

40 DAYS OF PURPOSE

I WAS MADE FOR A MISSION

Jesus: "In the same way that you gave Me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world." John 17:18 (The Message)

"As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." John 20:21 (NIV)

"The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me - to tell people the Good News about God's grace." Acts 20:24 (NCV)

My 5th purpose is to _____

"You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NIV)

"Jerusalem" = the people closest to me

"Judea/Samaria" = people near but different from me

"Ends of the earth" = everybody else!

Completing my mission...

1. I must share _____

"Jesus said, 'Return home and tell how much God has done for you.' So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him." Luke 8:39 (NIV)

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ might be ashamed of their slander..." 1 Peter 3:15,16

"...God is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

2. I must dare _____

"Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him." 1 Cor. 9:22b (LB)

"...loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, set the oppressed free and break every yoke... share your food with the hungry and provide the poor wanderer with shelter..." Isaiah 58:6 (NIV)

"Pure and lasting religion in the sight of God our Father means that we must care for orphans and widows in their troubles..." James 1:27 (NLT)

"I was hungry, and you fed Me. I was thirsty, and you gave Me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited Me into your home. I was naked, and you gave Me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for Me. I was in prison, and you visited Me." Mt. 25:35-36 (NLT)

Jesus replied, "Let me assure you that no one has ever given up anything... for love of Me and to tell others the Good News, who won't be given back, a hundred times over..." Mark 10:29 (LB)

3. I must care _____

Jesus said to His followers, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere." Mark 16:15 (NLT)

"...David served God's purposes in his generation..." Acts 13:36a (NIV)

For this week's daily meditations, read days 36-40 in the book *The Purpose Driven Life*. For days 41 and 42, catch up on chapters you may have missed!