

# **Casting Vision – This Is Who We Are**

## ***Building Great People***

### ***Week 1 – Encumbrance***

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#### **Sermon Description**

Building great people are people that:

- Are healthy in spirit, soul and body
- Are sold out for Christ; they know what they believe and why they believe it
- Think biblically and less emotional
- Stand on solid ground - they are not tossed back and forth with every wind of doctrine and every passing opinion
- Lay aside every weight and sin that can easily trap them, and they focus on the goal and the prize set before them
- Are spiritually mature, they progress, grow – get off milk and feed on the meat of the Word of God.

Great people build other great people, and therefore the body of Christ grows because one member supplies to the other.

#### **Jesus, Founder and Perfecter of Our Faith**

##### **Hebrews 12:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

What is the weight that ensnares us?

- A mass (as bending or bulging by its load), that is, burden (hindrance): weight
- Whatever is prominent, protuberance, bulk, mass
- Hence a burden, weight, encumbrance.

Three things that we must overcome in order to ensure we have personal growth:

- Comfort
- The need for safety
- The need to be sure and have certainty.