



## **Commitment to Mission**

*“Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.” —Proverbs 19:21*

The word mission means something different to each of us...what does it mean to you? Mission is not the same as purpose. Purpose inspires change, mission provides focus. Our mission is what we do, our purpose is why we do it.

As Christians, we are encouraged to share our faith, and so for many, we read the word “mission” and we think of loving God and loving others as traveling to distant places to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We think of planting churches, or building schools, and serving those in need. However, the reality for some of us reading this right now, is just putting one foot in front of the other and making it through the day is your current mission. I get it! I've been there, and in some ways, I am there right now.

In week two of Discovering Life on Purpose we were challenged to write out our mission and take steps each day towards putting it into action. Have you done yours yet? I loved the wording that was offered to us, “sometimes we make our mission more complicated than it needs to be.” So true and such an impactful reminder that our mission can be as simple as our next step. What is the next step for you?

*“Having faith is not the same thing as living faith.” — Priscilla Shirer*

For me, my mission is to be intentional with the time God has given me. The more I understand God’s plan and purpose for my life, the more I see His guidance each day. Having faith is not the same thing as living faith. I want my love for God to be evident by the way I love others.

*“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” —Psalm 90:12*

I know that we become like the people we spend the most time with, so I am intentional about hanging out with Jesus. I know He is speaking to me when I hear the same things over and over again from different areas of my life. This week the Psalm, “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” (Psalm 119:105) visited me through four different people. I am going through a pretty challenging season right now and I share a fair bit of time with God in fervent prayer. This Psalm repeatedly showing up in my day feels like He is saying, you don't need to know the whole path... I am giving you just enough light for where you will set your foot down next.

We were created in the image of God, we are fearfully and wonderfully made, and we have the mind of Christ. When we stand firm in those truths, step by step, His mission... becomes our mission.

Encouragement this week — If you have not yet answered the challenge from week 2... I will encourage you here. Prayerfully ask God to direct your path, He is lovingly waiting to hear from you.

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