

We Live With Purpose

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"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8 NIV)

Because He lives, we live with PURPOSE.

"'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV)

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:5 NIV)

The disciples made a difference through LOVING SERVICE and praying for BREAKTHROUGHS.

"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.³³With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all³⁴that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales³⁵and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need."

(Acts 4:32-35 NIV)

"The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people...¹⁴more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.¹⁵As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by.¹⁶Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed." (Acts 5:12, 14-16 NIV)

Because He lives, we value what God values: PEOPLE.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

(2 Corinthians 5:17-20 NIV)