

YOU ARE CALLED TO BE SENT
Live Your Calling: What On Earth Am I Here For? – Part 6
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God is gathering a **FAMILY** that will love and live with Him **FOREVER**
Ephesians 1:5 (NLT) “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.”

Everyone is **CREATED** by God; all of us are **LOVED** by God; But not everybody is a **CHILD** of God.

You’ve got to **CHOOSE** to be in the family

God’s purpose of creating the universe is to gather a group of people who choose **WILLINGLY** to love Him

For God to gather His family somebody has to **PASS ON** the Good News

Romans 10:13-15 (NLT) “¹³Anyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. ¹⁴But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them? ¹⁵And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News!’”

- **My fifth purpose in life is to **SHARE** the Good News about Jesus**
- **I am called to **BRING OTHERS** into God’s family**

2 Corinthians 5:18 (ICB) “Through Christ, God made peace between us and Himself. And God gave us the work of bringing everyone into peace with Him.”

Acts 1:8 (NIV) “[Jesus] You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea & Samaria, & to the ends of the earth.”

- “Jerusalem” - **CHULA VISTA**
- “Judea” - **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**
- “Samaria” - people nearby but of a different **CULTURE**
- “Ends of the earth” - **EVERYWHERE** in the world

All God wants you to do is be a **WITNESS** - tell what you’ve seen & experienced

Completing My Mission

1. I must share with those in **MY world**

Luke 8:39 (NCV) “‘Go back home and tell people how much God has done for you.’ So the man went all over town telling how much Jesus had done for him.”

If somebody hadn’t shared the Good News with you, you’d be spiritually **LOST**

2 Peter 3:9 (NCV) “God does not want anyone to be lost, but He wants all people to change their hearts & lives!”

We must care about unbelievers because **GOD** does; **NOTHING** matters more to God

“If you want to be used by God, you must care about what God cares about; what He cares about most is the redemption of the people He made. He wants His lost children found! Nothing matters more to God.”

Rick Warren, page 288 “Purpose Driven Life”

2. I must dare to reach **BEYOND my world, beyond my **COMFORT** zone**

1 Corinthians 9:22 (LB) "Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him."

God expects us to make the **FIRST** move

Galatians 6:2 (TM) "Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ's law."

You can do **A LOT MORE** than you think

"We believe that small things done with great love will change the world." Vineyard Church Cincinnati

God wants to use you to **INFLUENCE** people toward a relationship with Him

Matthew 25:35-36 (NLT) "I was hungry, and you fed Me. I was thirsty, and you gave Me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited Me into your home. I was naked, and you gave Me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for Me. I was in prison, and you visited Me."

If you get involved in your mission in the world, it will **COST** you

Mark 10:29 (LB) "Jesus replied, 'Let me assure you that no one has ever given up anything... for love of Me and to tell others the Good News, who won't be given back, a hundred times over...'"

3. I must care about the **WHOLE** world

Mark 16:15 (NCV) "Jesus said to His followers, 'Go everywhere in the world, & tell the Good News to everyone.'"

Mark 8:35 (LB) "If you insist on saving your life, you will lose it. Only those who throw away their lives for My sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live."

Is anybody going to be in heaven because of **YOU**?

If we care, we must **SHARE**

Acts 13:36 (GN) "David served God's purposes in his own time..."

If you are still alive, your mission is **NOT** complete

Ps. 67:2 (LB) "Send us around the world with the news of Your saving power & Your eternal plan for all mankind."

What Does This Look Like At New Hope?

1. Consistently **PRAY** for your friends who don't know Christ

James 4:2 (NIV) "You do not have, because you do not ask God."

Colossians 4:3 (NIV) "And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message..."

2. Connect the **EVENTS** New Hope offers to your friends

Colossians 4:5 (NIV) "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity."

3. Look for opportunities to do Acts of Kindness – both **PLANNED** & **SPONTANEOUS**

Luke 9:2 (NIV) "Jesus sent them out [the disciples] to preach the kingdom of God [good news] and to heal the sick [good deeds]."

4. Continue to grow spiritually so you'll always have something to **SHARE** about God

John 4:14 (TM) "[Jesus] The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life."

The most dangerous prayer you can pray is "God **USE** me."

My Next Step Today Is:

___ I will write down the names of those God has brought into my life that I believe He wants to influence through me, and I'll begin praying for "open doors"

___ I am praying the prayer, "God use me"

Join Us Next Week: As we'll discuss, "How to Land Safely After a Spiritual High." Invite a friend!