

UNLIKELY AND UNWANTED WAYS

Acts 24.1-25.12 // July 21, 2024

TRUE VS. TRUTH

Being a Roman citizen, Paul is given the option to take his case straight to Caesar, rather than go back to Jerusalem. Paul knows that they likely will try to kill him again, so he appeals to stand before Caesar, which by this time was Nero. Nero had not yet become the deranged lunatic that would mark his later career, so this was a good choice that Paul makes.

Acts 23.11

It also becomes clear to Paul that this is the way that God has chosen in order to fulfill His plan in Paul's life. God will get Paul to Rome, though it is not exactly how Paul likely hoped he would make it to Rome.

**God will take you where you never intended to go
in order to produce in you
what you could never achieve on your own.**

2 Corinthians 12.10

WHY GOD VS. WHY GOD

There are two ways we can ask the question, "Why, God?" One has some resentment or maybe even defiance in the tone, and the other, while very much broken and confused, is humble and from a seeking to obey kind of a posture.

Habakkuk 1.5-7, 12, 13, 2.3

**Some mortals say of some temporal suffering, "No future bliss
can make up for it," not knowing that Heaven, once attained,
will work backwards and turn even that agony into a glory.**

-C.S. Lewis

All things sad will be made untrue.

-C.S. Lewis

EYES ON THE PRIZE

Philippians 3.13, 14 // Acts 20.24 // 2 Corinthians 1.8-10

Like the athlete who was pushed beyond his limits to attain his goal, we also, like Paul, ought to keep our eyes focused on the prize, knowing that all the trials we face now, and the unwanted ways that God uses to accomplish His desires for us, *will* all be worth it as we compare what is behind us with what is in front of us.

NOTES:

Announcements:

Church Party This Afternoon!: The Wargos are hosting a church party this afternoon at their house at 3pm. Come out and enjoy some time by the pool with tacos and church family. RSVP here for all the details: <http://bit.ly/3SezELU>



Save the Date: We will be having lunch together after service on Sunday, August 4th. Bring your favorite dish to share (we will have refrigerator space and electrical outlets to help keep food at the right temp.)

This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 8

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 8:13

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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 **worshipping 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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Point your smart phone camera at the QR Code to access a virtual Connection Card

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Over summer, our Community Groups will be on break. Make a plan with your family and friends to spend time with others and enjoy fellowship with one another during these summer months.

ABIDING in the VINE DAILY DEVOTION

If you have not yet signed up to receive text messages with links to our daily devotion, you can do so here:



Here's the topics for this week's **Abiding in the Vine** and **NT Reading Plan**:

Sunday: Hiding from God and Others	1 Corinthians 6
Monday: Forgiving Others	1 Corinthians 7.1-24
Tuesday: Christ is My Defense	1 Corinthians 7.25-40
Wednesday: Seeking Forgiveness	1 Corinthians 8
Thursday: Serving Others	1 Corinthians 9
Friday: Living Sacrifice	1 Corinthians 10.1-22
Saturday: Poured Out as a Drink Offering	1 Corinthians 10.23-11.16

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.

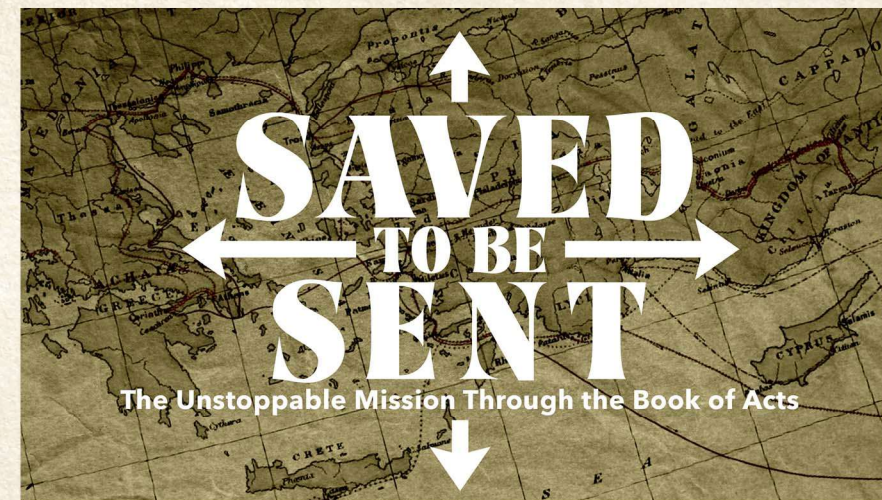
Keep _____ eyes fixed on You and Your Word and promises so that _____ may not sin against You. Thank You for and help me trust Your sovereign love.



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



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SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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