PURSUING GOD'S WILL

Acts 21.1-16 // May 26, 2024

TAKING THE EASY ROAD

The need for deep spiritual friendship is not a sign of spiritual immaturity, but of maturity. It's not a sign of weakness, but a sign of health. -Tim Keller

Matthew 16.21-23

God has given us people in our lives to help lead us and guide us through hard decisions and circumstances in life. However, being imperfect, community does have its limitations. Even those who love us and love the Lord can slip into giving us counsel or advice that leans towards comfort or the easy way, when that way may not necessarily be the right way.

Discernment is not knowing the difference between right and wrong, but it is the difference between what is right and what is *almost* right. -C.H. Spurgeon

CONVINCED DECISION MAKING

1 We Must Honestly Know Ourselves.

Paul had great maturity and an impeccable track record, especially at this stage of his life and ministry.

- 2. **Paul Wasn't Seeking Something Worldly or Self-seeking.** Paul had great maturity and an impeccable track record, especially at this stage of his life.
- 3. Be Convinced of God's Word. Intuition, gut instincts, and the like may play a part in our discernment, but we should always hope to have confidence in God's Word.

Romans 12.1, 2 // Colossians 1.9-11

GET BEHIND ME, SATAN

There are things in your life that you *know* you ought to do, whether it is confess sin, give up addictions, make changes, forgive someone, or any other number of things. You may not have 100 people telling you it's okay *not to*, but you may have 100 reasons in your *own head* telling you it's okay *not to*.

Speak to yourself: why are you breaking my heart? I must obey Christ!

-Jesus

Announcements: Women's Gathering: June 3rd @7pm at Carrie Erdos' house. Scan the QR code for more details and to sign up!



This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 108: 1-5

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th** - **8th** graders begin each Sunday by worshiping with the adults and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis** at **tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then open to the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read Acts 21.1-16. What stands out in here and from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Making big decisions can be stressful. What Gospel truths help you to find peace and ease when it comes to settling on big decisions in your life?

Your Life Mission

When have you had to make a big decision that you had a lot of conflict in your mind or heart over? How did the people in your life help (or hinder!) your decision making, and how did you ultimately come to your decision?

We are called in this life to ultimately obey God, and not man, nor just simply give in to what is the easy or more comfortable path. As we saw in the previous week, we are to spend and be spent for the sake of Christ and others, and we are to take up our cross and follow Him. What areas of life have you been feeling a conviction towards, but that you have been avoiding or putting off? What is stopping you from obeying, and what do you think you need to finally do what you need to do?

THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)
- Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)
- Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)
- Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)

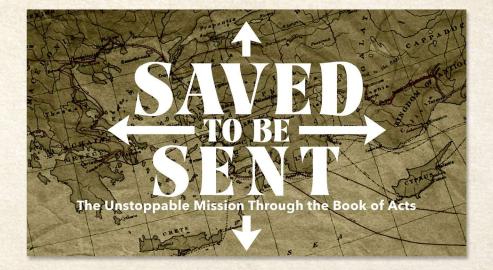
Father, be glorified in _____, let Your Kingdom and will be done, in and through _____ as it is in Heaven.

Give _____ daily bread, and thank You for Your forgiveness. Help _____ to forgive _____, because You are the One who has forgiven us.

Keep ______ eyes fixed on You and Your Word and promises so that ______ may not sin against You. Thank You for and help me trust Your sovereign love.



MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY, WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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