

THE
RADICAL
CHRISTIAN
REFORMATION
MANIFESTO

**A WAKE-UP CALL FOR A
SLEEPING CHURCH**



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A Wake-Up Call We Can't Ignore

We don't need another devotional.

We don't need more inspiration.

We need a **spiritual jolt**—a call to abandon casual Christianity and follow Jesus with everything we've got.

This manifesto was written with urgency.

Not to attack the Church.

But to awaken it.

Not to shame believers.

But to shake us free from a spiritual sleep.

I'm not a theologian or pastor.

I'm a follower of Jesus who got tired of watching the Church shrink back while the world grows louder.

So if you're reading this and something stirs in your soul—

Something that says, "*There has to be more...*"

You're not crazy. You're being called.

God is raising up a remnant.

Not perfect. Not polished.

But bold. Faithful. Sent.

This is not a book to admire. It's a mirror. A megaphone. A battle cry.

And it starts with us.

Let's repent. Let's rise.

Let's live like Jesus is actually Lord.

— Kalan

The Radical Christian Reformation Manifesto

A Wake-Up Call for the Sleeping Church and the Passive Christian

We've settled for comfort over calling-and called it wisdom.

We've treated faith like a hobby, not a rescue mission.

We've confused church attendance with Kingdom impact.

We've built platforms, not altars.

We've idolized success and sanitized surrender.

We've traded daily obedience for weekly inspiration.

We've feared offense more than we've feared God.

We've outsourced ministry to pastors and ignored our personal mandate.

We've celebrated "good people" instead of making disciples.

We've pursued blessings while rejecting the cross.

We've filled our calendars and starved our souls.

We've served ourselves and called it self-care.

We've been more discipled by culture than by Christ.

We've chased convenience and forfeited conviction.

We've turned church into an event and forgotten it's a body.

We've hidden behind theology to avoid actual obedience.

We've made mission optional when it was always the command.

We've worried more about being liked than being holy.

We've prayed for revival while resisting repentance.

We've said "Jesus is Lord" but lived like we are.

And we've forgotten: "To live is Christ. To die is gain."

BUT NOT ANYMORE.

We will love radically.

Live sacrificially.

Serve without applause.

Give without fear.

Go without hesitation.

And follow Jesus-no matter the cost.

Because if we don't live the Gospel...

We were never following Jesus in the first place.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

A Personal Word from the Author

Why I Wrote the Radical Christian Reformation Manifesto

Let me be clear:

I love the Church.

I love pastors.

I love volunteers.

I love every single person who shows up tired but faithful, week after week.

This manifesto is **not** an attack on them.

It's not a weapon.

It's not a rant.

It's a **mirror**.

And it starts with me.

I've lived the drift.

I've chased comfort.

I've looked more like the world than the Word.

And I got to a point where I couldn't ignore the whisper anymore:

"This isn't what I saved you for."

This declaration is a wake-up call to anyone—like me—who's felt the slow, quiet slide into cultural

Christianity and wondered, *"Is this really all there is?"*

It's not.

Jesus didn't call us to a hobby.

He called us to a cross.

He didn't save us to be safe.

He saved us to be sent.

So yes, this message might step on toes.

But I pray it grabs hearts.

Because if it calls even one person back to bold obedience, real repentance, and full surrender—then

it's worth every uncomfortable moment. I wrote this for people who know they were made for more.

And I believe, with all my heart, you are one of them.

The Radical Christian Reformation Companion Guide

21 Steps to Start Living What You Just Declared

- We've settled for comfort over calling-and called it wisdom.

Reflection: Where am I choosing comfort over Kingdom obedience?

Scripture: Luke 9:23 - 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Start the conversation you've been avoiding.
- Serve in an area outside your comfort zone.
- Forgive someone you've written off.
- Give sacrificially, even when it stretches you.
- Say yes to something God has been nudging you toward.

Your Action: _____

- We've treated faith like a hobby, not a rescue mission.

Reflection: Where am I living casually instead of with mission?

Scripture: John 20:21 - 'As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Pray for someone on the spot.
- Invite someone to church or a meal.
- Share your testimony with someone new.
- Reframe your job as your mission field.
- Ask God to break your heart for what breaks His.

Your Action: _____

- We've confused church attendance with Kingdom impact.

Reflection: Am I a consumer of church or a disciple of Jesus?

Scripture: James 1:22 - 'Do not merely listen to the word... Do what it says.'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Find one person to disciple or encourage weekly.
- Ask your church how you can help behind the scenes.
- Lead a small group, even if it starts small.
- Make Monday-Saturday part of your walk, not just Sunday.
- Pray daily for your neighbors and coworkers by name.

Your Action: _____

- We've built platforms, not altars.

Reflection: Where have I sought visibility instead of surrender?

Scripture: Matthew 6:1 - 'Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them.'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Serve where no one sees.
- Say no to self-promotion to say yes to humility.
- Spend more time with God in private than on stage.
- Let others get the credit.
- Pray for purity of motive.

Your Action: _____

- We've idolized success and sanitized surrender.

Reflection: What do I measure that Jesus never told me to?

Scripture: Philippians 3:8 - 'I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Define success as faithfulness, not outcomes.
- Let go of one worldly metric this week.
- Celebrate obedience over accomplishment.
- Thank God for closed doors.
- Revisit what you once surrendered-and re-surrender it.

Your Action: _____ **The**

**Radical Christian Reformation Companion Guide
(Part 2)**

Declarations 6–10

- We've traded daily obedience for weekly inspiration.

Reflection: Do I follow Jesus Monday through Saturday, or just Sunday?

Scripture: Romans 12:1 - 'Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God this is your true and proper worship.'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Create a simple weekday rhythm of Bible + prayer.
- Ask God each morning: Who do You want me to love today?
- Fast from media one day a week to tune in spiritually.
- Serve someone unexpectedly during the week.
- Journal one step of obedience God is calling you to.

Your Action: _____

- We've feared offense more than we've feared God.

Reflection: Where have I watered down truth to keep peace?

Scripture: Galatians 1:10 - 'Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God?'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Speak God's truth in love even when it's uncomfortable.
- Share the Gospel with grace, not apology.
- Ask God to replace fear of man with fear of Him.
- Don't hide your convictions in difficult conversations.
- Honor God over likes, followers, or praise.

Your Action: _____

- We've outsourced ministry to pastors and ignored our personal mandate.

Reflection: Am I waiting on leaders to do what Jesus asked me to do? **Scripture:**

Ephesians 4:12 - 'To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Ask: Who in my life needs encouragement today?
- Start a Bible conversation with your family.
- Be the one who notices and reaches out at church.
- Offer to help a local ministry with your skills.
- Stop watching ministry start doing it.

Your Action: _____

- We've celebrated 'good people' instead of making disciples.

Reflection: Who am I helping grow spiritually intentionally?

Scripture: Matthew 28:19 - 'Go and make disciples of all nations...'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Mentor someone new in their faith.
- Start a weekly prayer or Scripture check-in with a friend.
- Teach your kids or teens about the Word.
- Lead a book or study group even online.
- Ask God for one person to walk with and invest in.

Your Action: _____

- We've pursued blessings while rejecting the cross.

Reflection: Do I want the benefits of Jesus without carrying the burden?

Scripture: Luke 14:27 - 'Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Embrace sacrifice instead of resisting it.
- Thank God for the trials that shaped your faith.
- Say yes even when its hard or thankless.
- Fast and pray instead of always seeking comfort.- Remember: suffering isnt the opposite of blessing its part of it.

Your Action: _____ **The**

**Radical Christian Reformation Companion Guide
(Part 3)**

Declarations 11–15

- We've filled our calendars and starved our souls.

Reflection: Is my schedule building God's Kingdom—or just my own?

Scripture: Matthew 6:33 - 'But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Block time to read and pray before anything else.
- Declutter one commitment that distracts from your purpose.
- Say no to good things so you can say yes to God things.
- Create margin in your week for divine interruptions.
- Ask your family to join you for one spiritual rhythm.

Your Action: _____

- We've served ourselves and called it self-care.

Reflection: Am I prioritizing rest or just indulging comfort?

Scripture: Philippians 2:3-4 - 'Do nothing out of selfish ambition... look to the interests of others.'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Choose serving someone over another self-indulgence.
- Invite someone into your space to be encouraged.
- Pray for a shift from self-focus to others-first love.
- Ask how your time and money reflect Kingdom values.
- Find rest that restores your spirit, not just your screen time.

Your Action: _____

- We've been more disciplined by culture than by Christ.

Reflection: What voices are forming my beliefs and behaviors? **Scripture:**

Romans 12:2 - 'Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Take a media fast to re-center on God's truth.
- Replace one podcast or show with Scripture time.
- Filter your values through Jesus—not your feed.
- Ask: Would I believe this if Jesus were standing here?
- Choose to speak, post, and respond differently.

Your Action: _____

- We've chased convenience and forfeited conviction.

Reflection: When have I chosen the easy way instead of the right way?

Scripture: Luke 6:46 - 'Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Say yes to the hard conversation or confession.
- Keep your word even when it's inconvenient.
- Stand for truth even if it costs you something.
- Choose discipline over impulse this week.
- Ask God to strengthen your spine, not just your smile.

Your Action: _____

- We've turned church into an event and forgotten it's a body.

Reflection: Do I show up on Sunday or belong to a spiritual family?

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:27 - 'Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Join or start a small group to build real relationships.
- Use your gifts to strengthen the local church.
- Follow up with someone after a service.
- Treat church as people—not a place.- Show up consistently, not just occasionally.

Your Action: _____ **The**

Radical Christian Reformation Companion Guide (Part 4) Declarations 16–21

- We've hidden behind theology to avoid actual obedience.

Reflection: What truth do I know but still refuse to act on?

Scripture: James 4:17 - 'If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Apply one thing you've already learned but avoided.
- Stop researching and start obeying.
- Pray: 'Lord, what's my next yes?'
- Serve where you feel weak—not just where you're gifted.
- Ask someone to hold you accountable for one obedience step.

Your Action: _____

- We've made mission optional when it was always the command.

Reflection: Have I treated the Great Commission like a suggestion?

Scripture: Matthew 28:19 - 'Go and make disciples of all nations...'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Ask God daily: 'Who do You want me to reach today?'
- Be intentional in one relationship for the sake of the Gospel.
- Support or join a missions effort—locally or globally.
- Talk about Jesus outside church walls.
- Live like you're sent—because you are.

Your Action: _____

- We've worried more about being liked than being holy.

Reflection: Who have I chosen to please instead of God? **Scripture:** 1 Peter 1:15-16 - 'Be holy in all you do... for it is written: Be holy, because I am holy.'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Set a standard for speech, humor, or behavior that honors God.
- Confess one area where you've compromised.
- Choose purity in what you watch, say, and celebrate.
- Live the same way in private that you do in public.
- Trust God to defend your name while you protect His.

Your Action: _____

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- We've prayed for revival while resisting repentance.

Reflection: What sin or idol have I justified instead of crucifying?

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:14 - 'If my people... will humble themselves and pray and turn from their wicked ways... I will heal their land.'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Ask God to show you any hidden sin—and confess it.
- Repent to someone you've wronged or misled.
- Lay down something that's taken God's rightful place.
- Stop explaining your sin and start killing it.
- Pray for a spirit of brokenness, not just blessing.

Your Action: _____

- We've said 'Jesus is Lord' but lived like we are.

Reflection: What part of my life have I refused to surrender?

Scripture: Luke 6:46 - 'Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Name one area that still belongs to you, not Him.
- Ask God to be Lord over your finances, time, and relationships.
- Stop compartmentalizing Jesus—He wants all of it.
- Make one decision this week that reflects His Lordship.- Pray: 'Jesus, You lead. I'll follow—no matter what.'

Your Action: _____

And we've forgotten: 'To live is Christ. To die is gain.'

Reflection: Am I living like this life is the point—or eternity is?

Scripture: Philippians 1:21 - 'For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.'

Examples of Living It Out:

- Take one eternal risk this week—for God's glory.
- Let go of something temporal for something eternal.
- Speak truth with eternity in mind.
- Spend your time and money like heaven is real.
- Start every day asking, 'How can I live for Christ today?'

Your Action: _____

