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Welcome To The Revolution

(Calling for the creation of a Renegade Nation)

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*"The Church must be forever building, and always decaying, and
always being restored." (T. S. Eliot)*

The 4C Covenant

In the RN Our Consensus is **Christ**.

"What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" (Matt. 22:42, NIV).

"I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel--WHICH IS REALLY NO GOSPEL AT ALL. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!" (Gal 1:6-9 NIV)

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes" (Rom. 1:16, NIV).

In the RN Our Connections are **Organic**.

". . . then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." (Phil 2:2-4 NIV)

In the RN Our Calling is to **Conversation**.

". . . Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone WHO ASKS YOU to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Pet 3:15 NIV)

In the RN Our Compassion is **Practical and Frontline**.

"But if someone who is supposed to be a Christian has money enough to live well, and sees a brother in need, and won't help him—how can God's love be within him? Little children, let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions" (1 John 3:17-18, LB).

Re-casting The Revolution

From religion to **relationship**.

From accepting Jesus to **following Jesus**.

From worship "here" to worship "**everywhere**."

"Let everything alive give praises to the Lord!" (Ps. 150:6, LB).

From join a church to join **the revolution**.

From good to **great**.

"But eagerly desire the greater gifts. And now I will show you the most excellent way." (1 Cor 12:31 NIV)

"Whatever your **hand finds** to do, do it with all your might, . . ." (Eccl 9:10 NIV)

From critic to **contributor**.

From clubhouse to **lighthouse**.

"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that **THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND PRAISE YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN**." (Mat 5:16 NIV)

From hotel to **hospital**.

"Jesus answered them, 'It is the sick who need a doctor, not those in good health. My purpose is to invite sinners to turn from their sins, not to spend my time with those who think themselves already good enough.'" (Luke 5:31-32 TLB)

From change your life to **change your world**.

"If you keep quiet at a time like this, God will deliver the Jews from some other source, but you and your relatives will die; what's more, who can say but that God has brought you into the palace for just such a time as this?" (Est 4:14 TLB)

From someday to **seize the day**.

"But encourage one another daily, as long as it is **called Today**, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first. As has just been said: 'Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts . . .'" (Heb 3:13-15 NIV)