

Principle: God gives the power to create wealth.

Faith Declaration: “I have the power to obtain wealth.”
Day 38

“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce.”
Proverbs 3:9 (NLT)

Principle: Stewardship is an act of trust and worship unto the Lord.

Faith Declaration: “I keep God first with my resources!”
Day 39 40 DAYS OF GROWTH

“For whatever is born of God is victorious over the world; and this is the victory that conquers the world, even our faith.” 1 John 5:4 (AMP)

Principle: Faith gives us the victory to overcome the world. Faith

Declaration: “I have overcoming faith”!

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Day 40 40 DAYS OF GROWTH

“I don’t mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed for me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus is calling us.” Philippians 3:12-14 (NLT)

Principle: You’re not finished yet

Faith Declaration: “I will keep going!

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