

BUILT DIFFERENT

Life on Mission

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Message Summary.

Following Jesus means living on mission every day. Paul reminds us that God's mission isn't reserved for pastors or missionaries—it's for every believer. A life on mission is marked by prayer, showing and sharing Jesus with others, serving alongside God's people, and faithfully enduring hardship. Jesus came on mission to save us, and now He sends us to help others find and follow Him.

Key Scripture Summaries.

Colossians 4:2–4 | Paul encourages believers to pray consistently and for opportunities to share the gospel.

Colossians 4:5–6 | Followers of Jesus are to live wisely among those who don't yet know Christ, making the most of every opportunity while speaking with grace and truth.

Colossians 4:7–17 | Paul's long list of names reminds us that God's mission is accomplished through a diverse community of believers serving together.

Colossians 4:18 | Paul closes by reminding the church of his chains, showing that following Jesus often involves hardship, but the mission is always worth it.

Start Talking.

1. If you could go on any mission or adventure in the world, what would it be?
2. Who is someone you've always admired because they lived for something bigger than themselves?
3. When you hear the word "mission," what comes to mind?

Start Thinking.

- Paul begins by emphasizing prayer. Why do you think prayer is essential to living on mission instead of just being something Christians should do?
- Paul asks for prayer that doors would open for the gospel—not that prison doors would open for him. What does this reveal about his priorities?
- Why do our actions and our words both matter when representing Jesus?
- Paul tells believers to make the most of every opportunity. What opportunities might

God already be placing in your everyday life?

- What does Paul's list of ministry partners teach us about the importance of community and teamwork?
- Why do you think hardship is often part of following Jesus instead of something we're promised to avoid?

Start Sharing.

1. Which of the four marks of living on mission (Prayer, Showing & Sharing Jesus, Team, Hardship) is easiest for you? Which is hardest?
2. Have you ever had an opportunity to talk about your faith? What happened?
3. Who has played an important role in helping you follow Jesus?
4. Is there someone in your life who needs the hope of Jesus? How can you begin praying for them this week?
5. What is one step God may be calling you to take to live more intentionally on mission?

Start Praying.

Father, thank You for inviting us into Your mission. Help us to depend on You through prayer, live in a way that points others to Jesus, and faithfully follow wherever You lead. Give us courage to make the most of every opportunity this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Start Doing.

Choose one or two to practice this week:

- Spend five minutes each day praying for someone who doesn't yet know Jesus and ask God to open a door to share your faith.
- Write down how Jesus has changed your life so you're prepared to share it when opportunities come.
- If you're not already serving or connected in a group, take a step toward becoming part of God's mission through His Church.
- When life gets difficult this week, remember that God is using your faithfulness and that His promises are greater than your present circumstances.

