

The Faith Fight Podcast - The Mission of Jesus

Throughout the new testament we see the mighty works that Jesus did on this earth and If you are a believer, you know that the most powerful thing that he did was die for our sins and resurrect from the dead three days later. He also showed us how to live and gave us a way to access our heavenly father through him. Let's go into this episode to understand more about Jesus.

Lived so that we can triumph in his name.

*But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. - **2 Corinthians 2:14***

The apostle Paul was talking about his ministry in these verses and in the middle he decided to Give God thanks for his ministry, his relationship through Christ and the way that God was able to use him to help others. Likewise we also need to be thankful to God that through Jesus we can minister to others who need to hear the good news of the gospel.

Give us authority and power in His name

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." – **Matthew 28:18-20***

He has given us authority to Go in His name and do his will. We are to go. Weather it is to go next door or to go to another country and make disciples. It is the great commission and every Christians call. We are not all evangelist in the formal sense but we all have gifts that we can use to fulfill the great commission. As we go we have comfort knowing that Jesus is with us.

Came not to bring peace but a sword.

*"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.' "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. - **Matthew 10:34-39***

Christian commitment may separate friends and loved ones. In saying this, Jesus was not encouraging disobedience to parents or to cause conflict at home. Rather, he was showing that his presence

demands a decision. Because someone will follow Christ and some won't, conflict will inevitably arise. Don't neglect your family but remember how important your commitment to God is.

Came to set the captive & oppressed free.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." - Luke 4:18-20

In Jesus saying this He was saying that he was proclaiming himself as the one who would bring this Good news to pass. As we are living about 2000 years later, we see the impact that Jesus has had in our lives and in the entire world. Think about all the people he healed of physical blindness, and how many spiritual eyes he has opened. How many people have been bounded up and oppressed by the devil and through the power of Jesus they are now free. This was what Jesus came to do.

He came to fulfill the law

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. - Matthew 5:17

God's moral and ceremonial laws were given to help people love God with all their hearts and minds. Throughout Israel's history, these laws had been either misquoted and misapplied and by this time when Jesus arrived, the laws were turned into a confusing mass of rules. When Jesus talked about a new way to understand God's law, he was actually trying to bring people back to its original purpose. And as we accept Christ and live in Him, we are under grace and not a slave to the law again.

Show us how to have abundant life in Him (Abide in him)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. - John 10:10

In contrast to the thief, who takes life, Jesus comes to give life. The life that He gives right now is abundantly fuller and richer. It is eternal yet it begins immediately at salvation. Live in Christ is lives at a higher level; because of God's forgiveness, love, and guidance.

Jesus Died to set us free from the penalty of Sin

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you[a] free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh,[b] God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.[c] And so he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the

righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. - Romans 8:1-4

Imagine that you are on death row and the judge suddenly declares you absolutely free to go. The fact is that the whole human race was in line waiting to try to pay for their sins themselves until Jesus came to die for the world. Without Jesus we would have no hope at all but thank God that he has declared us NOT GUILTY and has offered us freedom from sin and given us the power to do his will.

Weekly Prayer Plan – The Mission of Jesus

How to Use this Template:

Download and save this document to begin using at the beginning (Monday) of every week. Every week will have different bible verses to meditate on based on the Faith Fight Podcast episode topic for that week. Determine the time and place that you will devote to prayer. The below structure is set for one hour and is only used as a guide. You can adjust your timing if necessary.

Time: _____

Place: _____

5 min – Drawing Near To God

5 min – Confession

10 min – God-Centered Petitions

10 min – Intercessory Prayer

10 min – Personal Petitions

15 min – Meditation

5 min – Praise, Thanksgiving & Closing

1. **DRAWING NEAR TO GOD** - Matt. 6:9 “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name”

God the Father is the focus of all our prayers. We should never forget what a privilege it is to bend our knees on earth and reach almighty God in heaven.

2. **CONFESSION** - Matt. 6:12 “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us”

When we repent and forgive others, we maintain fellowship with God. But if we hold grudges, that fellowship is broken. God loves to answer our prayers when the lines of communication are not disrupted.

3. **GOD CENTERED PETITIONS Matt 6:10** “Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.”

Prayer should reflect a desire to align ourselves with God’s goals and purposes, not to get Him to follow our plans.

4. **PERSONAL PETITIONS Matt 6:11** “Give us today our daily bread.”

We are dependent upon the Lord for our needs and He wants us to come to Him with our requests.

5. **MEDITATION Joshua 1:8** “Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

Meditation is thinking about the word of God to understand what it means in the context of the scripture and how it can apply to your life today. The Word of God is powerful enough to still be relevant in your life today even though it was written thousands of years ago.

Read through the scripture passages for today as listed below:

Meditational Verses

Monday: Give us authority and power in His name - Matthew 28:16-20

Tuesday: Show us how to have abundant life in Him (Abide in him) – John 10

Wednesday: Lived so that we can triumph in his name - 2 Corinthians 2

Thursday: Came not to bring peace but a sword. - Matthew 10:24-39

Friday: He came to fulfill the law – Matthew 5:1-20

Saturday: Came to set the captive & oppressed free – Luke 4

Sunday: Jesus Died to set us free from the penalty of Sin – Romans 8

Once you have read the scripture for today, write down your answer to the questions below or any other insight/revelation that you receive in your prayer journal.

1. Is there a promise to claim?
2. Is there a lesson to learn?
3. Is there a blessing to enjoy?
4. Is there a command to obey?
5. Is there a sin to avoid?
6. Is there a new thought to carry with me?

6. **PRAISE & THANKSGIVING** **1 John 5:14-15** “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.”

We can end our prayer time with confidence that God has heard our prayer and will answer in His perfect timing. Demonstrate your faith in Him by showing thanks before you see the answer to your prayers.