

THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

VISION OF JESUS

Jesus' Power

The Open Door

1. The Open Door of Relationship

AFFIRMATION

The Church's Powerlessness

Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

John 10:7-9

1. The Open Door of Relationship

2. The Open Door of Mission

It is amazing that in his holiness Christ can look at our weakness and commend it. How different the values of Christ are from those of the world, which praises those who are beautiful, successful, rich, ambitious, skillful, or powerful...In contrast, the holy/set apart One sets apart those who know they are not at the top of the ladder. He who is true praises those who know the truth about their inadequacies and do not claim any false superiorities...He knows them truly - that they do not falsely pretend to be greater than they are - and so he gives them unrestricted entrance. The sky isn't even the limit to what they can do in his name...God wants us to grasp that the open door is set before those who have little strength.

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But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Owning Our Weakness

INVITATION

PROMISE