



Adapt or die.

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The phenomenal
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of millions



The Cost of Inaction

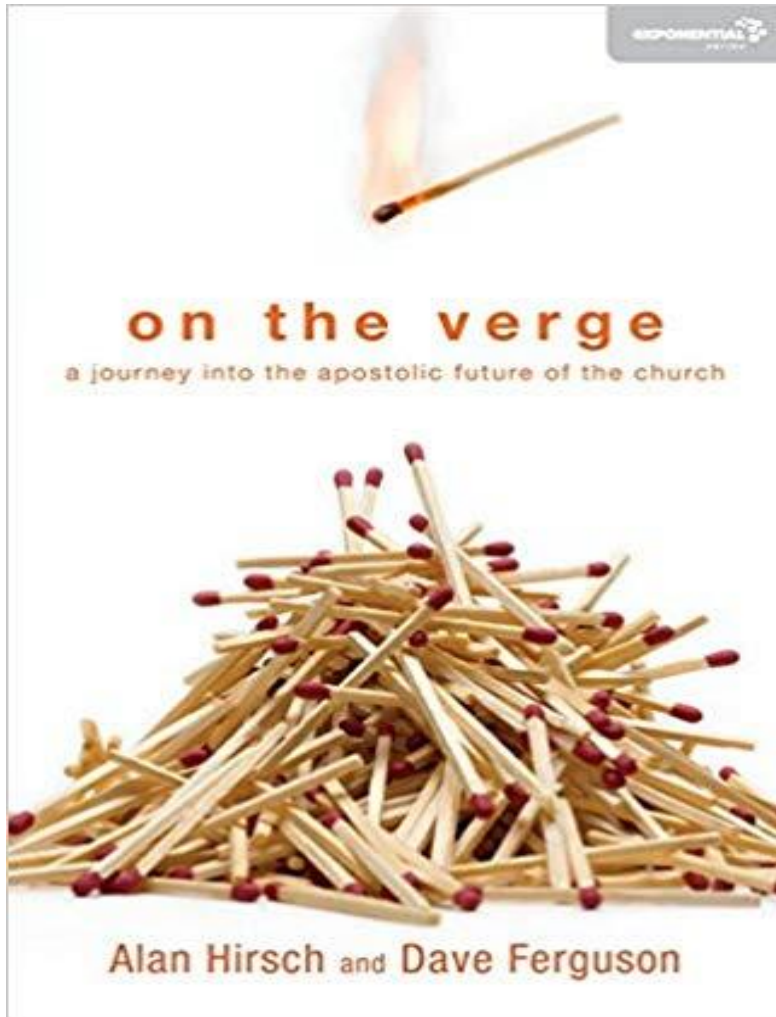
(EMOTIONALLY, PHYSICALLY, FINANCIALLY, ETC.)

- 6 MONTHS -

- 1 YEAR -

- 3 YEARS -





If Community had not gone through a paradigmatic shift that expanded our vision to include the 67 per cent and the 20 per cent outside the walls, the missed opportunity could have been the first of a series of organisational heart attacks leading to complete cardiac arrest. It seemed risky. It sounded crazy to give away the entire weekend's offering when there was no human way we could afford it. But looking back on it now, it was the *least* risky course. We had to listen to the Spirit's promptings; it was innovate or die.

Dave Ferguson, p. 204

The name of Abram's wife was Sarai... Sarai was childless because she was not able to conceive. Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they came to Harran, they settled there. Terah... died in Harran.

The Lord had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;

I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;

And all peoples on the earth will be blessed through you'.

So Abram went as the Lord told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for Canaan, and they arrived there'. Genesis 11.27-12.5

The Lord took Abraham outside and said, 'Look up at the stars and count the stars – if indeed you can count them. Then he said to him, so shall your offspring be.' Abram believed the Lord and he credited it to him as righteousness. Genesis 15.5-6

When Abram was 99 years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, 'I am God Almighty... You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you... As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai: her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her'. Genesis 17.1, 4-5, 15-16

The Life Of Faith is marked by:

- Hearing God's Voice
- Vulnerability
- Releasing God's Blessing

For we live by faith, not by sight.

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

Paul, 2 Corinthians 5