# **HEART to HEART**

(Confessions Of A Pastor...)

In The Last 6+ Years... WHAT Have I Done Wrong and WHAT I'm Still Working On!

- 1. I Was More About What We Were Going To Be AGAINST Than What We Were Going To Be FOR!
  - 2. I Preach(ed) or Lead/Led... Frustrated!
- 3. I Was Under The Assumption That Everyone Would Always Like Me!
  - 4. I Spent Too Much Time Fighting Critics!
    - 5. I Was/Am A Control Freak!
  - 6. I Thought Being A Pastor Would Get Easier!

## Ephesians 6:12...

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

#### Luke 6:27-28...

But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

#### FACT #1...

The biggest struggle we have in a Church is trying to keep things in a consistent state of NORMALCY!

### FACT #2...

POSITIVE CHANGE is and always will be a major catalyst for GROWTH in a Church!

What are the Common Denominators of Churches that are GROWING ...?

- 1. Leaders that are willing to make HARD DECISIONS!
- 2. Leadership that PREPARES for a move from God they don't PLAN for one!

# FACT #3...

We must always be willing to receive anything God throws our way - knowing that doing so will always place us in a perpetual state of DISCOMFORT!

#### Psalm 18:29

With your help, I can advance against a troop, with my God I can scale a wall.

### Psalm 143:8

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.