

"WHAT IF" VS. "EVEN IF"

Acts 28.14-24 // September 15, 2024

UNPREDICTABLE GRACE

Paul finds himself in a situation that honestly isn't new to him. He finds himself, under scrutiny, of course, but given an audience of curious listeners. Some skeptical, some cynical, but some genuinely interested. Some believe in the message he brings, while others (likely the majority) don't believe.

**The same sun that melts the wax also hardens the clay.
And the same Gospel that melts some persons to repentance
hardens others in their sins.**

-C.H. Spurgeon

It is somewhat of a mystery why some people respond positively to the Gospel, while others don't. What we do know is that it is very unpredictable who believes and who rejects. While that *may* be discouraging, it should be *encouraging*.

REALISTIC YET FAITH-FILLED

Romans 1.16

**Paul was undoubtedly expecting to be rejected,
yet in faith was optimistically expecting to be received.**

We get so focused on the negative realities in this world. People's unbelief, society getting worse, morals falling into decay. All of that is true, but it's not the truth that should drive us.

**Rather than ask, "what if they reject the Gospel,"
we ought to say, "even if they reject the Gospel."**

John 6.63, 1.12, 13

CONNECTING THE DOTS

So much of this doesn't make sense to us right now. We can't see the end result, which is why we must walk by faith, and not by sight. We have no idea how our sharing of our faith can effect not just *one* person eternally, but *how many people* they will in turn effect others!

It is curiously comforting to know that your calling is beyond your capability.

**You can place no confidence in
your gifts, experience, education, techniques,
professional persona, credentials, maturity, or wisdom.**

You are called to do what God must do.

-David Powlison

NOTES:

Announcements:

GPS Meeting: Join us tomorrow night, Sept 16 @6:30pm, here at the school for a "family meeting." RSVP below to let us know you'll be there and whether or not you need childcare. Hope to see you then!



This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 92: 1-8

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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

Open the evening by reading the **Call to Worship Psalm** and reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then pray the Psalm and the Memory Verse to open up discussion.

Read **Acts 28.14-24**. What stands out in this passage and from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read **Romans 1.16**, **John 1.12, 13**, and **John 6.63**. How do these verses *firstly* give you a sense of awe and wonder given your own salvation, and how do they also give you encouragement for those in your life that you are discouraged over?

Your Life Mission

God's Word tells us that the secret things belong to Him. Only He knows how a person will respond to the Gospel. And what we know is that to even *given them* a chance to be softened like wax by the heat of the Gospel, we must be bold and expectant that yes, we will be many times rejected, but we also ought to be expectant that the Gospel is indeed the power of God unto salvation.

What relationships in your life do you need prayer for as you hope to have more Gospel conversations and confidence in God to have those conversations, despite recognizing that you may be rejected?

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)**

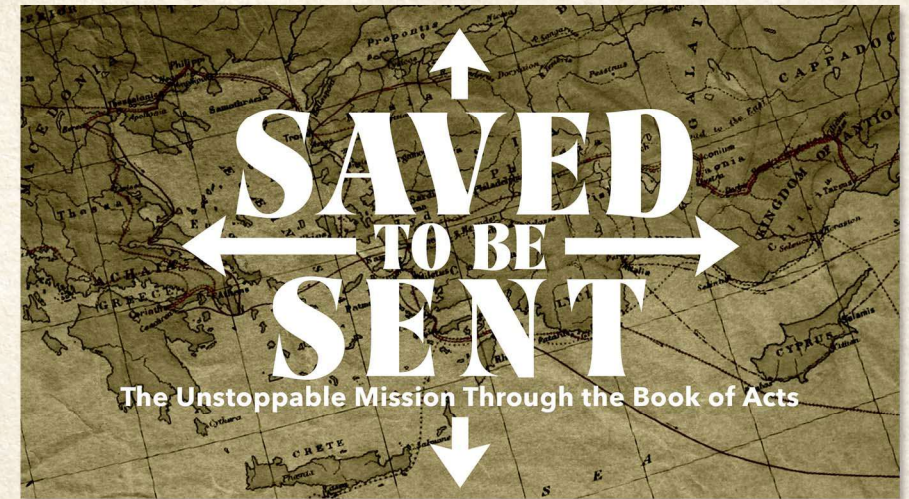
Father, be glorified in _____, let Your Kingdom and will be done, in and through _____ as it is in Heaven.

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.



The Unstoppable Mission Through the Book of Acts

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