

# I LOVE MY CHURCH - YO AMO A MI IGLESIA

## TAKE UP YOUR TOWEL

**INTRODUCTION:** At Águilas CFC, we have a Mission and a Vision, just like any organization.

**Our Mission:** *“To win souls and make disciples, forming every person into a successful leader in spiritual, family, social, and financial life.”*

**Our Vision:** *“To create a place for everyone where every generation can fulfill their purpose through relevant, biblical discipleship, leaving a legacy of excellence.”*

The Mission is important because it explains why we exist and why we do what we do. Everything we do is to win souls and make disciples. The Vision of Águilas defines where we are headed and what we want to achieve in the long term. It is a transgenerational vision—it doesn't end with us. It didn't end with our apostle; it started with him, continues with us, with our children, and if Jesus doesn't return soon, it will carry on through our future generations so they too can fulfill His purpose. That's why I love my church! Remember that at Águilas CFC, *“success”* is to continuously fulfill God's purpose in and for my life.

The Vision and Mission of Águilas CFC are the two most important elements of this Ministry. No one wants to be somewhere that leads nowhere, or board a vision without knowing where it's going. But at Águilas CFC, we know why we exist, why we do what we do, and where we are going. How many would like to join us on this journey to success? We invite you to be part of the vision. If you are here, it is no accident—you are here on purpose. The Lord brought us to fulfill this Mission and Vision; and it is biblical (*Matthew 28:19, NKJV*). God spoke to our Pastor about reaching 40,000 disciples. But winning them is not the same as discipling them. How will we form 40,000 disciples?

Statistics show that among churchgoers, 63% do not serve and/or have never been involved in any area of ministry. That means that out of every 10 people, only 4 are serving. In our church, we currently have around 460 volunteers (servants) active each Sunday service. These are people who have discovered their calling and purpose. Throughout the week, we average 223 intercessors, 25 CR servers, 25 EDE servers, 30 in evangelism, 50 RG servers, and an average of 167 GDC leaders—a total of 980 volunteers weekly. This means that 25% of ACFC members are active in service.

President John F. Kennedy once said: *“And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country.”* So to all members of ACFC: do not ask what the church can do for you—ask what you can do for your church.

The greatest example of service and humility was given to us by our Lord Jesus, for He came not to be served, but to serve. We must go from merely hearing the Word to being filled with faith by the Word—and become servants through the example of Jesus.

### To take up the towel of service:

**1. JESUS ESTABLISHED SERVICE (Even before the Last Supper).** Read *John 13:1 (NLT)* Jesus knew that this was the moment to show His disciples that He did not come to be served but to serve. He showed His love by taking off His robe, picking up a towel, and serving them—washing their feet.

- He did this before the Last Supper because He knew everyone would want to participate in the meal, in the privileges—but not all would want to participate in serving. 2,000 years later, not much has changed.

- Our Pastors have been an example of service. We, too, must be examples so we can tell others to serve. Service brings dignity when you understand who you are doing it for.

## 2. TAKE OFF YOUR ROBE. *Read John 13:4–5 (NLT)*

- Jesus removed Himself from His position, stood up from the table, and laid aside the robe that identified Him as God so He could take up the towel. He demonstrated humility. He knew that as a man, the best way to reflect God was not through miracles but through service. The best way for us to reflect God is by serving with humility.
- Washing feet was a humiliating task—it was the job of the servants, who washed the feet of those entering the house. Through His example, Jesus showed us that the greatest part of being a Christian is not performing miracles, preaching, or prophesying—it is serving others.
- Some people carry a robe of influence and no longer want to serve. If we don't remove that robe, we won't be able to pass on what Jesus passed on to His disciples. Others carry a robe of insecurity and believe they are unworthy. It is by His grace that we serve. Take off those robes and take up the towel of service to follow Jesus' example.

## 3. SERVICE IS A COMMAND FROM GOD (If He did it, so must we). *Read John 13:14–17 (NLT)*

Service is a command that shows how much we love and obey God; it shows that we do not think ourselves greater than God, and it reveals how much we love people and our church. It unlocks blessings and prosperity in every area of the lives of those who serve God.

### CONCLUSION:

Taking up the towel of service is not just an act of obedience—it is an expression of love for God. If Jesus, being Lord, chose to serve, how could we not? To fulfill the Mission and Vision of Águilas CFC and raise up 40,000 disciples, it's not enough to just watch—we must act. It is through serving that we discover our purpose and become instruments of the Kingdom. **This is the time!** God brought you here with a purpose.

### INTERACTION QUESTIONS:

1. What “robe” do you think you need to take off to serve with more freedom and humility? (Pride, insecurity, comfort, etc.)
2. How has your life been impacted by someone who has served you with love at church? (What did you learn? What inspired you?)
3. In what area would you like to begin serving or grow in your service at Águilas CFC? (Share with the group so they can pray for you and encourage you.)

### ACTION STEPS:

- Reflect this week on what has kept you from serving with passion and humility and surrender it to God in prayer.
- Talk to your GDC leader or a pastor about how you can get involved in a service area at church.
- Do a practical act of service this week: help someone in need, contribute in your GDC, or support a church event as a reflection of your love for God.