

I. I. INTRO

A. Video Clip: Mission Impossible

QT: Sheila Murray Bethel - "The first characteristic of Leadership-- Quality #1 -- is that a leader has a mission that matters." (Book, *Making a Difference: 12 Qualities That Make You a Leader.*)

QT. Zig Ziglar - "Outstanding people have one thing in common: An absolute sense of mission."

Prov. 29:18 (KJV) "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

How do you make a difference with your life?

Your **mission** will **drive you** (not a task - a dream!)

B. This morning I want to talk about your mission. **WHY?**

"**Acts 20:24** (LB) "Life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus - the work of telling others about the Good News about God's mighty kindness and love."

"... that I may complete my mission ..." (GN)
Extremely important!

C. Do you have a life mission??

D. My **prayer** today:

"You would understand that as soon as you became a believer in Christ your mission changed from just making it to retirement. You've got a job to do!"

E. Today: Four KEYS to fulfilling your mission in life: Understand...

The Great Commission

BASECAMP #11

Spring 2015

Four KEYS to fulfilling your mission in life:
Understand...

I. MY MISSION: TO BRING OTHERS INTO GOD'S FAMILY.

- A. Someone needs to **SHARE** this!
Romans 10:13-14 (LB) "Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But who can ask ... unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?"
Ex. Me: Mrs. Cooper; Scott Rathje
- B. You are called to be a **WITNESS**. [Had to be there]
Acts 1:8 "You will be my witnesses." (Tell your story!)
Ex. Me, after saved: "Do I need to share this?"
- C. You're *real* job is the **GREAT COMMISSION**.
Matt 28:19-20 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, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Your job just pays the bills!)
Ex. Communists (Dedication & Leadership quote)
Quote: "A non-witnessing Christian is a contradictions."

II. MY MOTIVE: LOVE.

- A. Love For **GOD** and for **PEOPLE**.
2 Peter 3: 9 "The Lord is patient, not wanting anyone to perish, but wants everyone to come to Him." [Everyone matters to God!]
- B. Because **GOD** cares, **WE** must care!
2 Cor. 5:14 "The love of Christ compels us..." (Tell your story!)
Ex. Cure for cancer? Crime not to share!
People *want* to know (more than we want to share!)
Ex. Jesus on Covers of magazines (Hungry!)
Ex. Dozens getting saved in Draper!

III. MY MESSAGE: GOOD NEWS!

- A. To **EVERYONE!**
Mark 16:15 (LB) "Proclaim the Good News to everyone everywhere." (work,? school? sports center?)
We've *forgotten* it's GREAT NEWS!
Ex. Me sharing about my engagement (tell everyone!)
- B. What is the "Good **NEWS**"? Summarized:
God offers FULFILLMENT.
John 10:10 "I have come so that you might have life and have it to the fullest!" **life, not a religion, ritual, rules, regulations...not stuffy ceremonies.**
"The Christian life is not a religion. It's a lifestyle."
- God offers FREEDOM.**
John 8:36 "If the Son sets you free you will be really free!"
People say: "I feel trapped/rut/relationships..."
The more I let Christ into my life the freer I become.
- God offers FORGIVENESS.**
Rom. 6:23 (GN) "For the wages of sin is death; BUT gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"
Ex. Etch-A-Sketch God wipes the slate clean/new start!

It's what people want! (fooled? they are NOT happy!)
IV. MY METHOD: LIVE IT AND SHARE IT.

A. DEMONSTRATE the good news!

Titus 2:10 "Show you can be fully trusted so that in every way you will make the teaching about God attractive."
[You are being watched!]
The stakes are high (Heaven & Hell)!

QT: Francis of Assisi—"Preach the gospel often. If needed, use words."

B. Be PREPARED to share It.

1 Peter 3:15-16 "Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you. But do it with gentleness and respect."

NOT: "Turn or Burn!", or "You're going to die & fry while we go to the sky!"

NOT: "It's private matter" - you need to share it!
Arctic River Christian: "Frozen at the mouth"
Excuse: I'm not gifted evangelist (just tell my story)
Ex. Titanic (John Harper - "Believe in the Lord...")
Ex. Opportunity: Outreach Class

C. Three practical Steps.

Make a **PRAYER LIST** of those around you.
Ex. Me and my family

Build a **BRIDGE** by listening and caring
(Relationship)

Ill. Chinese Exchange Student: "He built a bridge between my heart & his and Jesus walked across."

Invite them to **CHURCH (Anyone can do this!)**

We'll make it easy!
Gallup Poll: 61 million not going; 50% waiting for invite (Ex. S_usan Ayotte)

Challenge: Invite to church NEXT WEEK!

V. SUMMARY: Let's be like Jesus...

Matthew 9:35-36 "When Jesus saw the crowds He was moved with compassion because their problems were so great and they didn't know what to do or where to go for help. The harvest is so great, and the workers are so few! Pray for more laborers."

Pray

Prayer

Heavenly Father, there may be some here today who have never even taken that first step and they have not experienced, personally, the fulfillment, the freedom and the forgiveness that You offer. I pray, Jesus Christ, that You would make Yourself real to them that today they would say, "Yes, Jesus Christ, come into my life. I want to follow You. I want to feel Your presence in my life."

I pray for others who are believers, that they would pray, "Lord, I've just forgotten how good the Good News is. Help me to realize that I'm not here just to make money, but I'm to share the message with others. Give me the privilege of leading someone to You this next year." I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.