

'I am Benjamín,

"son of the right hand"

*"So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.*

*I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand".*

Isaiah 41:10



'Love the Lord, your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

This is the first and greatest commandment.

Matthew 22:37



*'Commanded to love
worship by walking
secure in sonship
seeking authenticity
satisfied in intimacy
Hungry for More*

'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.'

Matthew 22:39

'Long haul loving

speaking words of love, truth and construction

going the distance, present in the present.

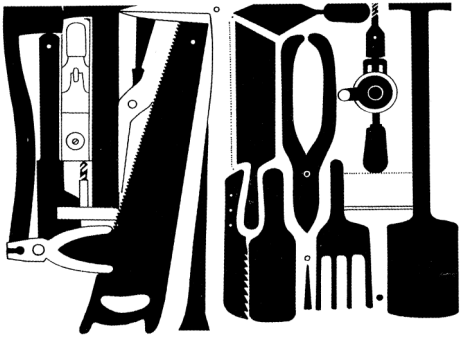
*so flourishing in her fullness in Christ, using
her gifts & built up with words of affirmation.*

sons loved equally and uniquely

A Godfather who remembers

A friend who stays





*'Tools and Transport
stewarding my body with
discipline and direction so
that health benefits others.*



*"I will make your forehead like the hardest stone, harder than flint. Do not be afraid of them or terrified
by them, though they are a rebellious house." Ezekiel 3:9*



Authentic, Humble, God-dependant

*Deeply loving hardness,
which is tenacious and bold.*

*A care for people that is
greater and deeper than a
care about what people think.*

*Loosing the bonds of fearing
man &
walking into conflict*

*"Fear of man will prove to be a snare,
but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe". Proverbs 29:25*

*"But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all
the duties of your ministry". 2 Timothy 4:5*

People connecting with their Lord.

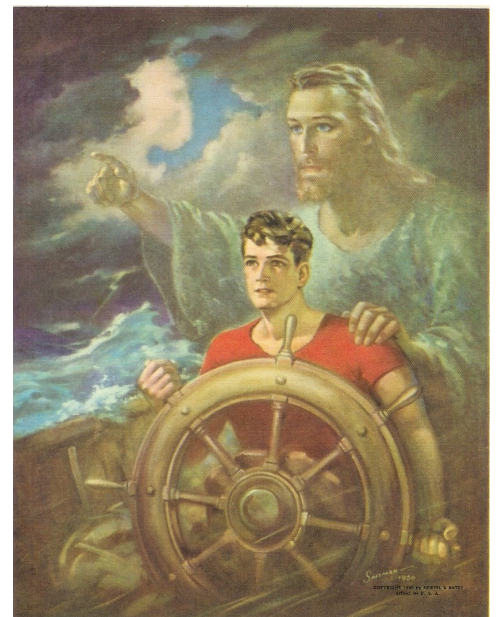
*pictured prayer, language spoken, bonds broken,
church unmasked.*

*Insiders finding life outside,
outsiders finding life inside.*

Team working, in-vesting up, in-vesting down.

*Wise correction sought, vision focused,
substance not show.*

Fisher Man, warrior



*"we are therefore Christ's ambassador, as though God were making his
appeal through us. we implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God".*

2 Corinthians 5:20

Personal Vision Statement for Andrew Eastham

"A tool to discern God's call that will aid my priorities" – JL

Vision for myself as a child of God. I believe God calls me to...

- Know that I am loved and accepted by Him, a Beloved Son.
- Share Him through the daily relationship and interactions I have with people.
- Seek Him in all situations and to model my life on Jesus's example & teachings.
- Use my gifts and talents, but also my weakness and fallibility in His service.
- Be available to people, to love them and be a sign of the kingdom to all I meet.
- To make regular times to invest in my relationship with God to discern His call on my life.

Vision for me as a husband. I believe that God calls me to...

- Be a loving husband – caring for Laura and supporting her in every aspect of her life.
- Support & enable her spiritual, emotional, physical and mental needs.
- Bring her happiness & joy and closer to God as a result of our union.

Vision of me as a father – I believe that God calls me to...

- Love my children abundantly and generously, making regular time for Josh, Emma & Daniel – being present at the significant points throughout their lives.
- Enable them to grow in their faith, through my example, our church fellowship, through regular times of prayer together.
- Support them and invest in them, to prepare them for their roles in society.

Vision of me as a son – I believe that God calls me to...

- Honour my parents in all that I do and through my interactions with them.
- Contact my parents regularly, to love them through those times, taking an interest in their lives and the issues they face.
- Support them and be there as much as I can be as they grow older – to let them know they are loved.
- To pray for them regularly.

Vision of me as a colleague – I believe that God calls me to...

- Love the people I work with & for, supporting them and taking an interest in their lives, development and welfare.
- Witness through my example, showing integrity, compassion, honesty, empathy & humour to those around me.

Vision of me as a friend – I believe God calls me to...

- Love my friends taking an interest in their lives and well being.
- To be honest and open, sharing myself as well as listening & supporting.
- To have fun, relax & make time to invest in these relationships.

Vision of me as a godfather – I believe God calls me to...

- regularly make contact, pray for and invest in these individuals as much as I can.



LIFE COLOURS

embrace

joy and
strength

the
spectacular
and the
ordinary

treasury

feast with
friends

bread

rejoice &
suffering

work of
grace

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enjoy
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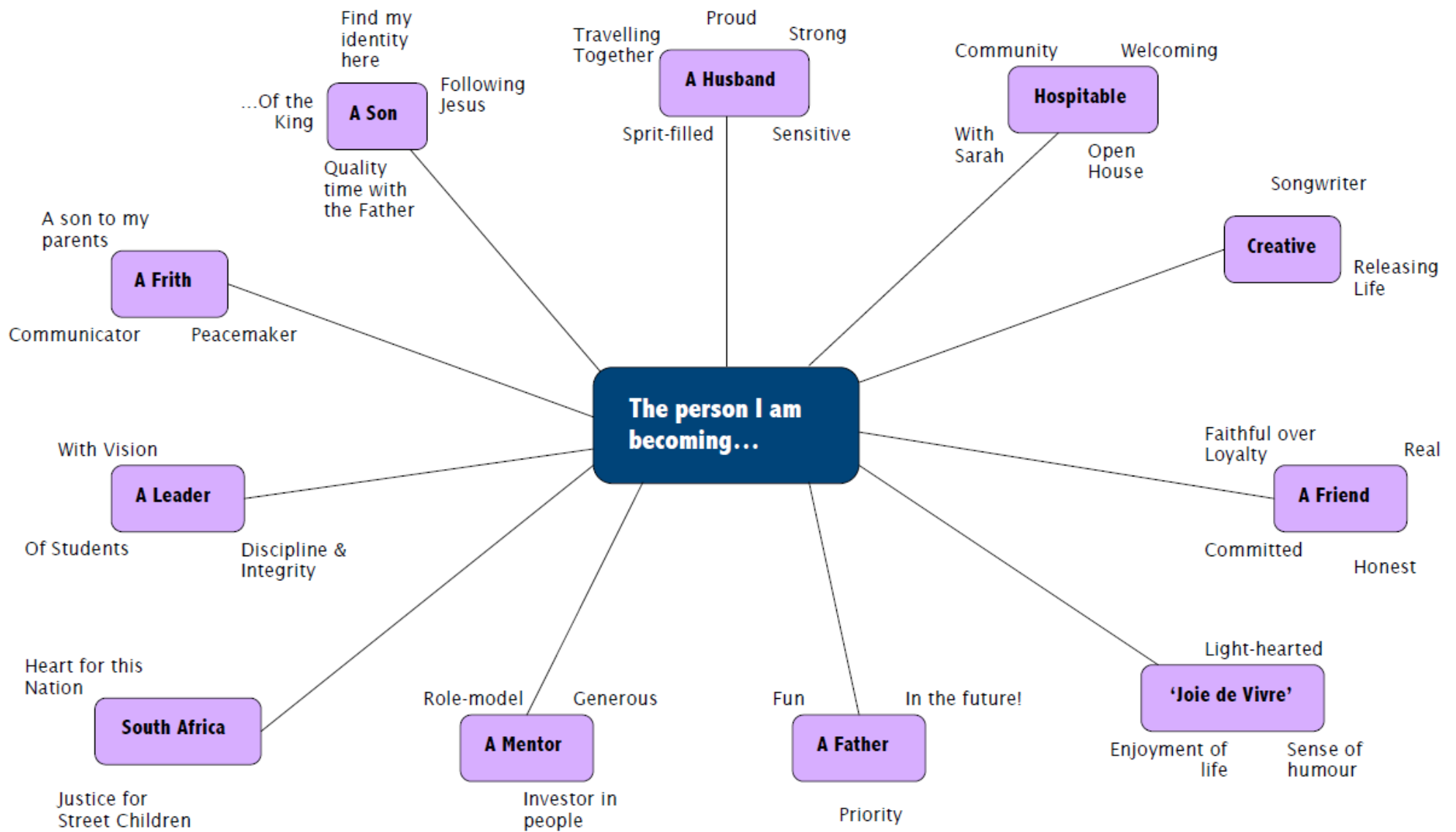
To live
wholeheartedly
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by teaching,
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to motivate,
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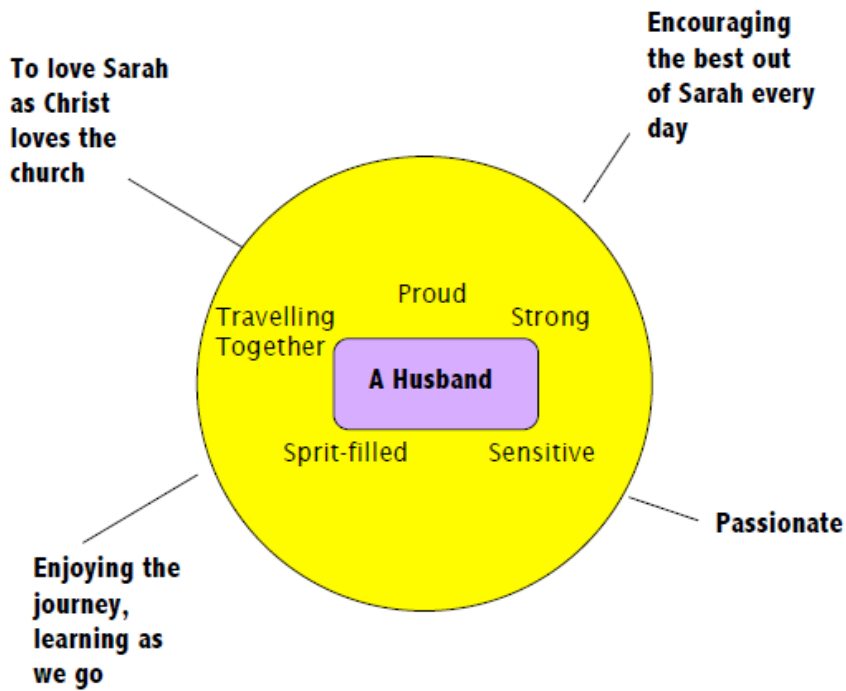
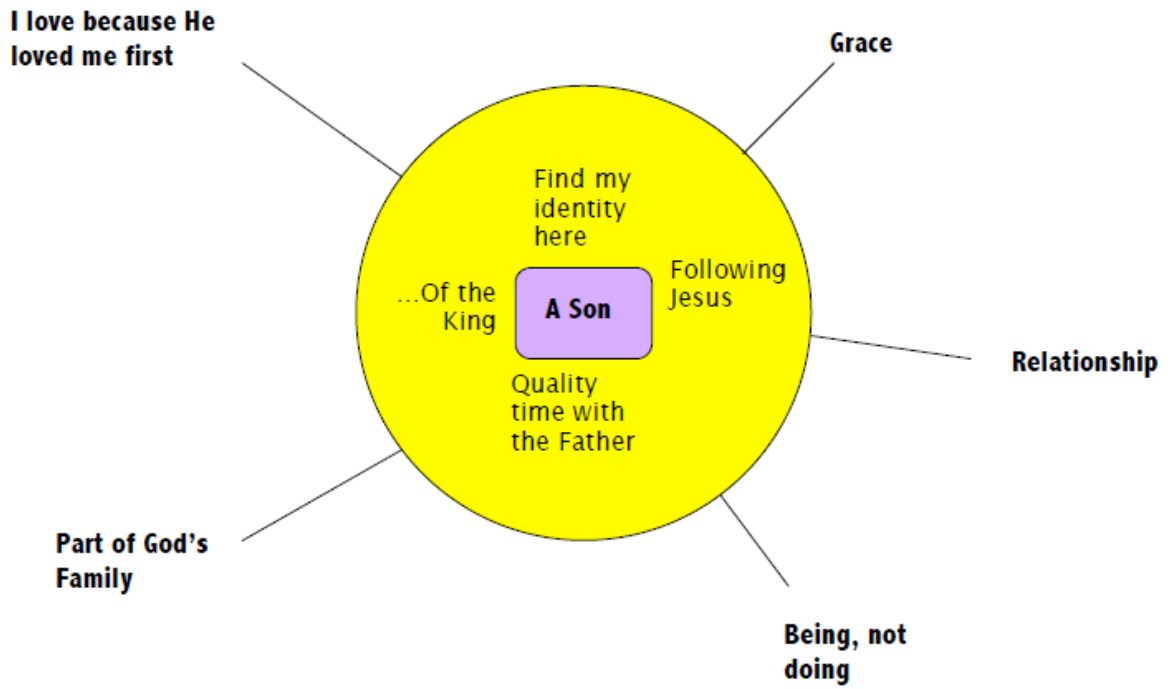
The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD.
1 Chronicles 29:9

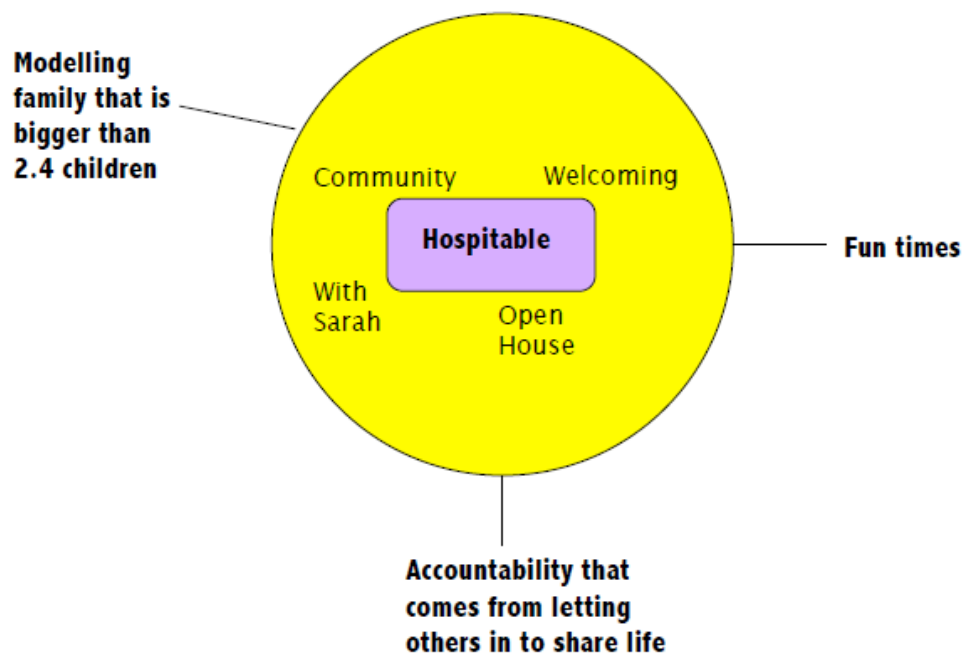
	<p>To be wholehearted with God</p>	<p>loving the Lord my God with all my heart, all my soul, all my mind and all my strength; seeking him and his kingdom above all else; to trust and depend; to be wholly his and know him as mine; submitting all to him</p>
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and flowing from this to seek to live wholeheartedly:

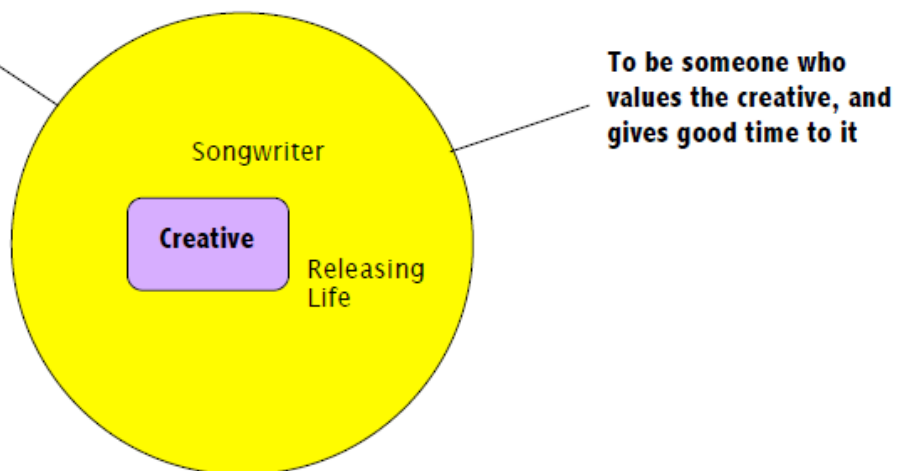
	<p>in following him</p>	<p>allowing his transformation, redeeming, pruning; letting him shape me in character and personality; trusting him as the master potter, the chief craftsman; trying to live out his challenge to be more vulnerable, less prone to exaggeration, more ready to listen, and more free from anger; living joyfully and lightly and being a witness for him</p>
	<p>with my family</p>	<p>loving and caring for each member and committed to being fully present when with them; in encouraging and praying for Alice & Matt, Chloe & Tom, and Laura as their sister(-in-law) in Christ; in praying for and seeking to witness to Edward, Kristina & Aldous, Tim, Sam & Emily, Alex & Lynn, Dad & Pauline; and in my wider family to seek to share Christ's love, light and salvation...</p>
	<p>in my friendships</p>	<p>to serve them and love them as Jesus served and loved his friends and to hope that through prayer and faithfulness Rhiannon, Steven, James, Shelly and Charlotte might open their hearts to Jesus; and that out of true fellowship and intimacy Bex, Jen, Jenny, Han, Beck, Jo and I might all be companions on this journey, blessing and being blessed through each other</p>
	<p>in ministry and leadership</p>	<p>using the gifts the Lord has given me in his ministry and in training for ministry; engaging with those I might meet along the way and seeing how his kingdom might come for them; enjoying the journey and all it might hold, even counting the cost; doing what I see him doing and going where I hear him calling and how this might draw me nearer to him and might work out in practice; being faithful in prayer, focused in vision, loving those for whom I am responsible, growing and develop others, to engage with Scripture and help others to do so, to communicate God's work, heart and purposes; to use my gifts of wisdom, pastoring and administration in service of him and of others</p>



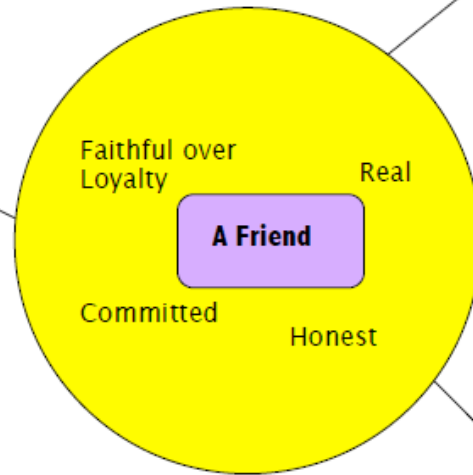




For this to come naturally from my relationship with the creator



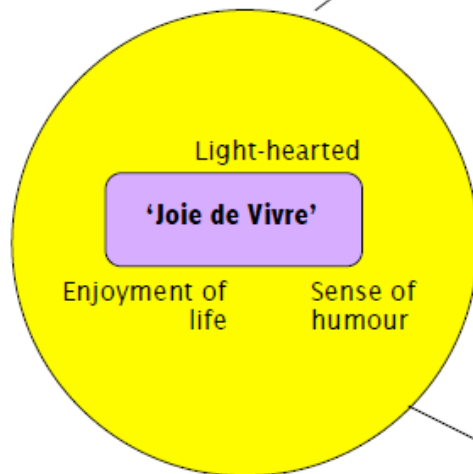
Faithful over loyalty means that I will choose to be honest with a friend even if it's not what they want to hear right away



Pro-active and intentional in relationships

To look for the best in people

Won't take myself too seriously



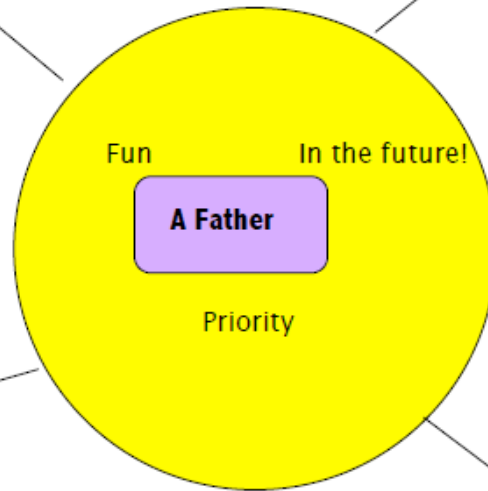
Learn when to take myself seriously!

To put my all into being the best father I can be

To have values and live by them

To have a vision for our family

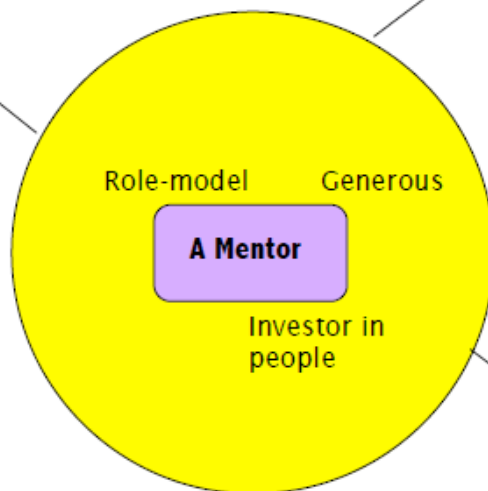
To deal with my stuff, so I don't father from a place of copying or reacting to how I was fathered



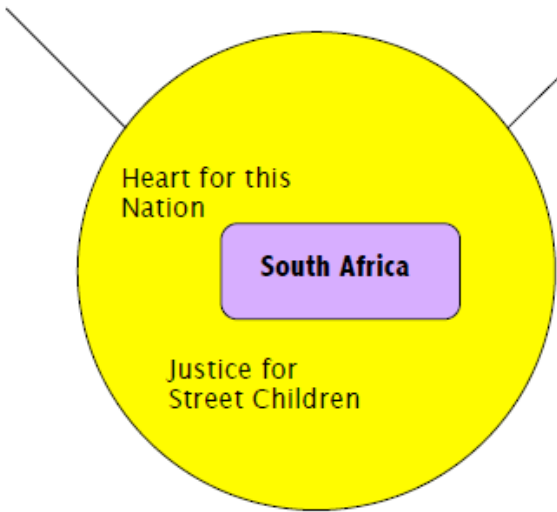
Giving away what's been deposited in me

Regularly hearing the voice of God for those I am mentoring

Sharing life with them, not just the occasional coffee

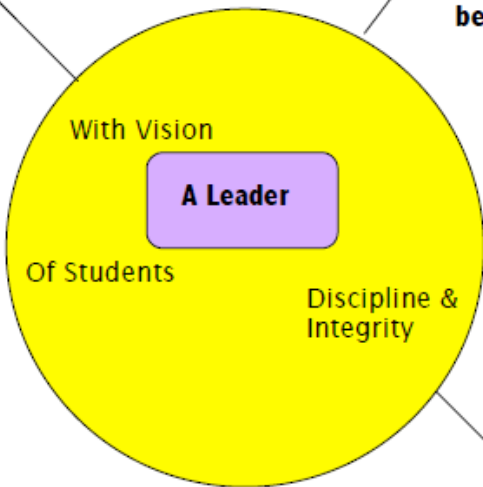


For this to be reflected in my prayer life



To allow God to teach me about His heart through these relationships and experiences

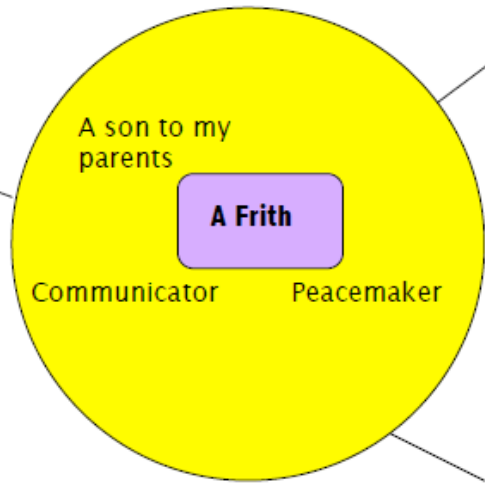
Leader of Worship



Regularly taking time to lead myself. Recognising I can't take others where I haven't been myself

To be sure of my calling as a leader

Giving time to my family, making the effort



The youngest but a valid contributor

Pro-active as a communicator and peacemaker

UNASHAMED

I am unashamed to live for Jesus. I am unashamed that I am totally dependent on him. He is everything. Without him, I am dead in my sin, without hope and without meaning in life. I am unashamed to say that I am weak and helpless. And yet he has made me strong. Because of Christ, there is always hope.

Therefore, I am unashamed that my whole life is from him, for him and to be lived with him. His priorities will determine my priorities:

- **Because of Jesus, I am unashamed to love my wife.** To be willing to die for my wife. To sacrifice my needs for her needs. To love her in the same way that Jesus loves us. I am unashamed to try and worship her with everything I am.
- **Because of Jesus, I am unashamed to love my family.** Before I was born my days were written down. He knew which family I would be born into. He knew my beginning and my end. Therefore, I am unashamed to honour them and to love them.
- **Because of Jesus, I am unashamed to love Clare's family.** What Clare loves, I love. They are a gift from God, and are to be honoured and treasured. I am unashamed to try and model Christ's love to them.
- **Because of Jesus, I am unashamed to serve the people that come into my life.** I am called to lead as Christ did. I am therefore unashamed to serve them. To show grace and mercy.
- **Because of Jesus, I am unashamed to try and build the strongest church possible.** This will be hard work, and involve suffering and sacrifice. But it is worth the effort. I am ashamed that sometimes the desire to do this comes from pride. I am ashamed that sometimes I am more interested in success than people. But, doing all I can to avoid this, I am unashamed to try and build a vibrant church which will ripple wide.
- **Because of Jesus, I am unashamed to continue using any gifts for the sake of serving him.** I am unashamed to study culture, take concerted effort in observing and learning about the world I live in. This serves Christ more than it serves me. So, therefore, I am unashamed to take careful time to do it.

“ *And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. (Romans 5:5)* ”

David J. Archer

Personal Vision Statement

Spiritual

I aim to place God first and foremost in all that I do, so that as a husband, as a father, as a son, as a church leader, it is upon Him and His wisdom that I lean (*Matthew 22.37; Proverbs 3.5-6*).

To this end, I will esteem the regular study of God's word and personal prayer.

Personal

I will give particular attention to living in the grace of God and the glorious freedom won for me by Christ on the cross, so that I am a person who is open, trusting and generous towards others. I will choose to forgive those who hurt me and by doing so enable me to be in a good place to receive God's healing and wholeness (*Colossians 2.10*).

Relational

I will honour my relationships with others, particularly those of my wife, children, parents and close friends, prioritising my time so that I do not neglect them.

As a husband, I will love my wife, honouring Amy and our marriage. I will give my time freely to her and our children, Kathryn, Ollie and Anastasia, so that I am "there" and "present" as a father, helping and supporting them.

I will make it a priority to nurture the relationship with my Mum and Dad, speaking with them on a weekly basis, being mindful of all that they have done for me and recognising their increasing needs. I will ensure that they know that I love them.

Professional

I recognise and am grateful for the call of God on my life, as a missional leader, passionate about building God's church and having a particular concern for those on the margins of society.

I will pursue with vigour and determination this call and exercise the gifts God has given to me. I recognise that there will be those who will oppose me and so will place my security not in my own strength, but in my identity in Christ as a child of God, free forever from condemnation, created for good works and appointed to bear fruit (*John 1.12; Romans 8.1-2, Ephesians 2.10; John 15.16*).

I will actively pursue my Christian leadership courageously, valuing integrity, encouraging creativity, taking appropriate risks and initiating change.

I recognise that as a person and as a leader, I have flaws in my character, a dark side, for which I am not proud. I will make myself accountable to, and more than that, vulnerable to others, specifically other maturer Christian leaders who want to see me fulfill all that God intends for me.

I will love those who have been placed in my care here in the Parish of Purley-on-Thames.

Physical

Knowing my chosen vocation brings with it many pressures which can be destructive to my health, I believe God calls me to maintain my health through regular physical exercise.

I believe too that God calls me to enjoy His creation and so I will make time to "enjoy" life, including time to pursue various personal interests and hobbies.

My Personal Vision Statement

I believe God calls me ...

To live in **response to his grace**, by:

- ♦ paying attention to God in all things
- ♦ meditating on the fact that he created me, died for me, and lives in me
- ♦ prioritizing worship of God as part of my daily life
- ♦ generously giving in every area of my life
- ♦ consistently praying for those for whom I have a concern
- ♦ acknowledging that without his Holy Spirit I could not respond to him.

To be a **biblical, godly, intimate, humble, compassionate and enthusiastic follower of Jesus**, determined to honour him in all things and make a radical difference in his world, by:

- ♦ cultivating intimacy with Him through disciplined prayer and reflection on the Scriptures
- ♦ embracing the spiritual disciplines
- ♦ modeling myself on Jesus
- ♦ being obedient to whatever I sense God is calling me to.

To be a **servicing husband**, enabling Sophie to grow into all that God desires/calls her to be, by:

- ♦ seeking to give love rather than gain love
- ♦ respecting Sophie and her uniqueness
- ♦ serving her in practical daily ways
- ♦ providing for her emotional, spiritual, physical and mental needs.

To be a **generous father**, providing for William, Toby and Anna the context in which they can develop loving, wholesome, and mature relationships with God and others throughout the whole of their lives, by:

- ♦ unconditional acceptance of them for who they are
- ♦ constant affirmation of their worth before their effort, their effort before their achievement
- ♦ making myself available to them for quality and quantity time
- ♦ appropriate affection
- ♦ consistent accountability
- ♦ loving authority exercised in sensitive discipline, being firm and pleasant.

To be a **faithful son**, honouring and caring for my parents till their dying day, by:

- ♦ regularly contacting them
- ♦ listening to their wisdom

- ♦ treating them with respect
- ♦ providing them with practical support.

To be a **caring relative**, affirming and encouraging all my relatives to find and fulfil God's central purpose for their lives, by:

- ♦ making myself available to all of my family
- ♦ remembering family anniversaries and keeping in contact.

To be a **loyal friend**, by:

- ♦ enjoying the richness friendship has to offer through time spent with those who are close
- ♦ sharing honestly with friends so we may grow together in godliness and grace
- ♦ developing healthy compassionate and caring friendships with those who aren't yet Christians.

To be a **supportive godparent** to Anna, Miriam, Georgia, Samuel and William, by:

- ♦ praying for them and their parents every week
- ♦ regularly contacting them for prayer requests.

To **develop the unique 'SHAPE'** God has given me; utterly dependent on him, celebrating my uniqueness, giving him the glory, pursuing excellence, exercising integrity, and extending his kingdom, by:

- ♦ enthusiastically and sensitively making Christ known in word, attitude and deed, with an emphasis on speaking evangelistically
- ♦ actively accepting leadership positions, humbly fulfilling them as a servant seeking to enable those I lead to better follow Christ
- ♦ thoughtfully and accurately teaching the Bible in ways which inform and inspire
- ♦ seeking excellence in all things, balanced by a belief that people are more important than projects.
- ♦ taking opportunities to expand knowledge and applying it to specific situations
- ♦ focusing on change, creatively pioneering with a willingness to take risks.

To live out God's priorities for me year by year by:

- ♦ regularly reflecting on my PLS
- ♦ sharing it with others to hold me accountable
- ♦ identifying each year steps to take towards fulfilling God's call.

James Lawrence, 4 January 2010