

LIFE ON MISSION - WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Scripture used: [Hebrews 11:23 \(NLT\)](#)

OVERVIEW

Pastor Hurmon started us on a new series about purpose and mission. A person who lives a purpose-driven, mission-informed life tends to be a lot more impactful, focused, and resilient. Our existence is rooted not in our circumstances, but in the love and purpose of God. We are called to be, and are meant to be used as, conduits for God's greater, overarching purpose.

KEY POINTS

1. In the iconic 1946 film "It's a Wonderful Life", protagonist George Bailey attempts to commit suicide, but is rescued by his guardian angel. The angel has him walk through his life. George realizes that God's benevolent purpose worked throughout his existence, which has had a tremendous ripple effect on family, friends, community, and distant strangers. Our epiphany should be: "I am on the planet for God's purpose."
2. Exodus 2:1 - in the midst of brutality and injustice, two individuals from the Jewish priestly tribe give birth to a son. Moses' parents lived a *by-faith* life. We all have the choice to view our lives as "by-faith" or "by-luck." Pastor Hurmon can relate. He was between life and death at 6 months of age; was almost sent to a foster home as a baby, but instead was adopted by his grand aunt in Coushatta, Louisiana. This gave new purpose to his grand aunt, and dramatically changed the course of his life for the better. Rather than viewing his life as "by-chance", PH seeing his life through eyes of faith has made all the difference.
3. After surviving the genocide in Rwanda 1994, [Dr Clementine Msengi](#) wrote that "faith links our current circumstances to our vision for the future". The search for meaning occurs in the messes of our lives. We leave negative rumination - being swallowed up in pain - behind, to shift our attention to the notion of what God can do with us. Life is rooted, anchored in God's purpose. We must seek divine intervention regularly. We must look for it, and expect it. Our Scripture says: "**they saw**" that God had given them an unusual child. The child was God's intervention. We experience tragedies, failures, mistakes - yet God intervenes and surprises us.
4. Pharaoh was threatened by the Jews - and so he enslaved them. Yet the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied, growing and flourishing in adversity. We, too, must keep growing through adversity. Growing through adversity allows us to build up wisdom and our capacity for grace, empathy, and compassion. We must avoid repeating the cycles of dysfunction. At-risk youths who went through Steve Harvey's camp realized that their birth, their very lives, were God's intervention. They broke the cycle of misfortune, and brought earthly miracles to fruition. Baby Moses is placed in a common basket of reeds, waterproofed with tar. He drifts down the river, lands gently in an eddy, at the right time with the right daughter of Pharaoh. When the princess opens the basket, she feels compassion. God's favor shines on the boy, on the parents, on their people. Don't give up, trust God's timing. God's favor will be unlocked.. Are we aware of divine direction at the critical decision points in our lives? Decisions are guided by God's direction, and they defy common wisdom and easy paths.

DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** - What is your current sense of your mission and purpose in your life right now? Do you see it as one major thing, or several things all at the same time? If it is hard right now to articulate your mission or purpose, what do you think would help to clarify it? Is it a joyful or frustrating process to discern mission and purpose?
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** - [Consider Hebrews 11:23 \(NLT\)](#). We often think about major figures like Moses in the Bible having a clear mission or purpose, but in this case, we have the opportunity to reflect on how everyone has a mission and purpose - in this case, Moses' parents. For many of us, they are a good model of how faithfulness in daily life, or things that aren't necessary glamorous or publicized, can be essential to changing the world. How is God calling you to be faithful in this season? Do you have a sense of how faithfulness is connected to your mission and purpose?
- 3) **DO** - Reflect, journal, or pray about your mission/purpose this week! Look for ways this week that God is intervening in your life for His purpose! Join us Sunday as we continue our series!