

## Life on Mission Sept 11

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**Hi to those online!**

**RECAP:** last week I gave a challenge! To give God our, **“YES” this year. To consider giving him a blank cheque** if you will... that says, “YES, LORD, I WILL...” And then follow through on whatever he asks!

### **A. “Yes” in the ordinary, allows God to do the extraordinary through our lives!**

I am talking about something much more ORDINARY – that done in faith will produce FRUIT that is EXTRAORDINARY!

**YES, LORD, I WILL.....:**

- Forgive 7x70 times!
- Ask forgiveness from those I have hurt!
- Do ALL business deals with 100% integrity – even when it HURTS.
- I will tell the truth – but I will do so with LOVE & GRACE
- Give up \_\_\_\_\_ for you!
- Start doing \_\_\_\_\_!
- Spend daily time – even if it’s 5 minutes – meditating on the Word
- Spend time in PRAYER & listening prayer
- REST & seek RHYTHM in my life so that I have enough LOVE in my tank to give my FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS when I come home from work
- WORK HARD – even when NO ONE IS LOOKING
- Look for opportunities to BLESS OTHERS
- Look for opportunities to SERVE OTHERS
- Pray for the LOST people in my life
- LOVE extravagantly!
- LOVE MY ENEMIES

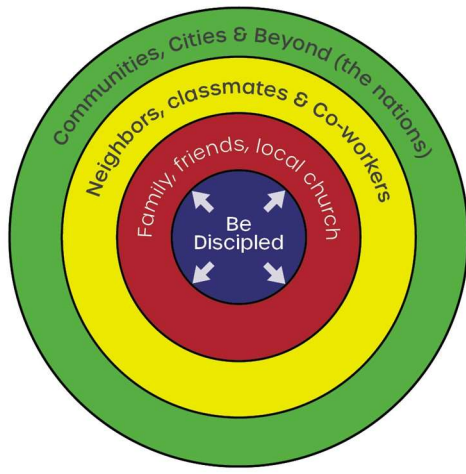
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**It’s human nature** to aspire to something **MORE...** we ALL want to make an **IMPACT...** leave a **LEGACY...** fulfill our **PURPOSE...** live a life of **MEANING...**

**God put this desire in us!** We were made to **rule** and **reign** and have **dominion** over the earth – we were made **in the image of God!** And he has given us **PURPOSE, MEANING...** and a **MISSION**

**We were made to live LIFE ON MISSION** – Giving God our UNCONDITIONAL YES is the KEY to fulfilling this purpose – a **Life on Mission!**

## Our MISSION FIELD



### B. “Yes, Lord, I will...” is KEY to BEING DISCIPLED

#### Remember we:

1. Teach – what we know
2. Train – what we do
3. Disciple (or impart) WHO WE ARE

**2 Peter 1:3-10** His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

**Matthew 7:3-5** Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

Growing our relationship with Jesus! Finding freedom, growing character, maturing in faith, improving our marriages, working hard, serving others, becoming emotionally and spiritually healthy are all a part of this.

Where do we start? “YES, LORD, I WILL...” then take the next step in front of you.



**2 Corinthians 4:7-10** But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies

**YES + ACTION = FRUIT – we can't be PERFECT – But we must give him our BEST EFFORT**



**My middle two daughters at 2 & 4 – Katelyn and Keanna –** brought me a color by number that I had in my office for years! Still have it. You should have seen their faces when they gave it to me! “DAYYEE LOOK WHAT WE GOT FOR YOU”

- Now. Try and judge this without thinking kids. FAIL
- But they are KIDS – this is their BEST and it's BEAUTIFUL!

**C. “Yes Lord, I will...” is KEY to MAKING DISCIPLES**

**Our YES + OBEDIENCE in ALL THINGS – is KEY to us fulfilling the Mission of God**

**Nico's story, Stefan's story, P. Ray's story, generosity story, staff going on missions trips – One "yes" was KEY to bearing FRUIT.**

**JESUS' EXAMPLE: Jesus did some spectacular things on the earth! NOT JUST BECAUSE HE WAS GOD.**

**Philippians 2:4-8** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**John 5:19** So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

**Jesus modeled a Life on Mission...** He modeled, "YES, LORD... I WILL" and CALLS ALL WHO WOULD APPRENTICE UNDERNEATH HIM TO DO THE SAME!

**Let's give God a BLANK CHEQUE THIS YEAR THAT SAYS, "YES, LORD, I WILL..."**

**Church-wide Requests: PRAY TOGETHER. 2. Great Commission: Disciple family, friends, neighbors & beyond**

- That every person would have a clear STEP 1 to joining in the Great Commission!
- That we would be so in LOVE with Jesus that sharing him would become our greatest joy!
- For Steinbach, region, workplaces, schools... pray for our MISSION FIELDS

**JOIN US September 14 – WORSHIP & PRAYER KICK OFF NIGHT!** We want to commit ourselves to the Lord and then COMMISSION our volunteers for this next ministry year. So – if you're a cell leader, core leader, or volunteer – we would love to have you join us!

**MARANATHA!! Come soon Lord!**

**PRAY & Worship - CLOSING PRAYER**

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**SC CHURCH WIDE PRAYER REQUESTS 2022**

**Cruise Ship → → → → Battleship**

1. **Great Command** (Mt 22:37-40): Love God – Love people: hospitality, generosity, serving & empathy
2. **Great Commission** (Mt 28:18-20): Disciple family, friends, neighbors & beyond
3. **Word & Truth** (1Pet 3:15): Know the Gospel, grow in discernment, speak the truth in love
4. **Persecuted Church** (2 Cor 4:7-10): Religious freedom, freedom of speech, spiritual fortitude, wisdom
5. **Church Renewal:** Directors for India & the Chinese worldwide, make many global disciple makers (The Way)
6. **DONE - Leadership:** Wisdom and direction in the search for Lead Pastor and Executive Pastor