

Introduction to the Vision

Then the LORD answered me and said, “Write the vision and engrave it plainly on [clay] tablets So that the one who reads it will run. “For the vision is yet for the appointed [future] time It hurries toward the goal [of fulfillment]; it will not fail. Even though it delays, wait [patiently] for it, because it will certainly come; it will not delay.
 Habakkuk 2:2-3 (AMP)

The original concept of Joy Mountain Ranch came as a spark from the heart of God many years ago, but it became mixed with our own concepts of what it would be. Over time and additional revelation from God, we began to understand Joy Mountain Ranch was not the end goal, but rather a vehicle to help get us to the goal.

The goal is really a mature Ekklesia and the advancement of Kingdom of God in the earth, through the restoration of the power and authority that God initially gave Adam in the garden of Eden. As God began to fill in the details through prophetic words, the Bible, visions and dreams, we understood how Joy Mountain Ranch could be a tool in the hands of God’s people to meet this goal.

During this time, God also made it very plan that He was calling His people out of bondage and into freedom. He was calling those who had controlled and enslaved His people to “Set My people free”. He was saying to His people, “Come out of Babylon”. He was showing us how religion and worldly systems (Babylon) had been a part of controlling every aspect, every cultural area of our lives.

We believe we have entered a new time in the history of the earth and the place God is taking us no man has ever been before. We identified some paradigm shifts we believe will occur on our journey into this promised land. These paradigm shifts are key to advancing the Kingdom of God and will be expounded upon further in our training material.

Paradigm Shifts:

	Old	New	Notes
1	Individual vision and desires	God's vision and desires	God's vision and desire becomes our goal - our vision may become a vehicle used to help obtain God's goal but it is never the goal

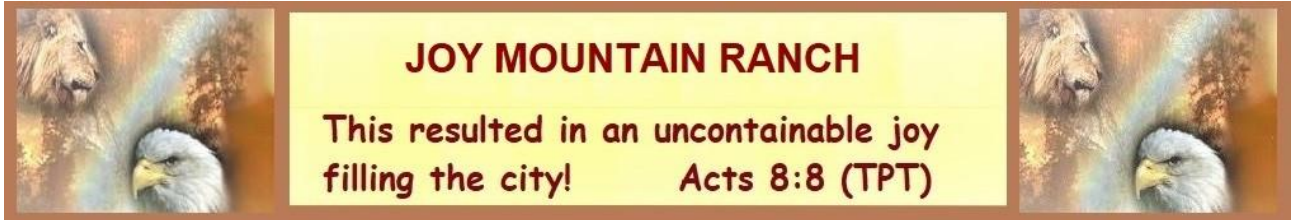


JOY MOUNTAIN RANCH

This resulted in an uncontainable joy
filling the city! Acts 8:8 (TPT)



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| 2 Following "church" doctrine | Following God | "Churches" build walls based on their doctrine. If we follow God, what we believe will change over our lifetime as we mature. It is not that God's word is wrong, because it isn't. It is that man has many times misinterpreted God's word. To facilitate this we believe, the word "church" holds too much imagery of deceptive understanding that we choose to use the original Greek word "Ekklesia" to represent what Jesus is building. |
| 3 Religion and its leadership (false) | The true Ekklesia and its leadership | Religion is all about control and man placing people in places of leadership. God's true leadership is different. His leaders lead. They do not drive. They are servants leading the flock to Jesus, not to themselves. |
| 4 Man's point of view on Maturity – Humility, Submission, Transitioning and Unity | God's point of view on Maturity – Humility, Submission, Transitioning and Unity | This affects our gathering places more than most others - it is what truly makes a leader, a leader. |
| 5 Doing Works | Just Being | Being what Jesus has created us to be, Being in Him - the works flow out of that place, not out of our hands |
| 6 Emphasis on "church" | Emphasis on Kingdom of God | The emphasis today is on building each individual local gathering place with some teaching on the corporate Church. The emphasis will change to the advancing of the Kingdom of God. He never commanded us to build "churches". |

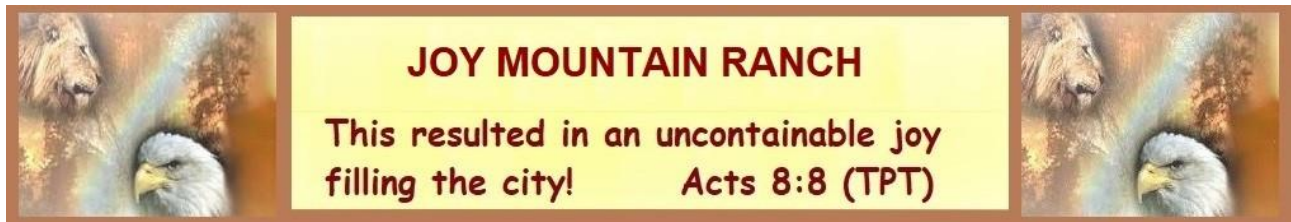


- 7 Escape, despair, defeat hope, victory, open to change We do not believe that we will escape the horror of our time. Our attitude of what our responsibility is during this time is crucial. We cannot bury our heads in the sand and wait for God to come rescue us. We have a Kingdom to advance. There is a darkness that must be eradicated.

Joy Mountain Ranch is not an organization as defined by government, but is a group of people (loosely coupled) who see where God wants to take us. We are the vehicle or tool to facilitate these paradigm shifts. The seven cultural areas of influence are an important aspect of advancing the Kingdom in our own communities, cities, states or provinces, and countries while realizing there is only one true mountain in control, the Mountain of God, Mount Zion. It is not enough to affect each cultural mountain. God must rule from the one true Mountain. What God has given to us we freely give.

These thoughts of cultural centers were initially introduced by Bill Bright, the founder of Campus Crusade and Loren Cunningham, founder of Youth with a Mission. They have been expanded and refined by others over the last few years. A good understanding of these areas is key to understanding and advancing the Kingdom of God in the earth. A good deal of our training will revolve around this revelation.

1. The home - family
2. The church - religion
3. Schools - education
4. Government and politics
5. The media
6. Arts, entertainment, and sports
7. Commerce, science, and technology



Primary Vision

The rallying cry of Joy Mountain Ranch can be stated in three ways: LET MY PEOPLE GO, SET MY PEOPLE FREE and COME OUT OF BABYLON.

We cannot climb the Mountain of God while still in Babylon. We cannot enter into the new land of promise without becoming free from control, both others controlling us and we controlling others. We must be free to pursue and worship our God in the spirit of holiness.

The name Joy Mountain Ranch was chosen a long time ago based on Acts 8:4-8. The Mountain of God is the place a person comes face to face with God. We find the heart of God on the Mountain. When a city comes face to face with Jesus, it brings great joy to the city. When people are set free to be all they were designed by God to be, there is great joy. When people come out of religious bondage, there is great joy. When the Kingdom of God is advanced in the earth, it brings great joy.

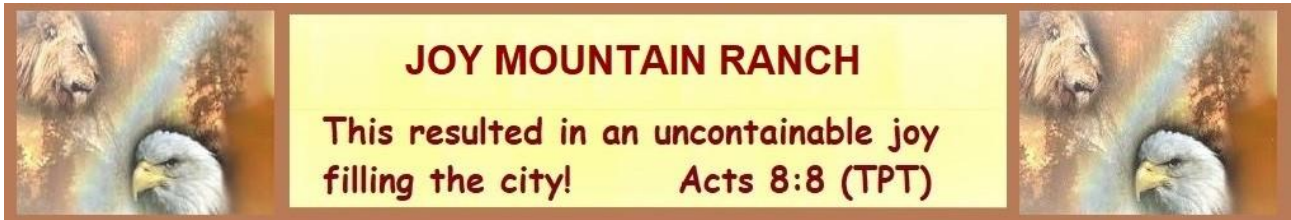
It is the vision that whole cities would understand the concepts in this plan of righteousness and justice ruling and advancing the Kingdom of God in the earth. This should expand to cover counties and states or provinces.

Any plan embraced by Joy Mountain Ranch should be routinely reviewed and judged against the primary vision and the living, active current Word of our Lord.

Our intent is to provide the following at no charge as available to help people live their lives in the Kingdom and find their place in advancing the Kingdom of God in the earth:

1) Train/Teach/Equip

Train and equip God's people, pray for them, encourage and release them to fulfill their God-given vision to affect their cities, counties, states, countries and the world with Kingdom tools and principles, in whichever cultural area the Lord is placing them. God is not interested in building institutions; He is interested in building people.



2) Support the Gifts/Callings of God's people

Help God's people who feel they do not have a platform or the credentials or the authority to operate in the call of God in their lives by providing truth. We do not need man produced credentials to operate in what God has called us to do. God is our authority and the world is our platform. He is the one who calls us.

3) Provide Communication Mechanism

Provide a mechanism for God's people from all different backgrounds, skillsets, callings, locations to connect with each other and communicate knowing there is strength in numbers. Conceptually, the goal is to provide a mechanism to share information without having control, but the details of how to make this work still need to be determined.

4) Provide Consultation

Provide instruction and guidance to those who request help in pursuing the advancement of the Kingdom

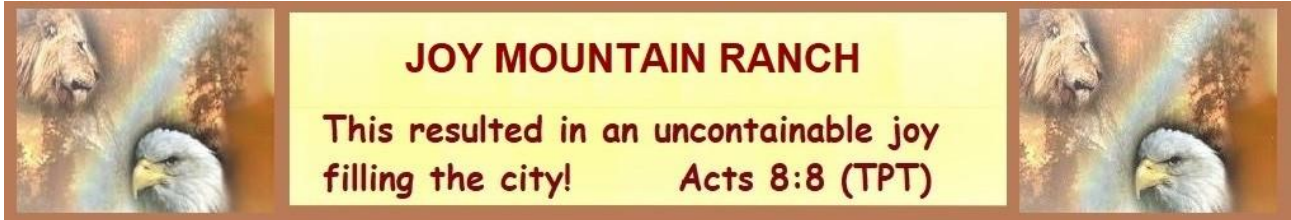
5) Provide Prayer Support and Encourage Prayer Saturation in local, state and federal realms

6) Provide Templates and Documentation where appropriate

7) Promote the Ability to be Loosely Networked

Use an approach to connect people which does not involve direct control of those who are being trained and equipped for advancing God's Kingdom in the earth, defined elsewhere in the training and other documents as "loosely coupled". Our job is to help prepare and polish the stones as God directs. God will place the stones where He desires as He builds His Ekklesia, while realizing God is only building one house, one Ekklesia. We need each other.

In the "church" world God's people are sitting in "church" buildings. They are tightly coupled with their own organizations, but rarely if ever communicate with any other Christians who attend other "churches". There must be a way to loosely-couple God's people so they are not only communicating but advancing the Kingdom together no matter where they may congregate together. Understanding the loosely-coupled principle in spiritual terms, frees the people of God from needing to be under the same umbrella to communicate and work together.



(8) Be Flexible, Changeable and Open to New Ideas

God is constantly speaking and we are constantly gaining revelation as we advance His Kingdom on earth in preparation for His return. We must be flexible enough to adapt quickly to what He wants us to do. God is in the restoration business and we have not been this way before. Who will cry with the heart of God "Restore"?



A journey of a lifetime

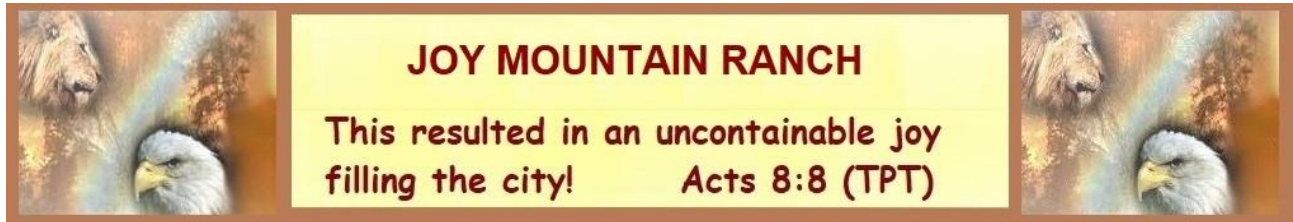
The concept and development of the vehicle has been a lifelong journey for many within the Joy Mountain Ranch group. A document detailing this journey is being developed and will be published at a later date.

In Conclusion

Jesus told His disciples that many prophets and people in the past who could see by the spirit longed to see the day of the Messiah on earth, but they didn't see it because the time was not right. However, the disciples were blessed to be able to see the Messiah and hear the Messiah when the time came for Him to appear on the earth.

Many prophets and righteous people in times past also saw by the spirit the events happening in this age. They would never get to experience what they saw, but we do! We get to live it! We are truly blessed. It is a new day. God began the restoration process many centuries ago, but in this time the process has been accelerated.

It is the third day since the resurrection of our Lord. The prophet Hosea said after the second day was over, God would revive us. On the third day He would raise us up. We believe we are living in that day. We do not yet understand all that means, but we understand it is a new day. Matthew 13:11 tells us that we have been given the ability to understand the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. God has secrets, hidden truths that He desires to reveal but will only do so for those who seek Him with a whole heart.



God is going to do things His way and they probably are not going to be done like they were before. He is in charge. He desires a people who will seek Him and hear Him and know His heart. We know we have not been this way before and we must remain flexible and pliable in His hands.

We must remain profoundly sensitive to the Holy Spirit and be ready to move through open doors without hesitation. We must not hang onto anything tightly but be willing to let go and walk away from things that are not producing as the Lord directs. God will teach us about rest.

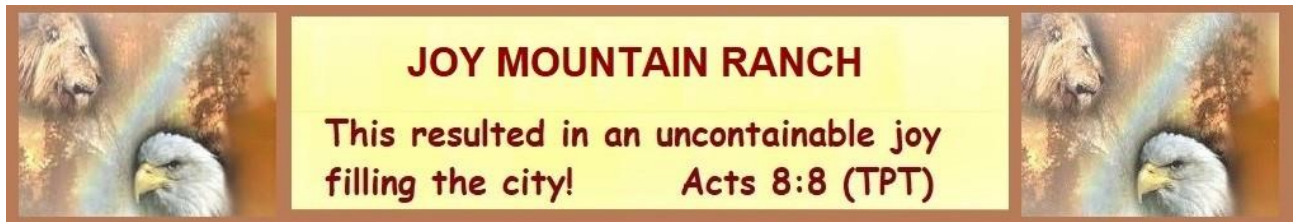
It is the time of restoration of all things. Everywhere we look the world is a dark and evil place. The world systems will be rendered powerless. There will be fierce battles to topple the evil at the top of the mountains, but it is our day to prevail. It is going to require new understanding, new strategies, and new determination. We are not interested in the flashy counterfeit but we hunger for the real, the genuine, and the authentic.

Too many so-called "houses of worship" have abandoned Biblical teachings and have embraced worldly views. "Church" buildings are being abandoned at an increasing pace. We use the Greek word Ekklesia, rather than the English translation of "church". We believe the "church" as man has developed it, is not what Jesus talks about building in scripture. Therefore, it is confusing to most to use the same word to illustrate God's design and what man has designed and built. Therefore, we use Ekklesia to represent God's design and "church" to represent man's design.

We will hold true and embrace Biblical truths. However, there are also many things taught in "churches" that are not requirements of God, but rather requirements of man. We will not embrace nor rely on old methods, traditions, old belief systems but will seek God's face, His wisdom and knowledge on everything. If we are not for Him, we are against Him. We will not build the same, we will not do the same. The old blueprints must go. Our desire is to follow Him into this new day and show the world who our Lord really is.

In 2011 James Rutz published a book "Mega Shift". In the book on page 46, he says that there are about 23 million full-fledged, born-again believers who are church dropouts. He claims they would be willing and able to jump into the fray again if there was somewhere that offered them more than sitting in a pew. Joy Mountain Ranch desires to be a vehicle to help them find their place and be productive in the Kingdom of God.

God said "Set My people free". People long for freedom, but once they have it, they don't always know what to do with it. For centuries God's people have gone to "church" to sit and listen with very little opportunity to participate. What happens when people realize there is only one building, the Ekklesia and it is not the "church"? What happens when people are set free to BE? Will they know how to BE what is in the heart of God, the Ekklesia? Will they know what it means to be free? It is no longer just the few people



sitting in a particular building doing their own thing, but it is the whole body of Christ coming together to advance the Kingdom of God, loosely coupled, not controlled by someone at the top of a higher organization. It is the body in sync with the Head, Jesus Christ the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Joy Mountain does not advocate or suggest that anyone leave the place where they currently attend or worship. However, we encourage everyone to seek God above all else and be obedient to His will. Everyone is free to make their own decisions before God. We must be careful who we follow. If a proclaimed leader does not lead us to Jesus, they are a false leader.

Joy Mountain Ranch definitely does not claim to have all the answers on how to make this work. We believe God desires to do a new thing in the earth and our desire is to be a part of it. If we apply the concept of loose networks, it will cause us to rethink the way we “do church”. Those in ministry or service to the King and His Kingdom should desire to be facilitators and enablers of this process without government oversight, influence, governance, or control. The word translated as build can also be translated established. The Ekklesia is being organized and established by the Lord Jesus, Himself.

May great Joy come to our cities!