

Remember Reality!

2 Peter 1:12-13

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. 13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;

Seven Realities of HBF

- 1. Real People**
- 2. Real Christians**
- 3. Real Relationships**
- 4. Real Ministries**
- 5. Real Battles**
- 6. Real Ministers**
- 7. Real War Zones**

The Apostle Peter was careful to point out the need of believers to revisit truth that they have already been taught. Peter implies that he would be negligent if he didn't review the things that God had showed them. He also says that it is through remembrance that we are stirred up.

God has given us seven core points to help us keep our focus on "the main thing". Another word for being authentic is being "real". The seven realities of HBF are simple reminders that serve to keep our relationship with God and those he died to save authentic. These principles constitute the essence of what HBF is all about.

I want to address each of these realities and remember how essential these principles are to accomplishing the great commission. I will start with "Real People". HBF must be a church that is willing to minister to the people God loves. According to **John 3:16, Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8**; that means we must be willing to minister to all people because Jesus loves the world.

God wants everyone! He is no respecter of persons. Race, ethnicity, social or economic variations are irrelevant to God's desire to see all people redeemed from sin and conformed into the image of Christ. All men share the common reality of sin regardless of our diverse differences. All ethnic, social and economic sectors are bankrupt without the richness of a relationship with The Lord Jesus Christ. That is reality according to scripture.

Because God wants all people we must welcome all people. There is big difference between allowing someone in your presence and welcoming them into a relationship with you and those you are close with. As we seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness it is only "supernatural" for us to want to share our fellowship with God with those Jesus died for.

**HBF Reality Number 1:
Real People Must Be Found In Real
Churches**

Everyone Wanted

Everyone Welcome

Everyone Won

While it is important to welcome people into our presence to learn of our relationship with God, the goal is to win them. Introducing real people to real God is the heart of our purpose. According to **2 Peter 3:9**, God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. Since God is not willing that any should perish we must not be either. Please remember with me that we will never win real people unless we reach real people.