
❖SERMON NOTES ❖

Sunday, January 18, 2015

“DEVOTED TO MY LIFE MISSION”

(Acts 1:8)

A devoted follower of Jesus Christ will care about the things God cares about. Today we focus on what it means to have an undiluted devotion to the mission Christ has given us.

We were made to have a _____ (Ephesians 4:1-5).

The Problem: Our sin has _____ with God (Isaiah 59:2).

TEN FACTS THAT MOTIVATE ME

1. If I want to be like Jesus, _____ Life Mission must include _____
Life Mission (John 17:18).

2. Jesus _____ me to continue His mission (Matthew 28:19-20).

3. Sharing the Good News is my _____ (1 Corinthians 9:16).

4. Sharing the Good News is a _____ (Romans 1:16).

5. I’m _____ for what Jesus has done for me
(2 Corinthians 5:14).

6. Because people are _____ without Christ (Acts 4:12).

7. Because God wants _____ to be saved (2 Peter 3:9).

8. I will be _____ in eternity (Colossians 3:24).

9. God’s _____ for history hinges around us
completing our mission (Matthew 24:14).

10. I will be _____ to see people in heaven (Luke 15:7).

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We were made to have a relationship with God.

“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness” (Genesis 1:26, NIV).

“His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure” (Ephesians 4:1-5, NLT).

The Problem: Our sin has broken our relationship with God.

“Your iniquities have separated you from your God and your sins have hidden his face from you.” (Isaiah 59:2, NIV).

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16, NIV).

WHAT WAS JESUS’ LIFE MISSION?

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost” (Luke 19:10, NIV).

“In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth” (John 18:37, NIV).

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full” (John 10:10, NIV).

“I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness” (John 12:46, NIV).

“I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent” (Luke 4:43, NIV).

TEN FACTS THAT MOTIVATE ME

1. If I want to be like Jesus, my Life Mission must include His Life Mission.

“In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.” (John 17:18, The Message).

2. Jesus expects me to continue His mission.

The 5 Great Commissions of Jesus

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20, NIV).

“Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere” (Mark 16:15, NLT).

“With my authority, take this message of repentance to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: There is forgiveness of sins for all who turn to me” (Luke 24:47, NLT).

“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you” (John 20:21, NIV).

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8, NIV).

3. Sharing the Good News is my responsibility.

“...you fail to deliver the warning, they will die in their sins. And I will hold you responsible, demanding your blood for theirs” (Ezekiel 3:18, NLT).

“Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:16, NIV).

4. Sharing the Good News is a privilege.

“All this newness of life is from God, who brought us back to himself through what Christ did. And God has given us the task of reconciling people to him” (2 Corinthians 5:18, NLT).

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

5. I’m grateful for what Jesus has done for me.

“Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ... without hope and without God in the world” (Ephesians 2:12, NIV).

“For I have a great sense of obligation to people in our culture and to people in other cultures...” (Romans 1:14, NLT).

“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all...” (2 Corinthians 5:14, NIV).

6. Because people are hopeless without Christ.

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12, NIV).

“For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?” (Romans 10:13-14, NCV).

7. Because God wants everybody to be saved.

“God wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4, NIV).

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9, NIV).

8. I will be rewarded in eternity.

*“Since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving” (Colossians 3:24, NIV). There are **rewards** for leading people to Christ.*

9. God’s timetable for history hinges around us completing our mission!

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14, NCV).

“They asked him, ‘Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ Jesus replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. BUT you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’” (Acts 1:6-8, NIV).

“After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them and said ‘Why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.’” (Acts 1:9-11, NIV).

10. I will be glad to see people in heaven.

“I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent” (Luke 15:7, NIV).

“But my life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about God’s wonderful kindness and love” (Acts 20:24, NLT).