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#### WHY JESUS CAME

Jesus was here on the earth for several purposes: *First*, to live, suffer, die, and to rise from the dead so that we could be free from the devil (the bondage of Satan), and all that goes with it. Now we have the privilege to become children of God, for we were born to have the opportunity to be born again. Jesus makes that possible through His suffering and death, paying the price to separate us from the devil. We are free in Christ Jesus to love the Lord now. There is no more bondage for those who receive Him as their Lord and Savior.

When the time comes, the Lord will remove this heaven and earth and create a new one. Only those people (His family) who have received Jesus and live for God in His purpose will be with Him. Therefore, I encourage you, if you have not done so already, make Jesus the Lord of your life. I am talking to church people as well because many sitting in church say Jesus Christ is their Lord only with their lips. Their hearts show something different. Jesus says you will know them by their fruit. The way one lives is determined by what is really in his heart. If Jesus is in your heart, you will love the Lord, love His commandments, and delight in what He takes pleasure in.

When I look at my life and examine my faith, am I using Jesus as my example? Do I know that I am able to do the works of God because of Jesus, or am I still trying to live life my way, dealing with things in my own wisdom, strength, and understanding? Jesus must be my Lord, my First Love.

The second purpose for which Jesus came was to show us the Father and to give us His commandments in a fresh way. *"Behold, I give to you a new commandment."* New means fresh. In light of the fact that we are now able to keep the commandments of God, the Lord shows us how to love

Him and how to love our neighbor as ourselves just as He did when He walked the earth. Jesus is our example, and He shows us what the kingdom of heaven is, and how it operates. We have that recorded in the Bible.

#### NOT ALL THERE IS

When Jesus instructed His disciples how to live, He always pointed out that this life is not all there is. He has prepared something far better, and we need to receive and believe that. We are to be part of it when Jesus comes back.

He taught them not to worry about their lives (what they would eat), or about their bodies (what they would wear).

• *"Life is more than food, the body is more than clothes."* (Luke 12:23) Jesus was giving a godly perspective. The world's perspective is that the body is important. You can tell by how much is spent every year on the body. One of the greatest fears in people is their health.

#### INTO PROPER PERSPECTIVE

Heaven's perspective from which Jesus came is all about the spiritual. The heavenly Father knows that we have needs in the body and for the body, but what is important is that our spirit is alive to God. This happens when we are born again. Then we live by our spirits rather than by our minds and our bodies.

The Lord Jesus brought a whole new perspective about life to His disciples as He was making them disciples. They were still a bunch of people just trying to figure it out. Jesus said in John 8:31-32, *"If you continue in my Word, then you will be my disciples indeed, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* 

Jesus presented life and living from heaven's perspective which is completely different than man's perspective.

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#### CAN WORRY ADD ANYTHING TO YOUR LIFE?

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life." (Luke 12:22) For most people that is their primary concern, but Jesus was saying, "If you have the Lord, you do not have to worry about your life. The Lord is your life, and He will take care of you – what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food and the body more than clothes [the external]."

Just think how many billions of dollars people spend on the externals every year, trying to make their bodies look good, but the Lord says the inside is where life is.

When Samuel was to anoint the next king in Israel, Jesse's sons were all lined up. He came to the first fellow and thought, *Oh, sure, this guy has to be the next king.* Tall, strong, looks like a king (whatever a king looks like), but the Lord told Samuel, "No, we do not look at the outside, we look at the inside" (what is in the heart). This is very significant because spiritual life starts on the inside and works its way to the outside. It is important to realize what is going on in your heart. What is in your spirit is the real you.

Jesus said "Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!" (Luke 12:24) How can worrying add anything to your life? (In fact, worrying creates stress which creates high cholesterol which creates high blood pressure, which creates imminent death in many cases as the heart breaks down.) Can worry add anything to your life? Absolutely not, and the Lord Jesus explained that He takes care of your life like He takes care of the birds and the flowers. It all gets taken care of, and it is all beautiful, with no stress and no worries. If you are trying to take care of your own life and figure it out, the Lord Jesus said you will have troubles, oh ye of little faith.

If you are not believing God, you have little faith in Him. Many people do not even believe He exists. Others believe He is not beneficial to their life, as they weigh it out, and they would rather do what they want to do rather than be one of God's children and have all the Father has. They choose to have whatever they are going to have. Be it done to you according to your faith, for better or for worse, for blessing or for cursing. The Lord says, *"Today I set before you blessing or cursing, life or death. Choose life."* Choose God's life.

"Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?" (Luke 12:25-26) You cannot. But worry will shorten your life for sure. If the Lord is not in your life, you are not allowing Him to take care of you His way. It is always His way, never ours. As you delight in the Lord, His way becomes your way, and you are a really smart person.

#### THE FATHER TAKES CARE OF YOU

- The Lord clothes the flowers and takes care of them. (Luke 12:27)
- "And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink." (Luke 12:29) That is not your life. Do not worry about food on the table or the things that are necessary for life. The Father already knows about your life and what you need. He is just waiting for you to ask Him, "Give us this day our daily bread." Jesus says, "Daily bread." He does not run it out to include months ahead or years ahead. He says that all you need is what you need for today, and then tomorrow is a new day. We will deal with tomorrow when we get there. The Lord will take care of things today, and He is already out ahead preparing tomorrow. We do not need to think about it because the Lord is thinking about it, and He will guide us into it.
- Jesus said, "For the pagan (the unbelievers' world) runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek His

*kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.*" (Luke 12:30-31) In other words, the Lord will take care of it all.

# THE LORD CHOSE TO GIVE

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32) It is not by might nor by power, but by the Lord's Spirit that the kingdom of God is given. It is not because we earned it, deserve it, or are entitled to it. It has absolutely nothing to do with us because we were enemies of the Lord and the kingdom of heaven. The Lord chose in His love to come Himself (in Jesus) to save us and to give us the kingdom of God. Ephesians 2:8-9 says that we are saved by God's grace, His gift, through faith in Jesus. "Not by works lest anyone should boast, it is the gift of God."

And so, Jesus taught the disciples to seek first God's kingdom, and be about the Father's business, and He will take care of everything that pertains to them. You either believe that, or you do not believe that, but the actions will show it. Peace has nothing to do with unrest. Joy has nothing to do with depression. Faith has nothing to do with worry, fear, and stress.

## WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS

- Jesus said to the disciples, "Sell your possessions and give to the poor. "Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out. A treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near, and no moth destroys." (Luke 12:33)
- *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* (Luke 12:34) What you consider important in your life is your treasure, and that is where your heart is. He is basically saying that your life does not consist in the things you possess. It has been said before that

our possessions do not possess us, we possess our possessions. It is only because of God's grace and gift to us that we have what we have. It is not by our will, our dealings, smart transactions, and good choices that things happen in our lives. It is not by chance that something happens. It is ordered of the Lord for blessing.

In other words, all that we have and all that is good comes from a good Lord who loves us. Everything else has its place. Store up your treasure in heaven (where no thief can steal) by obeying what the Spirit of the Lord has to say, giving your tithes and offerings to the Lord, and honoring God, thereby causing blessing to come. The acts of kindness Cornelius did to help people went up to the Lord as a memorial. The Lord remembered him, and his whole family got saved.

Many parents think that providing for their children is the most important thing, but what that child really needs and wants is time spent with his parents. You do not have to go to expensive places and do exotic things. That is fine if that is what the Lord has you to do, but a child values relationship, and the time spent with him means the most of anything. Many times in life people wonder why they do not have relationships. They do not spend time cultivating those relationships, whatever they might be – too busy about their own affairs, and too busy supplying what they think is needed. Yes, children need to be supplied for and taken care of, and people are worse than infidels who do not take care of their families as the Word says, but let me tell you, that time spent together is critical.

#### READY FOR THE MASTER

Jesus continued to instruct the disciples, just like we want to do with our children and grandchildren.

 "Be dressed, ready for service, and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet. When he comes and knocks on the door, they can immediately open the door for him." (Luke 12:35) What we see here is watchfulness. Jesus says to watch and pray (Matthew 26:41), lest you enter into

temptation. The spirit is willing and the flesh is weak. People in church have taught "See there, the flesh is weak," so even though my spirit is willing, I am just going to give in to sin. No, that is not the meaning. If you are praying, you are in the Spirit of God. You are not in the flesh, you are not in your mind or understanding. You are ready, you are watching, you are praying, you are believing, you are on alert, and the spirit is willing. The flesh will be weak, having no power, having no place. But you have to be willing, dressed, and ready for service. Whenever the opportunity comes, you are ready to go. Lord, what do you want? How do you want it?

See, a faithful servant is always watchful and alert to the master's intention, and has an eye on him to see when he wants something. He is about the master's purpose and meeting the master's goal rather than his own. He seeks to accomplish what the master wants. Jesus said they wait for their master to return from a wedding banquet so that when he comes and knocks, they can immediately open the door to him.

- "It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, he will have them recline at the table, and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants even if the master comes in the second or third watch of the night." (Luke 12:37-38) He may not be there for a while, and one still has to be faithful. Even though Jesus had not come right back in this example, today He still has many people to receive His Salvation. In addition, much cleaning up needs to be done with the believers in the Church. We need to be faithful to the end to receive the crown of life.
- "If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken in to. You also must be ready because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him." (Luke 12:39-40) Jesus instructed His disciples to be alert, be sober, be vigilant, for their adversary, the

devil, walks around like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour who resists steadfast in the faith. The devil is after real believers. He is not after the others because he already has them. He does not need to waste time on them because they are all doing their own desires and pleasures. Those that have their eyes on Jesus, and are seeking to be faithful to Him are the ones he wants to take out. (See 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:8-9)

WHO IS THE FAITHFUL SERVANT?

Jesus instructed His disciples about what is important in life: what to do, how to do it, and what to stay away from because *"the Son of Man will come in an hour you do not expect Him."* (Luke 12:40)

You always want to live in a state of preparedness, expectation, and anticipation for the Lord's return, and found going about the Father's business when He comes. This is very important. You might say, "I need to sleep." Yes, there is a time for sleep, and a time for rest, but that does not mean your spirit is not watchful and not prepared. Your spirit never sleeps. The body needs refreshing, and the Lord will watch over us. He gives His beloved peaceful sleep, and He will minister to us while we are sleeping.

But we need to go to sleep in that watchfulness, expectation, and anticipation that Jesus might come anytime. In fact, what more glorious thing is there than to wake up in Paradise? What a way to go. We need to anticipate what the Holy Spirit is going to be doing, and waiting on Him. Not getting ahead of Him.

 "Peter asked, 'Lord, are you telling this parable to us or to everyone?' And the Lord answered, 'Who then is the faithful and wise manager whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time.' " Everybody has been given some responsibility by the Lord. We need to be faithful with what He has given.

"It will be good for that servant who the master finds doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. But suppose the servant says to himself, my master is taking a long time in coming, and he then begins to beat the manservants and maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, to live disorderly about one's own passion, pleasure, and purpose rather than the master, and the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him, and in the hour he is not aware of, and he will be cut to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers." (Luke 12:43-46) That is the second death. Such people are not who they claim to be. They are not faithful servants of the Lord. The words you long to hear are, "Well done, good and faithful servant of the Lord." (Well done, good and faithful child of the Lord.) The servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready, or does not do what his master wants, will be beaten with many blows. The Master is not going to do that, life will do that, and the devil is doing that.

#### ATTITUDE OF THE HEART

In Matthew, chapter 18, a fellow was pardoned an amount of money that he could never repay. Then he went out and held another man accountable for what he owed him (which was next to nothing), and he had that person thrown into prison. The master heard about it, called the guy back in, and he said, "Why did you not forgive that man his debt when I forgave you a debt you could never repay?" The fellow was thrown into prison, and tortured there. People's own actions cause their beatings. Proverbs says that the back of a fool is reserved for the rod.

Much will be required of everyone who has been given much. Be responsible if the Lord gives you much to be responsible for. You are required much. From the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. Whatever you are responsible for is what will be required of you. If you are given one person to reach in your lifetime for the Lord, and you reach that one person, loving and caring and bringing the gospel to him or her, then the Lord will say to you, "Well done, good and

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faithful child. If you have been given a million people to reach, and you do not reach a million, then you will not hear "Well done, good and faithful." Understand this, the Lord enables you to do whatever He has assigned you to do, whether it is one or a million.

What we are looking at here is an attitude of the heart that says, "He is not coming right away, I will just take time off and do whatever I want to do." You do not decide, "I have been faithful so many years, now I will just let down and do some things that I want to do. I know they are wrong, but I want to do them anyway." No, it does not work that way.

## WHAT CAUSES AN OPEN DOOR

I asked some people one time "What door was open in you to allow this awful stuff to happen to you?" There is always an avenue that allows those things to happen. On the other hand, some things happen to the praise of God's glory. The Lord knows how it will all work out. Remember, Jesus waited a few days for Lazarus to actually die. Lazarus was sick when Jesus got the call, but He waited specifically until he was dead so He could raise him from the dead by the glory and will of the Father.

Many things happen to people because they have opened the door to the devil to come and steal, kill, and destroy. That needs to be changed. Why did it happen? Because they were not watchful, and they were not praying. They were letting down their guard. They were not thinking about the Lord. *"He will keep them in perfect peace whose minds are fixed* (stayed) *on Him."* 

When the pipe came through my windshield in 1986 (the account is in the *Patience* booklet), the first thing I asked the Lord was, "Am I out of your will?" I knew that we are under the Shadow of the Almighty.

The devil spoke about Job to the Lord, "I cannot touch the guy because you have a hedge of protection around him." People have thought that the Lord

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took down the hedge so the devil could test Job. No, that was not the case. In Job 3:25, you find the real reason the wall came down and an opening was in there. The thief could steal, kill, and destroy because *"that which I feared the most is that which came upon me."* Job's fear for his children and for their lives opened the door for the thief to steal, kill, and destroy his children, and him. So, if you give the thief an inch, he will try to take a mile.

#### JUDGMENT IS COMING

Jesus said,

• *"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled."* (Luke 12:49)In other words, judgment is coming on the earth and the people of the earth. The wages of sin is death, an eternal death, and the Lord Jesus came to save us from what was coming. Not just physical death, but eternal death, and that fire is coming.

If you do not receive the Lord's one and only provision for life in Jesus Christ, then all that remains is your sin. Jesus says that you will remain in your sin, not forgiven by the Lord because you are not receiving Him nor are you receiving forgiveness of your sins, and you are separated from God. You will die in the fire (not a physical fire), but an eternity of torment separated from the Lord and His loving goodness. That is all you will have.

If you do not receive the mercy of God, and the love of God (in Him), then you will receive the wrath of God's judgment that is coming. The Lord in His love gives everybody an opportunity not to perish, but to have everlasting life. You do not have to perish, but it is guaranteed that you will if you do not receive the life and the love of God. His mercy is in Jesus. Even though we do not deserve it, the Lord has provided it.

## ABOUT THE FATHER'S BUSINESS

• *"I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed."* (Luke 12:50) Jesus had an amazing sense of destiny

and divine mission. He was on a mission, an assignment from God to save us, and He wanted to see it completed. He was distressed about what needed to happen. It does not mean He was anxious or worried, it was an anticipation and expectation that "I must be about *my Father's business.*" Even at the age of 12, in the temple, Jesus had that sense. He wanted to learn His Father's ways. He wanted to be in His Father's House, and He wanted to be about His Father's business. He said to His mother who was concerned about where He was, "Do you not know I must be about my Father's business?" She thought about this because this child was different from everybody else. He was about the heavenly Father's business. Everybody else is about their business, bringing in what they understood about being godly. How Jesus lived is how the Lord wants each of us to be. I have to tell somebody about the love of God. That urgency, expectation, and anticipation needs to be in our hearts. I must be about my Father's business too if I am a child of God.

#### PREPARE FOR THE LORD'S RETURN

• "Do you think I came to bring peace on earth?" (Luke 12:51) The angels were singing at His birth, "Peace on earth, good will to men," but Jesus had come, and justice and truth had come with Him. What is of God had come and exposed and contradicted whatever was not of God. His presence, His Words, they are Spirit and life. They expose the work of darkness. Light has come into the darkness, and, hence, peace on earth is only through war (spiritual warfare). That is what Jesus did for us.

What happened when Jesus died on the cross was not just physical. He gave Himself, in the divine spiritual act of a perfect human being, to remove everything that separated man from God. Everything in the spirit and in the physical turned upside down because the Lord had intervened into the physical realm, and saved the people. He made them spiritual beings,

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children of the most high God through faith in Jesus Christ. Death lost its power, for the wages of sin is death.

In the book of Revelation, it says that Hades, the holding place for the dead, was thrown into the Lake of Fire and removed because only those who believed in Jesus were with the Lord and His holy angels from that day forward. We are looking forward to that. Jesus was trying to equip the disciples to be ready for what is coming. See, we are preparing the way of the Lord, like John the Baptist did. The ministry of the Holy Spirit today worldwide is preparing people for the Lord's return because He is coming, and we have to be found ready.

Jesus said, "No, I tell you, but division." (Luke 12:51) because light and darkness have nothing in common. When there was only darkness, there was no division. Everyone was going to hell in a handbag, but since Jesus came, He gave us a choice for life.
"Choose life," the Lord says. It is your only hope. The message that Noah was bringing was the same message. The flood was by water, this time it will be by fire. From now on there will be five in a family divided against each other. Three against two, two against three; they will be divided. All because of who believes in Jesus, or who believes in the devil's ways, which are selfish ways.

People want to have peace, but there is no peace until you become right with God and have peace within yourself, and there is no peace with others until they believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. You cannot have the Lord and the devil in the same house. That is why Paul said not to be unequally yoked in marriage. Choose a believer, one that believes God's Word and His ways. Not just words. Some people say, "I cannot marry you until you become a Christian." However, the person becomes a Christian in word, but not in heart. Then you still have problems. There are enough problems in families as there is because everyone is about one's own purpose and own business, looking out for self. That is a hell of a family.

#### Somewhere somebody has to come to Jesus and start to turn things

around. Spirit family in Jesus is always going to be closer than flesh and blood family until flesh and blood family comes into faith in Jesus Christ. You may be the one who leads your whole family into the things of God, and if you are believing for your family today, know that the Lord has promises that you and your whole household will be saved. It is the Lord's intention. Jesus came to save everybody, but people need to make a choice. To be His disciple, you need to deny yourself, take up your cross (what God has for life), and be about the Father's business. Then you will see the Salvation of the Lord carried out.

#### ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW DOOR

After Jesus taught the disciples (Luke 13:22), He went to the towns to teach as He made His way to Jerusalem. He was on the path to Jerusalem in the time the Father had for Him to do that.

 "Someone asked Him, 'Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" Jesus said to them, "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to.""

You cannot enter on your own. It is only through Jesus. "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by Me."

• "Once the owner of the house closes the door, you will stand outside knocking, and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' But he will answer, 'I do not know you or where you come from.'" (Luke 13:27)

In another place Jesus says, "Many will say to me on that day, Lord, 'Did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons?..., then I will tell them plainly, I never knew you." (Matthew 7:22-23) There are people who have thought they were following the Lord, but they never really asked Him what He wanted, or how He wanted to do it. They just did what they thought was good. The Lord does not know who they are.

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"Then you will say, 'We ate, and drank with you, and you taught in our streets,' but He will reply, "I do not know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers. There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. People will come from east and west, north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last." (Luke 13:26-30)

Many people think that they are Christians, but they really are not. They just have a form of godliness, denying the power of godliness. I have heard it said, "I don't understand what happened. I thought those people were pillars in the church." I laugh and tell them, "The only pillars in this church are the ones supporting the walls. Don't go by what you see."

# THE LORD LOOKS AT THE HEART

What is really in the heart? Time always proves and shows what is really in the heart. So, we encourage you to live a life in the Lord Jesus, in the faith of God, the love of God, and know that Jesus is in your heart. The works that you do, you do by Jesus. You cannot take any credit or glory to yourself about what happens. Bad deal, good deal, whatever, it is only the Lord that does everything good in your life.

#### AS HE WALKED, WE ARE TO WALK

Jesus wants us to know who He is. I am talking about Jesus, the Lord of lords and King of kings. He wants us to know who He was, as a man, in the respect that He lived His life in the same way that you and I are to live our lives, trusting God and in the power of the Holy Spirit. The only difference between Jesus and who we are is He obeyed the Father in everything He said and did. His nature was born of heaven.

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Through faith in Christ Jesus, you are born of heaven by God's Spirit, full of grace and truth. As Jesus walked the earth, so we are to walk the earth. That is why the Lord says to deny yourself. Jesus was never about Himself. He was always about the Father and the Father's business (which was loving and caring for the people). That is what we are about.

It was by the power of the Holy Spirit that Jesus lived and walked the earth.

We have also been given a cross. *"Take up your cross and follow Me."* It is not Jesus' assignment. (He is the only one that could do that for us.) Ours is an assignment from God, from heaven, to be about the Father's business in this earth. We will accomplish that by the power of the Lord working in us, enabling us to will and to do His good pleasure (Philippians 2:12-13).

Jesus is coming back, and we certainly want to be found about the Father's business when He returns. We will be, in Jesus' name, as we press ahead. *"Forgetting the things behind, press ahead to the mark of the high calling of God that is ours in Christ Jesus."* The Lord is out ahead of us. He is helping us. He is going to enable us to finish strong, and receive the crown of life that belongs to a child of God. We can speak that with confident assurance. Time always proves everything out, and it shows what is really in our hearts, and what is really in the hearts of others.

As for you and me, let us live peaceably with everybody as much as we are able because of the peace that is in us, and let us go forth in the name of the Lord about the Father's business.

Father, in the name of Jesus, we honor You with our lives. We dedicate ourselves to You today as a living sacrifice, which is our reasonable service. (Romans 12:1-2) Lord, we are not going to be conformed to the world and its ways and thinking. We are going to be transformed by the renewing of our mind through the Word of God, that we might know your good and pleasing and acceptable will, that we may be empowered to do it through our Lord Jesus.

Ever keep us mindful of who we are and what we are about so that we do not stray. In Jesus' name, advance your kingdom in the earth and take your Word to the nations. Work Your works, and let your Word increase. Bless all the folks that are about your business, Father. Let increase come to them as they honor You in Jesus' name. We call in the blessing from the north, south, east, and west, and receive it in Jesus' name so that we can honor You with our offerings, and have more on the way to honor You and to give to You.

We give You thanks and praise. No thief can steal, nothing can fall by the way that You have intended. Everything will come to full and complete fruition spiritually, mentally, emotionally, physically, financially, and in relationships that you have prepared for our lives in Your service in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### FINISH THE MISSION

For those who are first about the kingdom of God (Jesus first), unlimited blessing is coming. As Jesus shared with us, not all blessing will be realized here on this earth, but what we need for life and godliness will be realized here on this earth. The Lord will give us whatever we need in order to do whatever He is given us to do. However, there is a whole lot more coming after we leave this earth, and the Lord will give us a spiritual body to match up with our eternal spirit.

Living with the Lord is the most awesome thing. What is really limiting us in this earth is this physical body which the Lord already has a preparation for. The dirt has to go back to dirt. The Lord has transformed us into new creations, born of heaven, born of God's Spirit that will be forever with Him. So, let us live in the Spirit of God, overcome everything in this world, and finish the mission that God has given to each of us. Love the people, care for the people around you, and then we are out of here. Glory to God.

Father, in the name of Jesus, touch Your people wherever they might be. Equip them for the work of the ministry for the service of God, in Jesus'

name. May they have everything they need to do what you have given each to do, and together we will see the goodness of God in Jesus' name. Amen.