

A Vision of My Mission (Field)--part 1

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of identifying and embracing one's personal mission in life as a Christian, centered on glorifying God and nurturing family relationships.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of having a clear mission and vision in life. He asks thought-provoking questions about the purpose of our existence and the goals we have as individuals. The speaker highlights that as Christians, our ultimate mission is to glorify God and exalt Him in all aspects of our lives. He also discusses the mission within marriage, emphasizing the importance of loving our spouses as Christ loves the church. The sermon concludes with the speaker expressing his excitement about the vision and steps towards fulfilling it that he has seen within the church community.

Transcript

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In houses and lands, He holds the wealth of the world in His hands. Hallelujah. What a blessing to be here this morning.

I'm blessed at how the Lord has ordered the service. Thank you each one that has shared. It's been inspiring, encouraging to our hearts.

Amen. Could we kneel together for prayer? Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come and thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. So be it, Lord.

Father, I'm just an earthen vessel. Oh God, fill me now, Lord. Father, visit with us now, Lord.

Show us your heart, Lord. In these next few moments here. In this little message, Lord, that I feel you've laid upon my heart.

Oh God. But Lord, I can't say it as I ought, Lord. I can't change lives.

But Lord, You can. So Father, please come and sanctify this vessel. That I would only say those things You want me to say, Lord.

That I'd only do what You want me to do, Lord. That I'd go where You want me to go, Lord. That I'll be what You want me to be, Lord.

Even as we heard in the children's class and in the family verses, opening meditation, oh how great You are, Lord. Oh how great You are, Lord. Father, we put our faith and our trust in You.

Bless this congregation in the further part of the service, Lord. Speak to us, Lord. We love You and we praise You.

Thank You for hearing our prayer. In Jesus' name, Amen. Thank you all for coming.

What a blessing it is to be gathered in the house of the Lord this morning. I've still been chewing over and meditating on our missions conference. What a blessing it was to see the heart of God come through in all of those different booths, those workshops, the messages.

Were you blessed? Every part, every aspect of our missionary God. I was really blessed. I was really encouraged.

My heart was challenged. And I'd like to just continue in that vein a bit, if I may, this morning. Let me give you the title of the message.

My mission. Forgive my writing. My mission.

Oh, may I do that? My mission, parenthesis, field. My mission. A couple of questions.

Why was I born? What is the reason for my existence? Why am I here? What is the purpose in my life? What are my dreams, my goals as an almost 50 year old man, husband, father? What are my dreams and my goals as an almost 16 year old, as one turning 20 shortly? What are my dreams and my goals? Do I have any? What is my mission? What do I believe? What is the foundation of my belief? You know, what I really believe. What makes me tick, as they say. What am I doing to accomplish those goals? Am I satisfied with my present state of life and walk of life? Does life hold mission and purpose and clear direction? If not, why not? And if not, how can I get a vision? My mission.

We find it in the scripture in many different ways described. Paul called it my course. When I finished my course, what is your course? What is my course? What is my mission? What is my purpose? I'd like to share this message this morning to the rest of us.

I praise God for all the effort and the advancement of missions to the unreached tribes. Glory! As I pondered over it and thought about the number of missionaries that have been sent from this congregation, from our sister church's congregation, and I thought of the total number of Christians. It might be, what, 15%, 10%? Probably 15% would be shooting a little high.

If we would include all those that have been to foreign missions and have returned, it might be a little higher than 10%. But my brother, my sister, what about us? What about you and me? Now, I wrote my mission field, and I'm not saying just me. But I didn't say your mission field, but I put it in personal perspective.

My mission field. Lest you think about, oh, that person's mission field. No, I want you to think this morning, my mission.

Mission is a service to perform or a purpose to perform, as I looked up in the dictionary. Of course, it's often used in the context of Christians being sent as ambassadors or as missionaries to carry the gospel to those who haven't heard. I'd like for you to open your Bible this morning to Proverbs 29 and verse 18.

Proverbs 29 and verse 18. Where there is no vision, the people perish. But he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Oh, Lord, give me a vision of my mission. For where there is no vision, the people perish. They perish? A vision.

Strong says it's a revelation of the oracle. Thayer says it's a vision, an oracle, a prophecy. Divine communication.

A vision. A vision. An oracle from God.

A vision. What is your mission? Why am I here? To sleep, to eat, to go to work, to come home, to eat, to sleep, and do it all over again the next day. Yeah, we do those things.

We need to sleep. We need to eat. We need to go to work.

But if that's all the higher our vision is, oh, we perish. Perish? Yeah. We lose heart.

Brother Paul, we faint. We get tired of the same old drudgery every day. Right? What? What is my mission? Why am I here? Without a vision, the people perish.

They go back. That's what he says. That's the definition of the word perish.

They go back. Some people, they get so tired of their boring life, and God forbid we should call it Christian, but they go back. They give up.

They let loose restraint. They set it not. That high, that holy calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Because they don't have a vision. The daily cares of life and the necessities pressing upon them, and their eyes become dim. And the cares of this life, and of the world, and of other things, and telephones, and e-mails, and job, and everything pressing in, they lose the vision.

Why am I here? Yeah, you know, if this goes too far, finally, the people not only set it not in the perishing, and then go back, but yes, they cast off restraint and go naked. That's what it says in the definition. And

act like savages, become totally setting it not.

What is my mission? Oh, I'd like for this morning for you to help me to identify what is my mission. Lord, give us a vision of my mission field. What is the mission of a Christian? Somebody tell me, real quickly.

Number one, what is your number one mission as a Christian? Keeping God's laws. Worship. Worship.

Another one. Tim. Glorify God.

Glorify God. Yes. Make no mistake.

Number one, number one in the center of the Christian life is to glorify God. For thy pleasure we are and were created to bring glory to God. And if we will lose sight of this one, we've lost it all.

So we must love the Lord our God, to fear the Lord our God, to love Him, to walk in His ways. The first commandment is, Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord, and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all of thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment.

Doesn't seem very boring, does it? It doesn't seem very, oh well, ho-hum. When we get ho-hum and start to become bored, it's because we've lost the vision of the mission. And you see, I'm sharing this this morning because I just felt the Lord just urging me.

I felt a little funny. There were other messages I'd have rather preached. But I just couldn't get away from this one.

So I said, OK, Lord. Because you know what can happen? Now, don't misunderstand me. But when we look at our foreign missionaries, we can sort of elevate them up there.

We can maybe pat ourselves on the back, we put a little money in the offering. But we just go about our own life as people without a mission. And without a field.

Brother, sister, there's a mission to be accomplished for our King. And there's a field. What is it? What is my mission? Oh, yes.

Ye are a chosen generation of royal priesthood and holy nation of peculiar people that you should show forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Is there anybody in United States who needs to see the power of God that can call forth people out of darkness into his marvelous light? Is there any in United States? Is there any in Lancaster County? Is there any family members that need to see it? Is there any neighbors who need to see it? This man had a mission. And he had a vision of his mission.

For me to live is Christ. That's my mission. Oh yes, there's many other things that outflow from that.

And we're going to look at those. We're going to get practical here today. What is my mission? What is my calling? Why am I here? Just to take up space and to eat and to sleep and to play and to work and to drink and then to eat and then to sleep and then turn around and do it all over again? Yes, I need to work.

I need to eat. I need to sleep. Ah, but the mission is a lot greater than that.

And if God's people lose sight of the mission and have a vision for the mission, we're going to lose our way. We are not exempt from this verse. Without a vision, the people perish.

So number one is Christ. I wish I could write this larger and I'm going to run out of space. So as a Christian, my life is to glorify God.

It's to exalt the mighty God who has brought me out of darkness into His marvelous light. He has delivered me from the prison house, Brother Paul. He has set my feet on a rock and established my goings.

Praise the Lord. Number two. Now we start to break this thing down.

How many married people do we have here this morning? Can I see your hands? Alright, amen. Thank you, thank you. What is your mission in marriage? Somebody want to answer? There's a beautiful verse.

Oh, it's one of my favorites in marriage. Why did God take two people, a male and a female, and join them together and make them one? Why did He do it? Why, why? Somebody tell me. Yes, Brother.

To love my wife as Christ loved the church. Amen. Amen.

A picture of Christ and the church. It's what I had. There's another one.

There's more. There's a lot more. Somebody want to give me another one? Wherefore did He make of the twain one? Yes, Brother Daniel.

Ah, to preserve a godly seed. That He might seek a godly seed. Yes.

Malachi 2.15. Did not God make them one? Wherefore one? That He might seek a godly seed. I want to challenge us married people this morning. Why did I get married? Oh, yes.

God knew we needed companionship. God knew it was good for a man to have a wife. And God made a woman for the man.

Yes, God knew all of that. So that I shouldn't be lonely in life and going through life alone. But, hey, we're going to talk about singles too.

So, don't hit me too hard yet if you're single this morning. But why did He make of the twain one? That He might seek a godly seed. Ah, that puts a different perspective on it, doesn't it? My children are an heritage of the Lord that He has given to me.

And God gave these children to me. Because He is seeking a godly seed. A godly righteous seed.

A seed that is godly. They're God conscious. They're God focused.

Their life is Christ. Yes. Oh, He says.

Children. They're an heritage of the Lord. And the fruit of the womb is His reward.

I read Psalms, brother Paul. Psalm 127. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man, so are the children of the youth.

Happy is the man that has his quiver full of them. They shall not be ashamed. But they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

Oh yes. And to show the great mystery of Christ and His church. The unity and the oneness in a husband and a wife relationship.

Shows the beautiful mystery of the unity and the oneness of Christ and His church. Ah, let's not mar that picture. In our marriages.

But that there be that beautiful unity of oneness of heart and mind and soul. And purpose. Speaks to my own heart.

Yeah, as you look on the Christians today. As the world looks on sad to say. Christians don't get along much better in their marriages than the world does.

Divorce rates about the same. That is sad. Oh, but we wouldn't do that.

But when we're in the eyes of the world to behold. Do they see the sweet fragrance of Christ coming out of my life in the way I love my wife? You know? Oh, the Christian home. We were at couples night the other night at Efferton.

Brother Abner Kaufman was just preaching to us about the Christian home. And I knew that already I was going to preach this message. And it just stirred my heart.

You see, we're the only Bible that a lot of the world will read. Even in America. Did you know that? Even in America.

My mission. What is my mission? In marriage. Oh, it's to show forth.

That beautiful oneness and unity of Christ and his church in my relationship with my wife. Well, obviously the answer is clear. You already raised your hands.

But how many husbands do we have here? How many husbands do we have? Amen. Do you have a vision of your mission? Do I have a vision of my mission as a husband? What is my mission as a husband? Somebody tell me. Help me.

What's my mission as a husband? Yes, Luke. Shoot them arrows in the right direction. Yes, from George.

Wash your wife with the water of the word. Amen. Somebody else in the back.

Trust in the Lord and lean not to your own understanding. Amen. You know, so as married couples, you know, we can just keep making this circle.

You know, and I want you this morning to identify and embrace your mission. Don't look out there, somebody else's mission looks more glamorous than yours. But I want you to identify and embrace your mission.

Ah, godliness with contentment. It's great gain. It's wonderful.

You know, sometimes we spin our wheels because we're always looking over the fence. Oh, once I can do that, then I'm really going to serve God. I know.

What's your mission today? Where has God called you and planted you today? So, if you're married, very clearly your mission is to guard and to keep the oneness and the unity of the spirit in your marriage.

Husbands, he says in Malachi, deal not treacherously with your wife of your youth. So, it's not hard, is it? My mission as a husband and a wife is to keep that oneness.

We'll just call it unity. Making a circle here in the board and in the center is Christ. And if you're a married person this morning, the next ring around, it's your spouse.

That's right. But, if we lose God's priority of ordering these things, something's going to suffer. So, husband, your spouse is your number two mission.

Sorry, wives. But, Christ is first. And, for you married ladies, your husband is your number two mission.

Husbands, follow God's word. Listen carefully to what God says. Love your wife as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it.

Let thy fountain be blessed. Rejoice with the wife of thy youth. All delight in your wife.

Be a one woman man. Dwell with your wife according to knowledge. Giving honor unto her.

And, yes, as a husband, you do care for some of the things of this world, how that you may please your wife. And that is not seen. May I say that again? As a husband, you do care for some of the things of this life that you may please your wife.

You may make her happy. You may bring her pleasure. You may please her.

And that is not seen. Unless it's in excess or out of order. But, it's right that your wife should have her kitchen well furnished for all the hospitality guests we men bring home.

You know, I've been disappointed sometimes. The man's shop is well prepared and well equipped with the latest tools. But his wife has to do up with that broken down hand cranker to mix the dough.

But he's got the latest in his shop. Think about it, men. Wives, yeah, the Bible says it.

So, we can say it too. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands as unto the Lord. It's a very high calling.

But, oh, it's a high calling for us men. To love our wives as Christ loved the church. And wives, oh, reverence your husband.

Reverence your husband. Titus 2 says that they may teach young women to be sober and to love their husbands. Love your husband.

You won't spoil him by loving him. Reverence him. You won't spoil him by reverencing him.

Honoring and preferring him. And yes, the unmarried woman, she is more free to serve the Lord, Paul says. But the woman that is married, she cares for the things of this world, how she may please her husband.

And it's not sin. It's not wrong. You know, a woman has a gift.

If we men made up the kitchen and the living room and the dining room and the bedroom, it's hard to tell how it would look. Maybe be pretty bare. But you know, our wives have a gift in making it homey, you

know.

And it's okay for you to care about things of this world, how you may please your husband. Husbands, wives, fathers. Oh, without a vision, we perish.

Fathers and mothers. God has a lot to tell us. And all of these would be sermons in their own right, I know.

So please forgive me. But ye fathers, ye husbands, me. It's a lot more than to bring home a paycheck.

It is that. God forbid for the lazy man who won't work, and his wife wonders how they're going to be provided for, that's not right. Oh, but ye fathers, he says.

I've given you an heritage. How many fathers in here have children? Let me see your hands. Yes, amen.

Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Colossians says it this way. Ye fathers, provoke not your children to anger.

Why not? Unless they be discouraged. I was telling my son the other day as we were sharing together. You know, I said there's something about it within us.

That I as a father, I have to wage war against that. And have to overcome my fear or shyness. I'm not sure how to explain it.

To pursue my son. To have a relationship with him. To have frank open communication with my son.

And I don't know if any other fathers in here this morning can identify with that. And I don't know why it is that way. So maybe it's because it was a bit lacking in my growing up years.

Though I know my father had a better relationship with me than what I've talked to some men. Who they said their relationship with their father was nonexistent. But I don't think we can just blame it on that.

I don't want us to. I want us to get a vision of our mission. Dad, my mission as a father is to nurture my children in the admonition of the Lord.

Nurture? Ah, nurture. Nurture, yes, nurture. Ah, it's a beautiful picture.

Nurture. It doesn't mean get the disc out. And go out there and just rip everything apart.

No, nurture. Comes alongside the plant. Very carefully removes the weeds.

Very carefully digs about it. Fertilizes it. That's nurturing.

Pretty easy to just get out that machete and start swinging. That's not nurturing. A vision of my mission as a father.

As a mother, what is your mission? You know, I think especially of you sisters, and how sometimes you might be tempted. Tempted to be fall prey to the overload of the daily routine. One more diver to change.

One more spill to clean up. One more dispute to settle between the children. One more meal to fix.

Three more loads of wash to do. Amen? And you know, I prayed for you and I thought about you. I said, Lord, please don't let our sisters be discouraged.

And think, well, I'm not telling anybody about Jesus. What can I do? I'm tied down at the house all day. Ah, yes.

But remember, those children are someday going to speak with the enemy in the gate. Ah, they need your nurture. They need your love.

And it's a high and a holy calling. And it's your mission. And I make no apology about it.

You who are faithfully serving, loving your husband, loving your children. That's what he says in Titus 2. Older women. Here, teach the young women to let their children with the babysitter and go out and pass out trash.

Oh, no. No. No.

You teach them to love their husbands and to love their children. Ah, yes. It's a precious work.

It's a nurturing work. It's a work that's close to the heart of God. Shaping and molding those little ones.

So, when you're tempted to be discouraged, just think of those arrows in the hand of a mighty man. Ah, a vision of my mission. Oh, yes.

They're little now, but they'll so soon be grown. They receive of the attitude and of the spirit of my heart. Lord, fill me with patience, with gentleness, with kindness.

Oh, forgive me for getting frustrated, Lord. Yes. I love my children.

I want them to sense that love. I want them to grow up knowing their love. Yeah, the house was a little dirty sometimes, but we had lots of love to go all around.

Oh, praise God. A vision of my mission. It changes everything.

It turns those mundane daily routines into beautiful, high and lofty things for God. Do you hear that, sisters, brothers? I thought of it this way, and I was wishing I could illustrate it, but I didn't have time to do it. I shouldn't say it that way.

I just didn't do it. But, you know, you take a picture of water. Jesus at his wedding there in Cana, and they poured water into the pots.

But, lo and behold, when it was time to be borne out and delivered to the governor of the feast, it was wine. And I like to think of that in our everyday tasks of life. If we have a vision of the mission, God will take those ordinary daily routines of the things that we must do.

Yes, there are duties to do as a wife. There are my duties to do as a husband. Oh, but he'll take those things and he'll turn that effort of that water, and when it comes out, it's wine.

Oh, glory. How did it happen? Ah, a walk of faith in God. I'm not just washing dirty mouths and faces.

I'm raising soldiers for God. Glory. And you know what? I'm not jealous that another sister gets to go and preach to those Africans who've never heard.

God bless her. I'm glad she's there. But I embrace, and I'm content in my present state of mission service to God.

Because you see, if we don't embrace it, and if we're not content in it, we will also become frustrated. And maybe even envious. Oh, I wish I could do that.

Why do they get to go and I don't? Yes. Servants, obey in all things your masters, according to the flesh, not with eye service as man pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God. And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men.

Ah, did you hear that? That's for all of us. It changes everything. I might be working for Luke Zimmerman.

I might get a paycheck from him. But I'm working for the Lord. And my attitude shows, if I only see my boss, and he doesn't quite act right, sometimes we don't, and I don't quite act right, the mission is suffering.

The world is looking over and saying, you're no different than we are. You can't wait for Friday. You're blue on Monday.

When your boss makes a mistake, you grumble at him. And you're just no different than we are. Oh, we've lost the vision of the mission.

I'm working here to glorify God. Yeah, we could talk about children. I'll just say this one thing.

You know, children, your mission, ah, it's simple. You know, all you need to do is obey your parents and the Lord. Honor your father and your mother.

You have it easy. It might look like, wow, it must be exciting, and they get to do what they want. They're their own boss.

Oh, you're mistaken. You're not our own boss. The Lord Jesus bought us with a price.

We're not our own. We must glorify God. Single sisters, ah, amen.

Do you remember this woman by the name of Dorcas? Tabitha, by interpretation called Dorcas in the book of Acts. Ah, she loved the Lord. She was a disciple of the Lord.

And she was full of good works and alms deeds, which she did. And she became sick and died. She had a ministry, apparently to the widows in Chapa.

And Chapa was no little Bougainville. It was a major seaport city. And there in the midst of the city, all the hustle and bustle and everything going on.

Ah, here was Dorcas. She had a vision of her mission. Doesn't say anything about her husband, so I'm going to assume she was single.

And she was full of good works and alms deeds. I don't have to. I don't have to sew these garments.

But I get to. Because there are some widows in Chapa. And they need ministering too.

It says there in the book of Acts, you can look it up later, Acts 9. It says there how that Acts 9.36 speaks of her. And it says of all the widows that stood by weeping. And they sent for Peter and said, Peter, please come to Chapa.

We need you. And of course we know the end of the story. He rose her from the dead.

But what stands out to me is the widows were standing around weeping. And they were showing the coats and the garments which Dorcas made. You know, it changes that mundane task of sitting at the sewing machine.

She didn't have a sewing machine. She just, you know. But, you know that mundane task.

I got to sew more dresses for my little girls. Oh, they're growing up so fast. Now, this one doesn't fit anymore.

I got to make some more dresses. Oh, I have to do this. No, she had a vision of the mission.

And she was making coats and garments for the widows. I don't believe she had her own little girls. According to what we read in Scripture.

So she found a mission field. Hallelujah. She was busy.

Also, you single young sisters, be not discouraged. Philip, he had four daughters. You know, they were single.

No doubt about it. Four daughters. And they prophesied.

They saw more than the present world that they could see with their eyes. They saw the heavenly kingdom. And they saw the king.

And they were in tune with the king. And they had the flow of the sap of the life of Jesus Christ coming into their hearts and lives. And they prophesied.

Out of the abundance of their heart overflowed prophecy. I'm not sure how it was done. It doesn't say much more than that.

But they were full of the spirit of God and prophesied. Young men, oh yes. The vision of the mission.

When we have a vision of the mission. And of why I'm here. You know, all those other things will take their rightful place.

Couldn't we say the verse we started with. That where there is no vision the people perish. That because of no vision.

This is at least one root cause. Maybe the root cause. Of why there's other loves.

Carnalities. Worldly things creep in. Because when we see the king.

And we see his mission. And we have a vision for the mission that God wants to do in me. Oh, it makes those other things look like utter rubbish.

Because they are utter rubbish. Oh sure, I need a car to get from point A to point B. Sure, I need some clothes to wear. For the covering of the body.

But you know, all those fascinations. With cars. And with clothes and fashions.

Just sort of fall away to the backdrop. So, it's my heart's desire this morning. Oh, not to scold you.

But to bless and encourage you. To have a vision. Of my mission.

Young people. Old people. All of us together.

Our youth. Oh, this is my prayer for our youth. Go back to Psalm 127 again.

Glory. I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. For it's the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believe it.

Ah, yes. They shall speak with the enemy in the gate. Yeah, you don't have to hold them up and corral them in to keep them from the world.

Do you hear me? You don't have to build fences around them and corral them in. To keep them from the world. It never has worked very well anyhow, has it? The world is too slippery for that.

It changes itself. Like the chameleon. And it turns another color and creeps up inside there.

Ah, but they shall speak with the enemy in the gate. They go out into the cities. And they are anointed of the Lord.

And they're like sharp arrows. Yeah, Jesus said. I don't say you should take them out of the world.

But that you should keep them from evil. Now, I should qualify this a little bit. We don't just unwisely send undiscerning youth into situations that they're not able to handle.

Don't do that as a wise father. We don't want to do that. But to keep them in your living room.

And keeping the doors locked. I know it's extreme picture here. I want you to catch it.

And thinking, okay, that will keep the world from my children. No, it won't. They need a vision.

Of the mission. Of the king. All like Jesus.

I must be about my father's business. But the Lord said, not quite yet. You're not quite prepared yet.

We are going to let you stay in the carpenter shop a little longer. So, he embraced the father's will. And submitted himself to his parents.

Again, I come back. I feel like I didn't hardly get to the heart of the message. But I really want us to catch it.

A vision of my mission. Don't look at your brother or your sister. What is my mission? Identify that and embrace it.

And yes, my mission is to preach the gospel to the lost. Brother Adner shared this the other evening. He said, you know.

He shared some experiences, different things. But the one that stands out to me was. Not sure if it was him personally.

But there was one individual that he got to rub shoulders with. He didn't preach to him. Yet.

But what happened was. This fellow was an ex-convict. It's coming back to me now.

Came to their church. And then he visited in their home. And he said.

You people are a little dry in your church service of worship. What he was used to. But he said, my, your families are something else.

So the godly home. The Christian home. See, what do I have? When I get to the end of life.

If I don't have my family. And that really speaks to my own heart. What do I have? But that's for all of us.

The sermon that is preaching loudly. Is when your orderly children go with you to the grocery store, mom. It's preaching loudly.

Sermon that is preaching loudly. To us dads. It's when our sons and our daughters love to be home.

They're not running around. They love to be with mom and dad. They like it at home.

Even when they're 18. And 19. And 20.

They're not running around. The testimony of a godly family. The testimony of the Christian home is very powerful.

And it is being lost in mass today. And it's very sad. So again.

My mission as a Christian is number one. Christ. Number two, if I'm a husband, it's my wife.

Number three, if I'm a father, it's my children. And of course Christ-centered life is continually looking for opportunities to shine for Jesus. When we go to the store.

When we go to the gas station. When we go to that job. Ah, I'm not just going to work today to bring home a paycheck.

I'm on a mission for the King. And I'm going to meet some people today who are lost. And don't know the Lord Jesus.

And while I go. As it says in Deuteronomy. As you go.

As you go about your work. As you lie upon your bed. As you go in the street.

You're preaching Christ. So God bless you. It's my heart's desire.

That when I and you come to the end of the road. Of our mission. We can say with Paul.

I'm ready to be offered. The time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight.

I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. And I know.

There's a reward laid up for me. And not for me only. But to all of those faithful servants.

A lot more could be said. But I'd love it if you all could share a little bit too. So I'll sit down.

God bless you. Glory. Thank you Brother Aaron.

For sharing your heart and God's heart with us. That's what we prayed this morning. A little car trouble getting here.

We missed the prayer meeting. But us boys we prayed on the way here that. God.

Would use you to share his heart. With us. I believe he answered that prayer.

Thank you Brother. Thank you for the. Good and beautiful.

And practical. Vision. That you put before us this morning.

I thought of these words in. Revelation. Chapter 3. God admonishing.

One of the churches of Laodicea. And he said. Anoint.

Thine eyes. With eyes have. That thou mayest see.

I don't believe God was talking about. Their eyes. But the eyes of their heart.

Anoint. Thine eyes. The eyes of your heart.

With eyes have. That you might see. And then I also.

Thought of the last part of this verse in. Twenty nine eighteen and then. We'll just open it up for.

Any of you to share. Where there is no vision that people perish but. And we must.

We must flow along with the second half of that verse. It's often not quoted. But if you understand how the.

Proverbs are put together. They're always that way. Twofold.

Two portions to each of those proverbs. And. I think we have such a. Bad view of the word law.

That we don't really read the last. Part of that verse but. Law is just the beautiful principles.

Of the word of God. So where there is no vision that people perish. But.

He that keepeth. The mission. Happy.

Is he. I believe that's what God is saying. In that whole verse there.

He that. Keepeth the mission. Happy is he.

Thank you brother. Thank you for being practical. This morning.

And. Renewing our hearts. Maybe you have something you'd like to share this morning.

You just slip up your hand and we'll get a microphone to you. Anything on your heart as you sit here. If you have a. Confession to make a testimony.

Yes one right here. If there's anyone else just slip your hand up so that. Usher can get the other microphone to you.

Say a little time. Yes Timothy. I'm very blessed with the message.

The vision that was shared today. It inspires me. Gives me.

Direction for my life. Today. Even though a lot was shared on.

Marriage. And different things. In the future.

In raising children. It is. Very good.

To shape my life today. To that. And I also just last night I picked up.

The book. Godly home. And.

Was read the. Story in there about this. Two studies that were done.

On the. Ancestors of two different people. One was a godly couple.

The other. Couples were not. And.

It is just so staggering to think of those numbers. And how fast. When.

We live our lives carelessly. Even just losing the vision. It will just go down fast.

And yet the other is so encouraging to to see how fast those numbers grow. And there will be many many godly. Families.

And. Missionaries. Going all directions.

That is very encouraging. God bless you. Amen.

Thank you. One right there. Yes Merle.

The other one is here brother in the center. Yes I. Praise God. This morning for his word to us.

This entire week has been. Very much an encouragement to me. Not that I was discouraged.

But just. Seems my heart's running over. I'm just.

Excited about what God's. Doing and going to do. The last.

Little while. Maybe. Quarter to half year.

As a brotherhood. We've been. Hearing things about.

Moving forward. Picking up. Going on.

And they were good words. But I must say. Starting with especially the brothers meeting Wednesday night.

It was in my heart. I just. See.

Seen a vision. Of what God wants to do. And not only a vision.

But the beginning steps of reality. Of that vision being fulfilled. And I was so encouraged this whole week.

So it's amazing how those things can change. You know. Circumstances in your week come up.

They can either be. Just little things to work through. Because.

You've got your eye on the vision. It's just another step on the way. Or it can be a big battle.

And today. This week. It was all just little things to work through.

Because. I was so encouraged. I feel also this morning.

As I've been sitting here. Thank you brother Aaron. That God's been speaking to me.

As a young father. My vision's been too low. And.

I. Agreed to trust God with my family. And I want to see my children. Speaking with the enemy in the gate.

But I don't believe. That I've seen what a privilege it is. It's kind of like.

More been a mindset of surrender. And that's good. But it's not enough.

Of laying down my rights. And just. Living a sacrificial life.

And all those things. And that's good. But what a privilege it is.

To have children. That speak with the enemy in the gate. And.

Happy indeed is the man. That has a full quiver of them. And I'm excited.

I must say. The mindset I've been raised with. Has been.

Well you know. It's only by God's grace. We somehow make it.

And boy. You don't want to have too many. Because you might not make it.

And this kind of thing. And what a low vision. That's not an overcoming life.

And I want to have an overcoming life. That as many as God would give me. And give me the grace.

To send to the front line for him. I would trust him for a walk in it. And that's my confession.

And it's also a commitment. That Lord I would. I would just be glad to do that for you.

Amen. Yes. Yes my brother.

Anyone else? Put your hand up. I enjoyed that. Journey in Psalms.

Built my faith this morning. And I thank the Lord for that. And as I sat under Brother Aaron's preaching.

My mind went back to some conversations my wife and I had. How we would enjoy hearing messages on the home again. Not that we haven't heard them.

But just to balance out some of the missionary messages that we hear. And to keep it all in perspective. And this was a missionary message.

I'm not trying to take away from that either. I felt really blessed to be here to hear that. I was even speaking to a young father recently.

And I thanked him for his calling here. As an example to us. That we can watch.

And not everybody has to go. But some have to go. We want that.

I don't want to take away from that either. I just felt encouraged to speak. We read in Proverbs.

At the lunch table one day. Proverbs 13.22. It says, A good man leaveth inheritance to his children. And that just goes beyond money I believe.

I believe it's. An old Baptist preacher once said. When I see my grandchildren walking with the Lord.

Then I know I've done my job. And that is a testimony I have too. I want to see my grandchildren walk with the Lord.

And that starts with me working with my own children. Nurturing them. So I want to thank the Lord for the messages.

I feel really encouraged this morning. Praise God. Thank you Brother Jeff.

I think it's right for us to say. Talking about missions. And the mission.

If this mission doesn't happen. The world mission will never take place. I mean it will never take place.

You can't have the one without the other. Praise God. Yes, Brother Clare.

What can I say but wow. I was blessed. I'm really blessed with this message this morning.

Because in our work we use microscopes and so on. And I feel that the messages this morning all throughout. Just give me a magnified vision.

Of things that we can see the workings of. My heart is so over full with this. I feel that if God gives us a vision.

And I know He will. Of this each one of us fathers. Each one of us families.

We will have such an overflow to minister out of. To the missions throughout. Right here in Lancaster County.

It will revolutionize our church. And Brother Aaron. Don't throw the rest of those notes away.

Let my heart. My cry would be that this was only party. Or part one.

That there could be a series of this. I need this brothers. I'm just a young father.

I'm trying to find my way in. It's good stuff. Just like with Paul's message this morning.

Like you said Brother Denny. This is stuff I can get a hold of. Glory to God.

Praise God. Thank you. Yes, Brother Jim.

My heart just really rejoices. In this. Today.

My prayer was answered. My heart is full. I hardly know how to share it.

My mind went back some. The day the Lord finally got my attention. And turned me from my walk in the world.

To him. I was in the middle of raising children. I had a ten year old son already.

And I. You know. The newness of being a born again Christian was glorious. But as time went on.

I began to look around myself. What have I done? How do I do this? I just. I just.

I'm just so thankful. As I was. Pondering some of this and listening to some of the sharing that some of the other brothers were sharing.

I. I was thinking a bit along the lines of what Brother Jeff Barker just shared. And my mind went to a verse. Or a couple of verses in.

First Peter chapter three. Where Peter's talking about submission to husbands and a word to the husband then. Under some of the subheadings of my in my Bible here.

He goes when you get down to verse ten. He's quoting. I gather a scripture which I couldn't find in the Old Testament.

He who would love life. And see good days. Let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile.

Let him turn away from evil. And do good. Let him seek peace and pursue it.

And especially that last part in verse eleven. I got to thinking about that a bit. And I thought.

If I. Want to go grow old. And live in peace. There's something I can do about that.

In raising my family. And. Pointing my sons.

And daughters. In the right direction as arrows in the hands of a mighty man. And I agree with the apostle John who says I have no greater joy than to see my children walking in truth.

I can grow old. In contented and at peace. When I see my children walking in dreams.

And see them. Raising their little ones the same way. But if I don't.

I will grow old a grieving old man. Just. Leave that for us as fathers.

Some of us have. Including myself. I've missed something.

Some young you young fathers still have much. Time ahead of you but. Oh I beg of you get a hold of this.

And you young men. We're contemplating recording maybe contemplating courtship and marriage. Right.

Let the Lord write this one on your heart. Thank you brother. Yes all you young families the time goes by very very fast.

Very fast. Someone in the back there. Yes Solomon.

And then there's one up here and I think we're going to. That'll be enough. Who was the hand up in the front.

Yes. Right up here. Yes.

It's so true that we heard today. It was a blessing to be here. I also.

I wanted to add to the message I also thought of the single men. Or young people that would have left their home. And.

You know. What a blessing it is for us to be here. But.

The most outstanding things in my life was when somebody invited me. To go along with them for a day. The family.

And just spend time with us you know. Get to know us. So we may share or.

See where we are. We get to know them. And.

The most outstanding remembrance I have of that is. Well. Somebody offered to go along with me to do something I needed to do.

And to this day I just pray for the brother and. He's an elder now and I'm just. I was so blessed by.

His willingness. And so I just wanted to add that. To the message.

Thank you. Yes brother Jerry. Thank you Solomon.

I just want to praise the Lord. For his long suffering and his mercy and his kindness to me. I can agree with brother Tim as he shared that.

He had a growing family and so it was with us. We. We had a growing family with some youth in our home and God arrested us.

Gave us a vision. And. I'm so glad to be here.

I'm so. I was so blessed this morning all through the. Through the whole service.

I'm so thankful to be here. I'm so thankful for God that he has. Been so faithful.

Been so good to us. And. Thank you for these messages.

Thank you for redoing renewing my heart renewing my vision again this morning and encouraging me. I. I just want to press on. God bless you all.

Amen. Yes. Thank you brother Aaron for sharing that message.

As you're preaching I. And asking you know the parents what their mission is. And. You know when the wives.

I came to think that you know what is our mission as young people. I think it is to follow. Follow godly men as they follow Christ.

And. It's a powerful thought. You know as we see these godly men here at church and.

All around us that we should follow them. Their example. And.

I think that's our mission as young people. Thank you very much. Good Stanley.

It's good to hear from the next generation on that. Thank you. All right.

I think we'll. We'll be finished here. Just remember he that.

Keepeth. This. Practical mission.

Happy. Is he. Happy is he.

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