

**On The Wings of the Dove
On Mission with God**

Deuteronomy 31:8 "It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

John 16:13 "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come".

"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever, amen"

Introduction :

1. Story of Mozambique
2. God has a road map for our lives
3. God says ***"I am the way and I will lead you"***
4. There is a difference between mission and missions
 - Mission is the total redemptive purpose of God to establish His Kingdom
 - Missions is the activity of God's people – the proclamation and demonstration of the Kingdom of God to the world
5. God reveals Himself to you so that you can adjust your life to Him and join Him on His mission
6. He wants to reveal His glory to a waiting world through you
7. Our ultimate goal is to allow God to reveal Himself to you and to others.
8. The bible is a book about God and 60% of its stories are about people. Why?
9. God has chosen to reveal Himself through people – the bible includes stories of people who interacted with God and His mission, either for good or bad
10. God knows that we learn best through stories of real people who experience real problems in a tough world
11. When God is about to do something, He takes the initiative and come to one of His servants and lets them know what He is about to do.
12. We are going to look at the lives of some of the most significant people :
 - To see how God used their lives to shape His redemptive mission.
 - To see how each one responded to God and influenced their community or nation for God
13. Our traveling to Nepal – Buddha Air
14. The highlight of the flight was the Himalayan Mountain range – Mount Everest 29,023 feet tall. I was struck by the majesty of God's creation
15. Jesus is the highest peak of everyone in the bible. There are six other major characters (in total the Magnificent 7) :
 - Abraham; Moses; David; Jesus; Peter; Paul; John.
16. If we know what God has revealed through the people of the bible we too will understand His dealings.

A Close-up Perspective of Experiencing God Personally :

1. God is at work all the time
2. God wants to initiate a personal loving relationship with you and He invites us to walk with Him

3. As God speaks to you, you experience a crisis of belief that calls for major adjustments in your life so that you can relate to Him more clearly
4. As you make those adjustments He moves you to the middle of His activity – then you are part of God’s mission.
5. I believe God is inviting us once again as a church to be part of something He is about to do
6. Each one of us have a choice to make – unfortunately we want to dictate to God what we want to do – we want to set the parameters
7. God did not come into our lives to pamper or indulge us

The Wide-Angle Perspective of your Whole Life :

1. I want you to use the whole mountain range as the range of your life
2. Being on mission with God means experiencing God all your life
3. One day to will be interesting to step back from your life and see what God was doing with you throughout your life
4. As we look at *Spiritual Markers* in our lives you will be able to see the direction God is pointing your life. These are *Seven Spiritual Markers* for you to look at:
 - #1. *God chooses to involve you in His mission*
 - #2. *God calls you to Himself*
 - #3. *God initiates a Covenant of Promise and Obedience with you*
 - #4. *God prepares and equips you*
 - #5. *God sends you where He can best work through you*
 - #6. *God guides you step by step*
 - #7. *God uses you to fulfill His mission*

The 180 Degree Perspective of Influence on the People of God in your Generation :

1. God does something greater than just work in the lives of the Magnificent 7 – His plan is to influence an entire people
2. When God invites you to join Him on mission He invites you to function as a member of a community – the NT calls it a Body
3. The more complete the interdependent in the body the more we accomplish

The 360 Degree Perspective from Eternity :

1. God lives in eternity but He created time for our sake
2. There are three things that God is at work doing in the generations:
 - God is reconciling the world to Himself
 - God is bringing all things under one head
 - God is desirous of all peoples to worship Him
3. We need to ask ourselves the question – why is God allowing people from all over the world to intermingle and mix in unprecedented ways?
4. The church must be global and local at the same time
5. *Acts 1:8 “you shall be My witnesses in both ...”*
6. You have been placed in this unique era because He wants you to join Him on mission to bring all the peoples of the world to Him.
7. *My Challenge to you : will you join me in this, the greatest of all endeavors?*