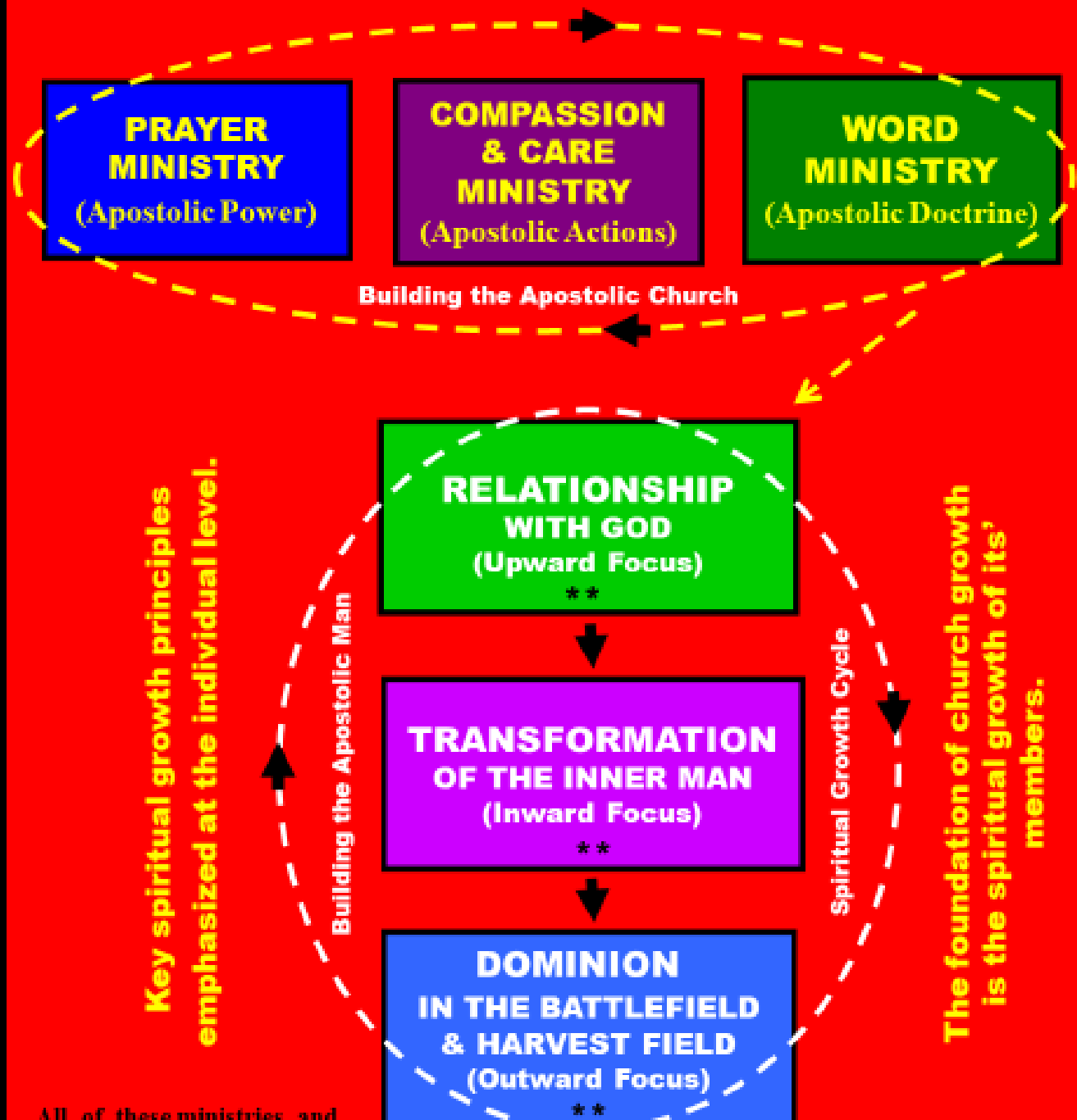


Chart 1

Book of Acts Core Ministries (Emphasized and Driven at the Church Level)

“And the same day there were added to them about 3,000 souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” (Acts 2:41, 42, 47)



All of these ministries and principles working in the agape love of God.

** Also includes the elements of Prayer, Care, and the Word.

Chart 2

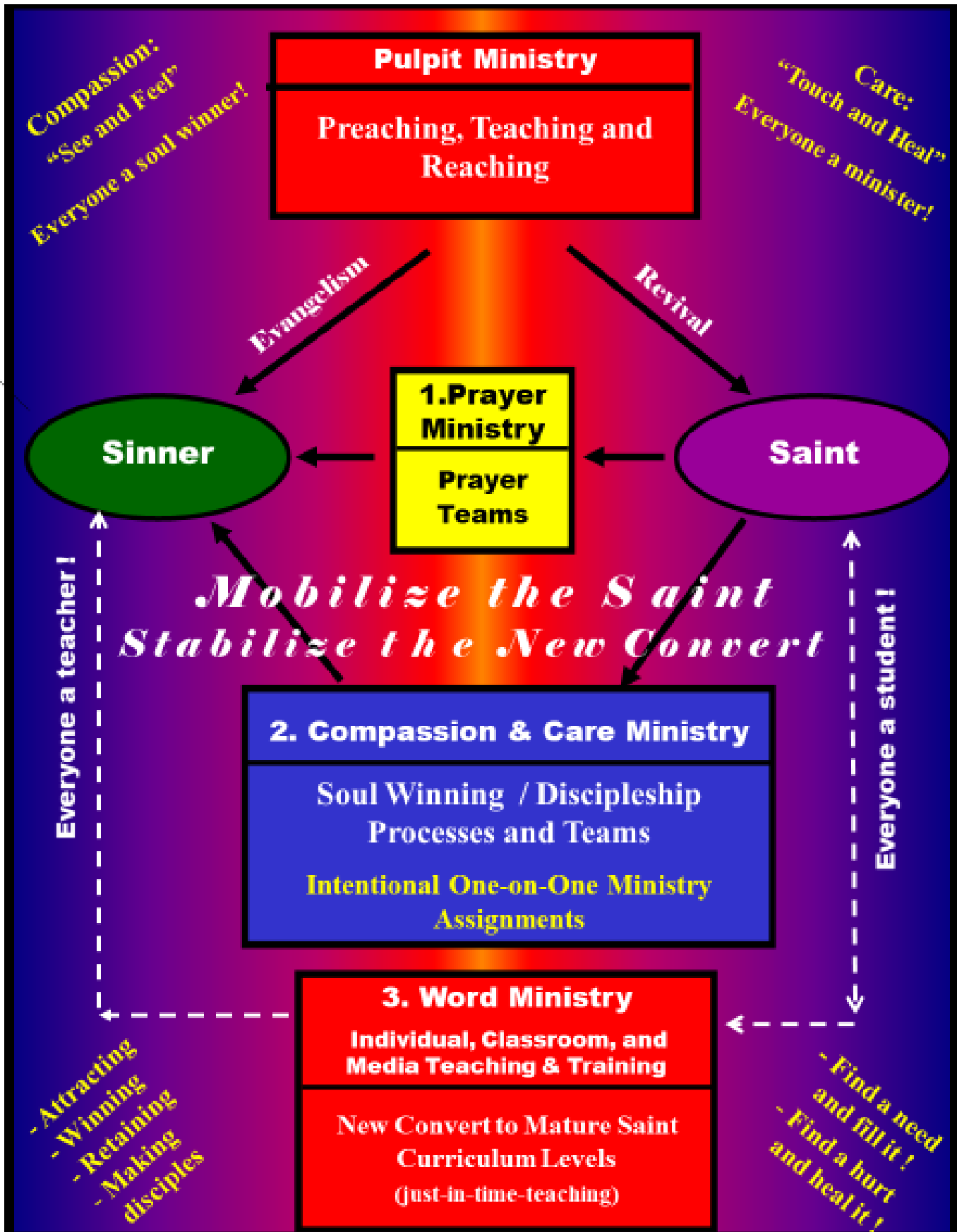
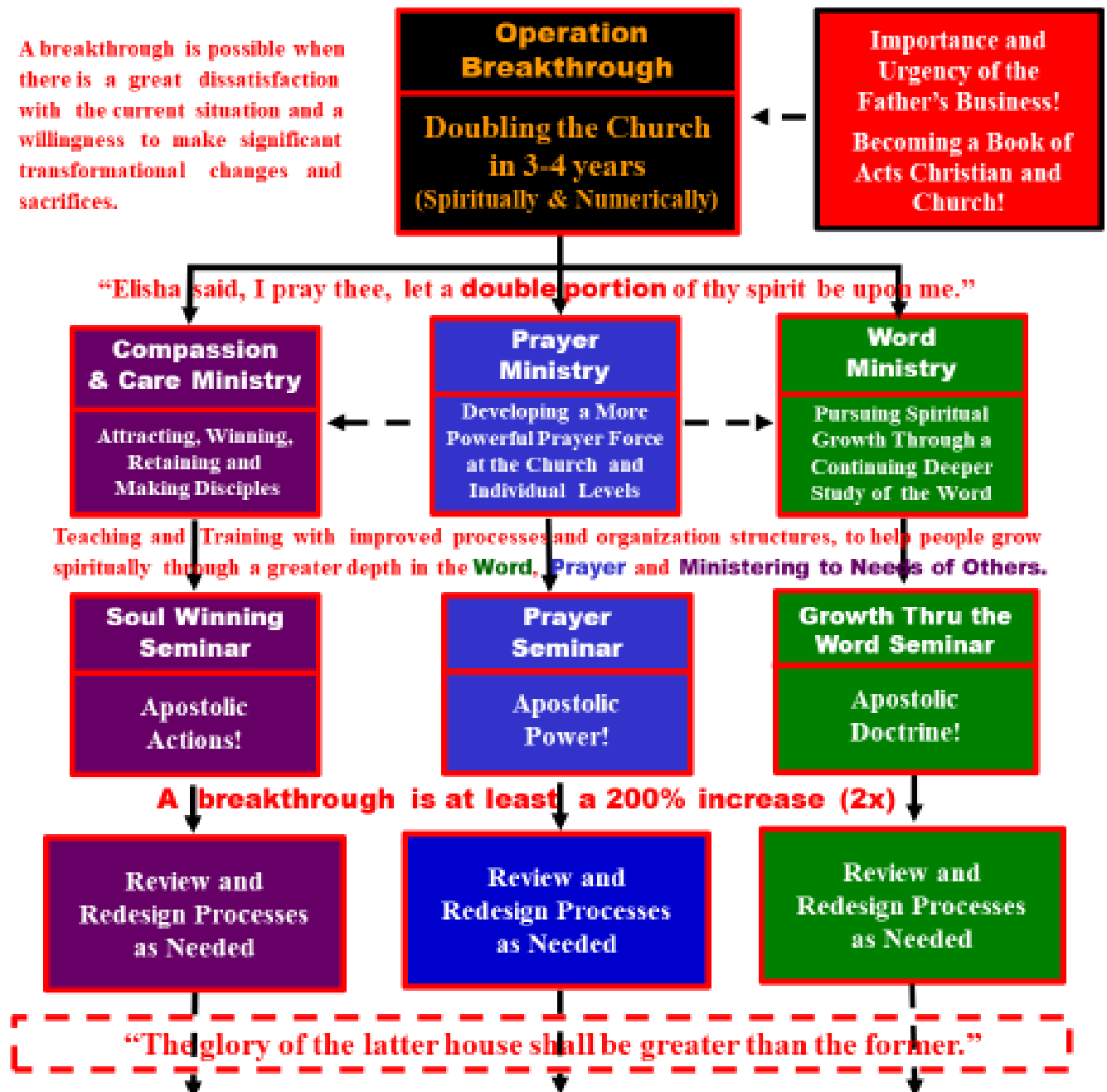


Chart 3

Pursuing a Book of Acts Church Breakthrough Through the Core Ministries of the Church

A breakthrough is possible when there is a great dissatisfaction with the current situation and a willingness to make significant transformational changes and sacrifices.



BOOK OF ACTS MODEL FOR CHURCH GROWTH: "The same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the **apostle's doctrine**, in **fellowship and breaking of bread**, and in **prayers**. Many signs and wonders were done by the apostles, and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." (200x church growth in one day)

INDIVIDUAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Pastor Hybels' "REVEAL Where Are You?" study states: "The leadership of Willow Creek Church should have helped their people more to grow spiritually (Christ centered) with a pursuit of God on their own through personal devotion (**study of God's Word, prayer, and ministering to the needs of others**) in their daily lives between church services."

Notes

The Significance and Simplicity of the Number “Three” in the Bible

(In reference to Chart 1 above)

The number “three” is significant in the Bible and appears 467 times. A few examples include the following: There are three parts to the plan of salvation: repentance of sin, baptism in Jesus name, and receiving the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38), which relate to the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:3-4). God manifest Himself in three ways: The Father in creation, the Son in redemption, and the Holy Ghost living in the born-again believer. There are three that bear record in heaven: The Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost (1 John 5:7). There are three that bear witness in the earth: The Spirit, the water, and the blood (1 John 5:8). There were three parts to Moses tabernacle: the outer court, the holy place, and the most holy place. These three relate to the tabernacle of man as the body, the soul, and the spirit (1 Thess. 5:23).

As shown in a few examples above, the simplicity of God’s Word is demonstrated when significant foundational doctrines often consist of only three foundational principles. This is depicted in Chart 1 above in describing the three key principles of corporate church growth and individual spiritual growth of the born-again believer.

- **Corporate Church Growth:** Prayer (apostolic power), Compassion and Care (apostolic actions), and the Word (apostolic doctrine) are the three core ministries of the church (Acts 2:41-47).
- **Individual Spiritual Growth:** Relationship with God (upward focus), Transformation of the Inner man (inward focus), and Dominion (outward focus, with authority and power over Satan and sickness in the harvest field and battlefield).

Importance and Urgency of the Father’s Business

The overarching theme in all the above charts is: “The Importance and Urgency of the Father’s Business.”

The Father's business is unlike any other business. His business is the one enterprise that surpasses and supersedes all others. There is no comparison to another, because His Kingdom is on a different plane, a different planet, and a different universe. The Kingdom of God, of which every believer is a part, holds a place in time and importance that every other kingdom, past, present, and future pales in comparison.

Today many end-time prophetic events are converging and pointing to the midnight hour. Three great witnesses to the endtime are the calendar, the world news, and the prophetic time clock of God’s Word. All of these are now in alignment much like a total lunar eclipse. They all signify the end of the Church Age, the end of Human Government and the soon coming of Jesus Christ.

Jesus, in the parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins, describes the scene of the church just before the rapture: “*While the bridegroom tarried, **they all slumbered and slept . . . and***

at midnight there was a cry made, behold, the bridegroom cometh.” It is almost midnight. The cry is now going out: “Behold the Bridegroom cometh.” It is now urgent for the wise to be **shaken, awakened, and engaged** in the Father’s business for the final battle and harvest. The times demand that our service in the Father’s business exceed the intensity of our efforts of yesteryear. We should pray for:

- Understanding of the times and to know what we ought to do.
- Wisdom to align our priorities and actions consistent with this knowledge.

The Benefits of Special Services for Seminars or Conferences

It is especially important and beneficial from time to time to depart from the normal schedule of church services and formats to reemphasize the importance of the core ministries of the church. Just changing the church service times and formats allows time to slow down and bring greater awareness and emphasis to what is most important regarding individual and corporate growth.

Prior to a seminar, if desired, there may be a planning session with the pastor to identify the improvements that are desired for the core ministries of the church and the action items that will drive the desired changes. This may be a telephone conference with an onsite follow-up.

Purpose of Website Details

The purpose of the unusual amount of details in this website is to provide adequate information for a pastor to make a more informed decision as to whether this ministry and/or media would benefit his church. In any case, the books, PowerPoint charts, and other information are available for the pastor and their members to use in their study and ministry.