

Purpose & Challenge

By: Jim Hohnberger

*“Even for this same purpose
have I raised thee up, that I might show
My power in thee, and that My name
might be declared throughout
all the earth.”*

—Romans 9:17—

All of us are called for a purpose. Just what is the basic purpose of your living in this world, as you claim to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Is it to accumulate wealth? Fame? Popularity? Is it to fulfill the desires of the flesh and of the mind? And is it to somehow survive and in the end, to die and hopefully go to heaven?

If all of your concern is about your own life, your job, your clothes, your children's good clothes, healthy bodies, a good education, a good job and marriage, then your concerns are no different from those who know not a Saviour.

God has recently challenged me into some of the deepest introspection that I have ever experienced. God's challenge seemed simple at first. He wanted me to write down-in one sentence-the single most important thing I was going to do with the rest of my life. Then live the rest of my life to fulfill it.

I got off my knees and sat at my desk. But the paper remained blank for hours. I began to re-evaluate every part of my lifestyle and ministry. "One thing ... by God's grace you have to reduce it down to one thing."

A day or two passed as I contemplated God's challenge to me. As I was formulating my thoughts I was brought back to the front page of my Bible and read there a statement I had penned on December 29, 1984 after our move to the mountains of Montana. "Life has taught me that things and getting things done aren't what make up ones life. Life is walking with God and doing His will day by day, and hour by hour.

"For really if we live a long life, acquire a lot of 'things' and 'get a lot done' but haven't gotten to know God, what has life been worth?" If I can summarize the words of Solomon in the book of Ecclesiastes he essentially said, "All is vanity but Oneness with God."

With this in mind I took my pen in hand and wrote down the one sentence God asked me for. "It's about walking with God every moment, every hour of every day and teaching others to do the same."

I am so glad that my life is crystallized into one sentence. Now somehow I feel we could all join hands in this purpose and chal-

lenge? God commissions us all to, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." He also states, "As my Father hath sent me even so send I you." God is calling all of us to be missionaries in this way.

Who is a missionary? A missionary is anyone sent by the Lord to establish a new witness where such a witness is unknown. Traditionally defined; missionary activity usually involves leaving our own immediate culture for another.

For some reason, many North Americans have come to believe that a missionary is only someone from the West who goes to Asia, Africa, or some other foreign land. Not so!

Where is the mission field? It is anywhere you find people who don't know how to walk with God every moment of every hour of every day. If that statement is true and I believe it is, we have one of the largest mission fields right in our own backdoors.

Would you like to join us in bringing this message of walking with God into the hearts and homes of those you have an influence with-and at the same time have it go deeper into your own?

It is a law of heaven that as we receive we are to impart. The real Christian is to be a benefit to others; thus he himself is benefited. "He that watereth shall be watered also himself," Proverbs 11:25.

We now have on DVD video our "Escape to God," "Come to the Quiet," "Parenting by the Spirit," series and "Our Resting Place." Soon to come will be "Empowered Living," and "It's About People." Each seminar has been professionally videoed, edited, and tailored for you to present without us personally present.

I'd like to share a testimonial letter from Allen & Elaine St Clair who have been taking these DVD's to many different churches.

Allen says, "A few months ago I was invited by friends to attend a small church for a series of Empowered Living video meetings by Jim Hohnberger. The Lord's presence was very marked at those meetings, and I with the others were richly blessed. It was heart-warming to see a positive response to such a

simple and yet effective plan to present the video sermons. I particularly remember one lady's statement, "Now I have hope!" meaning now I can see how I can learn to pray and listen for God to speak and direct me also. The responses to those meetings were heartfelt and genuine.

"I could see that this was a plan that God can use for truehearted men and women who are learning to hear and follow the still small voice of God, to help others learn to walk with God. I am not a talented speaker but I purposed to follow the inspiration the Lord put on my heart and provide such meetings in other places.

"Since those first meetings I have held four series in California, one in Idaho, with one coming up this coming weekend, and requests for others to be scheduled including repeat meetings. We hold two to four meetings each Sabbath. We work together with the churches. Some prefer two meetings on Sabbath to spread them over a longer time. We prefer to hold four meetings each Sabbath; this allows us to sell the Empowered Living CD's, videos, DVD's and books after the Sabbath hours.

"At most of the meetings I am given freedom to speak. I endeavor to give a few thoughts, which will lead into the sermon and again at the end to strengthen the points in the message. We began with just the four DVD's in the new series, "Escape to God" and are presently ordering the remaining twelve, which cover the subjects of the other three books. Just this week the Lord provided a family with musical talent to work with us as a team.

"We started simply and the Lord has provided as we worked. The income from the books etc. would cover our expenses but we have chosen to put the money back into supplies. This is a work for those who are willing to work by faith and sacrifice and not for those who are looking for a vehicle for their own agenda. We believe the Lord will eventually make the work self-supporting. Until then we will work by faith, and sacrifice.

"The Lord says, 'Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power' Psalms 110:3.

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I believe this message is the gospel preached in its power. It's more than just another good ministry, it is the very message to prepare us for the great events before us and the latter rain. The gospel preached in its power has always been the spearhead of every true revival including the work of Elijah, John the Baptist, Martin Luther, and William Miller who came in the power of the first angel's message with the 'everlasting gospel.' (Revelation 14:6.) The Lord is speaking to men's hearts everywhere and in all denominations of His soon coming, and there is an openness to the gospel that I have never seen before. It is the golden day of opportunity of the ages.

"If you have received help from the Empowered Living ministry and it is in your heart to help others with the help you have gained, would you give prayerful thought to working in your area with this simple but very effective plan. It will be very meaningful to your own growth-and saving to others. Feel free to contact me if I can be of help to you."

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"Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents ... to cooperate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you. So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an agent of divine power." In Heavenly Places 314

If you want to join us in being "an agent of divine power" ...

Then make arrangements with your church for a Friday night and Saturday showing. Give your testimony, or have others give theirs before each meeting of how that particular message has affected you. These videos are also excellent for prayer meeting, Bible study groups, a week of prayer, Sabbath school, or just sharing with your circle of friends, family, and neighbors. Some have even started a lending library.

Arrangements can also be made to send along our books, CD's and video's so you will be well equipped to provide attendees with needed materials to implement the principles in each seminar.

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"Escape to God" is \$39.00 for four messages-It's all about Walking with God.

"Come to the Quiet" is \$39.00 for five messages-How your family can find God and each other.

"Parenting by the Spirit" is \$39.00 for five messages-Raising Godly children in a god-less world.

"Our Resting Place" is \$28.00 with two DVD's-One an Open House documentary of where and why we lie the simple, and quiet life. The second includes testimonies and interviews with their two sons, wives and others.

"Empowered Living" is \$39.00 for four messages-To be filmed January 21-24th 2005-A guaranteed plan to empower your life, marriage and family.

"It's About People" is \$39.00 for four messages-To be filmed January 26-29th 2005-How to treat others especially those we disagree with, the way Jesus treats us.

We are told, "A revival of true Godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work." I SM 121. May God

bless you in your endeavor to begin a revival with those whom God has given you an influence with.

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