

# WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Acts 28.25-31 // September 22, 2024

## THE HOME STRETCH

During this imprisonment, Paul wrote Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, and Philemon. He writes about having joy in all circumstances, contentment, and having doors of opportunity for the Word to be given to him.

Colossians 4.2-4 // Philippians 1.12-14, 19-25  
2 Timothy 4.6-8 // Philippians 4.11-13

Paul will eventually be released around 62 A.D., but only temporarily. During his freedom he wrote 1 Timothy and Titus. But in 64 A.D., a massive fire in Rome sparked Nero's unyielding persecution of Christians as he sought to blame them for the fire. Around 67 A.D., Paul would be arrested one more time. This time, he would be in Mamertine Prison to await his execution.

## PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Jesus tells a parable where a Master gives three of his servants three different amounts of money called "talents." One talent is 75 pounds of coins, and each talent was equivalent to 6,000 days of a day's wage, which equals to 20 years worth of income, or roughly \$1,000,000. The men given five and three talents invest and increase the Master's money, but the third man, given one, out of fear of losing it, buries and preserves it. This may "seem" wise, but the Master is not pleased.

**When we "play it safe" with what the Lord has given us,  
we are not looking out for our Master's investment,  
but we are looking out for our own preservation.**

Matthew 10,38, 39 // John 12.24-26

## THE SEED OF THE CHURCH

**The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church**

-Tertullian

The word "witness" in the Word is the same word used for "martyr." Martyrs are witnesses so convinced by what they have seen in their life that they even die for what they've seen. And while most, if not all of us, won't likely die as martyrs, we are *all* called to be witnesses and to lose our life so that we may find true life in order to advance the Gospel and see the Kingdom of God come upon others. Therefore, we can use Tertullian's quote again for us as witnesses:

**The sacrifice of the witnesses is the seed of the church**

-Tertullian

## NOTES:

### Announcements:

**Men's Camping Weekend:** The Men of Life Mission (old and young) will be heading out to Indian Hills for some camping, pool time, archery, BMX track, zipline, and relaxing around the campfire. We'll be there from October 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> ...join for all or just part. We hope you can make it! Let us know if you're interested or planning to come - <http://bit.ly/4euJem9>.



### This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 93

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

2 Corinthians 5.17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 28.25-31**. What stands out in this passage and from Sunday's sermon?

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### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Pouring ourselves as a drink offering will be a struggle for every believer who ever lives. It is easy for us to "play it safe" with what God has given us and called us to, but we know that our praise ought to come from God, not man. What Gospel truths or promises can give you hope or courage to have the "poured out as a drink offering" mentality and attitude of total contentment and trust that Paul had in his final years?

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### Your Life Mission

Read **John 12.24-26**. How do Jesus' words here coincide with the **Parable of the Talents**? Where in your life do you feel you are "saving your life" or "burying your talent" in the ground to be preserved, rather than investing and risking for the sake of your Master? It is a struggle we all face, and we can thank the Lord that His patience and work He is doing in us will continue to work in us each and every day.

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?

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## 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)

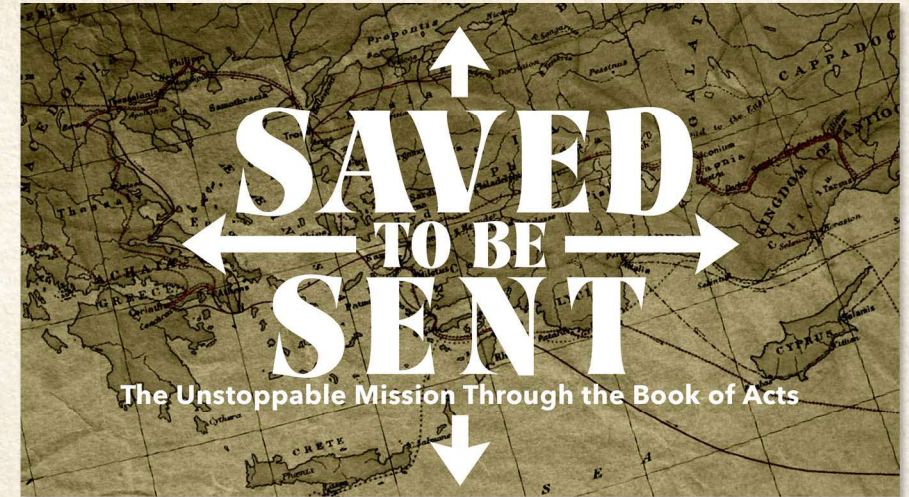
Father, be glorified in \_\_\_\_\_, let Your Kingdom and will be done, in and through \_\_\_\_\_ as it is in Heaven.

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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