



4Ws LIVE YOUR PURPOSE: GO BEYOND

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WORSHIP

Suggested worship songs: Tribes, Trust In God, Here's My Life, Worthy of It All

WELCOME

Is there a greater purpose that you believe God wants you to pursue for His mission?

WORD

2 Kings 7:3-9

³ Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, "Why do we sit here until we die? ⁴ If we say, 'We will enter the city,' then the famine is in the city and we will die there; and if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us ^[a]go over to the camp of the Arameans. If they spare us, we will live; and if they kill us, we will but die." ⁵ They arose at twilight to go to the camp of the Arameans; when they came to the outskirts of the camp of the Arameans, behold, there was no one there. ⁶ For the Lord had caused the army of the Arameans to hear a sound of chariots and a sound of horses, *even* the sound of a great army, so that they said to one another, "Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us." ⁷ Therefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents and their horses and their donkeys, *even* the camp just as it was, and fled for their life. ⁸ When these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they entered one tent and ate and drank, and carried from there silver and gold and clothes, and went and hid *them*; and they returned and entered another tent and carried from there *also*, and went and hid *them*.

⁹ Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, but we are keeping silent; if we wait until morning light, punishment will ^[a]overtake us. Now therefore come, let us go and tell the king's household."

Matthew 18:18-20

¹⁸ Truly I say to you, whatever you ^[a]bind on earth ^[b]shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you ^[a]loose on earth ^[b]shall have been loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them ^[a]by My Father who is in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

The theme for this Missions Month is **"Live Your Purpose, Go Beyond."** Every follower of Christ has been given a purpose that extends beyond personal comfort and success. God calls us to participate in His mission of bringing the gospel to a world experiencing a spiritual famine. Our lives are not meant to revolve around ourselves but around His purposes.

The message centers on **2 Kings 7**, where four lepers found themselves trapped outside the city of Samaria during a severe famine. Rejected by society and facing certain death, they asked one another, *"Why sit here until we die?"* (2 Kings 7:3). Their story becomes a picture of what it means to live with faith and purpose. Though they had little to offer, God used their simple act of obedience to save an entire nation. Our circumstances do not determine our usefulness—our willingness to trust God does.

1. GIVE GOD SOMETHING

The four lepers had only two choices: remain where they were and die, or take a bold step toward the enemy's camp. Humanly speaking, neither option guaranteed survival, but faith required movement. They chose to act instead of remaining paralyzed by fear.

God often works the same way in our lives. He invites us to take steps of faith before we see the outcome. Without faith, it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). Faith is rarely comfortable because it asks us to trust God before we see His provision.

The speaker illustrated this through his own life. As a young boy, he believed God had called him to preach, yet no one would allow him to preach in church. Instead of giving up, his mother encouraged him to hold church services in his bedroom. Every week he faithfully preached to his congregation of teddy bears. Years later, that same child would preach the gospel to stadiums filled with tens of thousands of people. The calling did not begin in a stadium; it began in quiet obedience.

Many people wait for extraordinary opportunities while neglecting ordinary acts of faith. Yet God often prepares us for greater assignments through small acts of obedience. Whether it is initiating a gospel conversation, praying for someone, serving faithfully, or joining a discipleship group, God simply asks us to take the next step.

2. GOD MAKES A WAY

When the lepers arrived at the enemy's camp, they discovered something remarkable. God had caused the Aramean army to hear the sound of a great army approaching, causing them to flee and leave everything behind (2 Kings 7:6-8). The miracle happened because God worked while the lepers simply obeyed.

This reminds us that faith does not eliminate obstacles. It invites God to overcome them.

Too often we respond to difficulties with fear instead of faith. Problems become opportunities for God to display His power. Whether we face struggles in our family, finances, career, or ministry, God remains able to make a way where there seems to be none.

The speaker shared several personal examples of this principle. A cancelled mission schedule in Thailand unexpectedly opened doors to share the gospel at a university, eventually leading to long-term ministry in the country. Years later, what began as simple acts of obedience resulted in ministry opportunities across Papua New Guinea, where hundreds of thousands heard the gospel.

God's provision often follows our obedience, not the other way around.

Faith also grows best in community. The four lepers walked together toward the enemy's camp. Likewise, believers are not meant to pursue God's mission alone. Jesus promised His presence when His people gather in agreement (Matthew 18:19-20). Walking alongside other believers strengthens our faith and encourages us to keep moving forward even when the outcome remains uncertain.

3. HE IS GOOD NEWS

After discovering the abandoned camp, the lepers began eating, collecting silver and gold, and hiding their newfound treasure. But eventually they realized something important: *"We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, but we are keeping silent"* (2 Kings 7:9). Their discovery was never meant to remain private.

The same is true for those who have experienced salvation in Christ. The gospel is good news that must be shared. Like the lepers, we were once spiritually helpless, yet God extended His grace to us. We cannot keep that hope to ourselves while others remain spiritually hungry.

The people God often uses most powerfully are those who recognize their own weakness. The four lepers were rejected, broken, and overlooked, yet God chose them to deliver an entire city. Likewise, our past failures, weaknesses, or limitations do not disqualify us from God's mission. Instead, they often become the very testimony God uses to point others to Christ.

Mission is not reserved for pastors or missionaries. Every believer has been positioned by God to influence the people around them. Whether in our homes, workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, or across the world, God invites us to take bold steps so others may hear the good news of Jesus.

Living our purpose means recognizing that our lives belong to Him. We step out in faith, trust God to make a way, and faithfully share the hope we have found in Christ. The question is not whether God is still calling people to His mission. The question is whether we are willing to take the next bold step He is asking us to take.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

1. What "famine" in my life is holding me back from stepping out in faith?
2. Am I willing to take a leap of faith in community with others?
3. How can I actively share the "good news" I've received from God in my life?

WORKS

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead you to someone He has made ready to hear about Jesus, to open your eyes to see opportunities around you to share the gospel. Care for people ---meeting physical needs, emotional and spiritual needs as you lead them to Christ, the One who supplies not only for their felt needs, but for their eternal need of Him as their Savior and Lord, their everything!

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- For legislators to promote and support bills and laws aligned with God's Word.
- Pray for persecuted Christians in Sudan and Nigeria) --- many have been beheaded and murdered; earnestly seek God's intervention to stop the bloodshed. Pray for freedom from oppression, that God's word and His people bring them comfort and hope.
- Continue to pray for Israel's war with terrorists to end according to God's purpose and for His glory. For Jewish people worldwide who are experiencing a surge of antisemitism. May this lead them to the Messiah, Jesus as they turn to God for help and comfort.
- For nations in turmoil (e.g., Ukraine,

Middle Eastern countries, etc.) to experience true freedom in Christ and become centers for massive spiritual revivals in their regions. For new Iranian leadership to rise up that will be for the people of Iran, will promote freedom of worship that the Iranian believers will be able to reach out to the rest of their countrymen and the people of the Middle East.

- Pray for the people of Venezuela devastated by two strong 7+ magnitude back-to-back earthquakes. Pray for the rescue of those trapped under collapsed buildings; for strength and protection for the rescue workers; for relief goods and medical services for thousands of affected families. For the church to be the powerful hands of hope and healing that will lead people to Jesus.

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God, and make disciples
- For elders, pastors, deacons, and families to become holy, humble, harmonious, happy, and heart-working)
- For ministries and church expansions worldwide.

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain (MMRC)

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper and intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 18:19

19 "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.