

WHAT LIFE MISSION HAS JESUS REALLY CALLED US TO?

Psalms of summer | A HEART FOR GOD
MATTHEW 10:1- 42

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EXAMPLE: Big wave surfer says "Follow Me"

Laird is always on a mission.

Jesus was on a VERY FOCUSED MISSION

EXAMPLE: Talking to Gary Barton 3 days prior to Death

Gary was FOCUSED ON ETERNITY.

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NOTE: In Matthew Chapter 9 Jesus said, "*The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.*" The answer is in Chapter 10 sending out the disciples.

V. 1 WE ARE SENT OUT WITH SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

- Authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.
- KORIN LYME DISEASE STRUGGLE

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LUKE 10:18-20 Jesus reminds his disciples: *“I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. 20 However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”*

EXAMPLE: Roger’s grandfather said “Don’t forget to tell them who sent you”.

V. 5 SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH JEWS FIRST THEN GENTILES.

EXAMPLE PROMISED LAND MOVIE

V. 6 OUR MESSAGE: THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR

- As you go PREACH... Preach + Action = Impact
- Message was Mark 6:12 "REPENT FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NEAR."
- "GET FOCUS OFF PLANET EARTH AND ONTO ETERNITY!" \
- WHAT MESSAGE WOULD GARY BARTON GIVE US TODAY AT CHURCH? Repent because Heaven is near.

V. 16 SENT OUT LIKE SHEEP AMONG WOLVES

Be on your guard...you will be flogged/beaten... you will be arrested..

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8

V. 22-24 WE WILL BE HATED AND PERSECUTED

If Christ was falsely accused, persecuted, flogged, then his followers will be also.

- **ACTS 5:41** Apostle Peter and others left rejoicing that they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

V. 26 - 31 CALLED TO HAVE FAITH NOT FEAR

- Don't fear those who can kill your body, but fear God who can also throw you into hell.
- God knows every situation you will face and he cares about it. He cares about the sparrows and about you!
- DO NOT FEAR and PREACH THE GOSPEL!!!
- Derek surfs Pipeline in faith knowing God protects him.

V. 32 CALLED TO SHARE THE GOSPEL BOLDLY

- Do not disown Christ or he will disown you. Be proud of your faith in Christ and proclaim it!
- **EXAMPLE:** Scott Cherry scared showing **CHANGES.**

V. 34 THERE WILL BE CONFLICT NOT ALWAYS PEACE

- Jesus said, *"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace to the earth, but a sword."*
- > THE MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST AND THE CROSS WILL BRING CONFLICT TO ANY FAMILY OR COMMUNITY.
- *Do you think I have come to bring peace on earth? No I tell you but division. - Luke 12:51*
- > EXAMPLE: My friend Saxon and many many others who I have not had peace with since my faith in Christ started.

V. 37-38 WE ARE CALLED TO GIVE UP EVERYTHING

- Do not love anyone MORE than Jesus
- Focused on the MISSION = blessed relationships
- **Luke 14:33** SUMS IT UP: Any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.
- **Luke 14:15-24** EXCUSES NOT TO GO ON THE MISSION: Just bought a field, just bought five oxen, just got married... TOO BUSY WITH STUFF FOR THE MISSION

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- > **Luke 9:62** nobody who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.
- > **Luke 12:21** Do not store up things for yourself instead be RICH TOWARDS GOD. How is your God account doing?
- > **Mark 8:36** what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world yet forfeits his soul?

V. 39 GOOD NEWS: WE GAIN THE FULLEST LIFE

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; but I have come that they may have life and have it to the full!!!!

John 10:10

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ANSWER:

Is it possible that the mission that Christ has really called us to is more radical, more difficult, more amazing, and more miraculous than we have made it out to be. It is a mission that requires our faith to conquer our fears. We need to wake up daily remembering we are in a spiritual battle and must be willing to lose our lives and in return we actually find what really matters. It is a mission that often times does not make sense and requires that we do not lean on our own understanding. Jesus actually promised that there would be trouble and persecution as we preach and proclaim that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. However it is

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a truly remarkable mission and when we are wholeheartedly focused on that mission something incredible happens. We realize, “What does it profit me if I gain the whole world yet forfeit my soul” and we start to understand that there is an eternal reason for the trial I am in, the sickness I might have, and the season of waiting I am in. Our mission is clearly to share God’s love and God’s truth with this lost world while we remember that our citizenship is in heaven. Thank you lord Jesus for including us in your mission and please forgive us when we make you out to be someone you are not and when we water down your radical mission so we are more comfortable and feel more in charge. In Jesus’ name, Amen.