

# reTHINK: MISSION

Matthew 28:18-20 (NCV); Luke 4:16-21 (NCV); **Colossians 1:24-29** (NLT)

## Welcome | Introduction | Bible & App

### • What would you do in life if you knew you would not fail?

#### • What was/is Jesus mission?

READ — Luke 4:16-21 & Matthew 28:18-20

As we start City View Church we are believing that God is calling us to reach our parish, region and world for Jesus Christ.

- Our **Mission Is 2 Part - 1.** To know and understand what God expects of us. **2.** Be obedient to his will. = **To help people who are far from God move to a place of experiencing God's Best for their life.**
- That's our mission/why we exist – We are on mission to transform our city and world by power of JC, and we are ready to overcome every obstacle/opponent to see that happen.

Today as we think about the churches mission I want us to talk specifically about what I consider the two main areas in the course of a believers life that keeps many of us from not only accomplishing our personal God-given dreams in life but also keep most of us from accomplishing God's mission here on earth as well.

**With that in mind,** Let's read and learn from the what the Apostle Paul says about his efforts to accomplish the Jesus Mission.

**READ - Colossians 1:24-29**

- **Question – “What will it look like if we are risking it all to accomplish the Jesus Mission?”**

## **RISKING IT ALL FOR THE JESUS MISSION INVOLVES: ENORMOUS SACRIFICE**

Anything that has ever been worth doing has included sacrifice.  
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- *“I am glad when I suffer for you in my body, for I am completing what remains of Christ's sufferings for His body, the church. God has given me the responsibility of serving His church by proclaiming His message in all its fullness to you Gentiles.” (Colossians 1:24-25)*
- **The Apostle Paul lived a life of Sacrifice and we should follow his example.**

For many that find themselves active in the local church today I'm not sure if we really know what real sacrifice is all about. When the Apostle Paul was writing these words in the Book of Colossians, he was in prison because he wouldn't quit telling people about Jesus. Now listen, you may never have to go to prison for preaching the gospel (altho some are around our world), but in you some way, and in some measure, you are going to have to be willing to suffer & sacrifice if you are going to be mightily used of God to bring hope & healing to other people's lives. The Bible teaches that,

- **When we consider Jesus' Mission for us and the local church we should be willing to: 1) Live sacrificially 2) Serve sacrificially and 3) Give sacrificially.**

You know people aren't going to sacrificially live for Lord/serve the Lord and give to the Lord unless the are motivated properly, **SO what should motivate us to sacrificially LIVE, SERVE, & GIVE to the Lord? ===== LOVE should motivate us.**

- **Love should be enough reason for any believer to be willing to sacrifice greatly on behalf of the Jesus Mission.**

### ***We Should Be Willing To Sacrifice Because:***

- **WE LOVE THE SAVIOR**
- *“Once we were foolish and disobedient. We were misled by others and became slaves to many wicked desires and evil pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy. . . . But then God our Savior showed us His kindness and love. He saved us, not because of the good things we did, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins and gave us a new life through the Holy Spirit.” (Titus 3:3-5 NLT)*  
Arn't you grateful for what Jesus Christ has done in your life so far?

Because of Jesus we can experience: 1) forgiveness for our sins, 2) freedom from our struggles and strongholds, 3) godly and lasting fulfillment in life, and 4) the future of Heaven when this life is over.

*We Should Be Willing To Sacrifice Because:*

- **WE LOVE OTHER BELIEVERS**
- “God Himself has commanded that we must love not only Him but our Christian brothers and sisters, too.” (1 John 4:20-21)
- **Remember:** We are in this faith journey together!

*We Should Be Willing To Sacrifice Because:*

- **WE LOVE PEOPLE WHO ARE FAR FROM GOD**
- At one time we were all far from God and did not know what it was like to have a personal relationship with him through Jesus Christ.
- “You were once so far away from God. You were His enemies, separated from Him by your evil thoughts and actions . . .” (Colossians 1:21) – Thank G someone reached out to us when we were hateful/deceptive/lost & a pagan.
- Everything we do here at City View Church, we do because we want the people of St. Bernard Parish, the greater New Orleans region, and around the world to experience the same grace and forgiveness of the Lord that we’ve experienced.

*What are our roadblocks? ——— What is keeping you from living, serving, and giving sacrificial on behalf of the Jesus Mission?*

### **RISKING IT ALL FOR THE JESUS MISSION INVOLVES: EXTENSIVE COMMITMENT**

Colossians 1:28-29

Let’s look at last 2 verses of our text. When we do we learn that:

*Believers And The Local Church Should Be Extensively Committed To:*

- **EVANGELISM** - Is simply, helping people find their way back to God.
  - “Everywhere we go, we tell everyone about Christ. We warn them and teach them with all the wisdom God has given us . . .” (Ephesians 1:28a NLT)

Everywhere we go we are to tell everyone about JC/warn/teach When Jesus first called His D’s – “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” (Matthew 4:19) – The truth is, if we are not fishing for men then we must not be disciples of Jesus Christ.

- So, how do we lead others to a personal relationship with Jesus? **We bring people to faith in Jesus by:** 1) Praying for them, 2) Caring to them/encouraging them/serving them, 3) Inviting them, and by 4) Sharing our faith with them. Jesus said we’re all to be His witnesses and telling people what we have experienced ourselves

*Believers And The Local Church Should Be Extensively Committed To:*

- **DISCIPLESHIP** - Is simply, helping grow up in their faith. Experiencing God BEST for their life.
  - “We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ.” (Colossians 1:28b NLT)

I don’t know any perfect people besides Jesus do you?

The Word perfect there actually means “mature”/someone who has so grown in the Lord they have become Christlike.

**How do you know if you are maturing “Growing Up” as a believer? — A life transformed!.**

.....A maturing (Growing Up) believer has a life that has been transformed by Jesus Christ.

- We should want to grow to maturity in our lives (right?) & want to help others grow to maturity as well.

*“What is your NEXTstep so that you can be deeper involved in the Jesus Mission?”*