

# OUT OF CONTROL

## LIFE

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- Open in prayer.
- Sometimes it seems like our world is out of control: Israel/Hama's war, ISIS in Iraq, Ebola, Ferguson, the Economy. Do you ever feel like your world is out of control?

### HOW DO WE THRIVE IN AN OUT OF CONTROL WORLD?

#### 1. Let God's vision for your life give you purpose.

- Read Colossians 3:11 (ESV)
  - What does this verse tell us regarding how we define ourselves?
  - The Gospel isn't about getting people into heaven when they die, it's about us becoming heaven on earth as Christ lives in and through us. How does this change the way we go about life?
- Read Matthew 22:37-40 (ESV)
  - We thrive in an out of control world when we live an upward, inward, outward life.
  - What if we pursued God the way we pursue \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank for your life)? How would that change the way you live?
- Read Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)
  - What does "every nation" mean?
  - Jesus wants us to be on mission with Him to infect others with His love. Share how this starts to transform the way we look at life, people, things, and opportunities.
- Read John 10:10-11 (ESV)
  - Abundant life means "extra ordinary" life.
  - How does this clarify the definition of what it means to live an abundant life?
- "Upward, Inward, Outward" love restores you to your original purpose.
  - Take time to pray for you and your TC group to have a holy burden to live upward, inward, outward lives.

#### 2. Commit to spiritual/emotional health. (Head, heart, and hands)

- Prayer
- Read 1 Chronicles 16:11 (ESV)
  - God wants us to seek and pursue Him!
  - God is a hopeless romantic. What does that mean to you?

- Share life with others (CONNECT)
- Read Galatians 6:2 (ESV)
  - Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ (upward, inward, outward).
  - We need each other...that’s why we encourage people to be in a TC Group.
  - How does sharing life together fulfill our statement that says, “TEAM—Together Everyone Achieves More”?
- Read John 13:34-35 (ESV)
  - What happens when we “love one another as Jesus loves us” in every area of our lives?
  - Why is it important for us to live this passage out by having “multi-ethnic, multi-generational, mission-shaped” churches and lives?
- Read and discuss Pastor Derwin’s blog regarding this issue:  
<http://www.derwingray.com/ferguson-multi-ethnic-churches/>

**3. Pursue a calling, not a career.**

- Read Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)
  - A calling is where your passion and the world’s hurts collide...How is what you’re doing in life right now transformed when you recognize it as a calling, not a career?
- Read John 13:14-17 (ESV)
  - In our calling, God wants us to serve others.
  - Ask yourself, are you a getter? Or a giver?
- Serve others
  - How are you currently serving others?
  - What TC Values are reflected in our relationship with the Indian Land Schools? (Hint: Leadership Development, Servant Community, Generosity)

**Soul-tattoo:** Live out the vision, commit to spiritual health, and serve others.

**CALENDAR**

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| Backpack Meals Food Collection                | Begins September 13-14          |
| Newcomer Connection                           | September 14                    |
| Transform U: Out of Control Finances Workshop | September 16, 23, 30            |
| BECAUSE Campaign                              | Because.TransformationChurch.tc |