

Scripture reading: Acts 1:6-8
Sermon Title: And you will be

Meaningfully participate in the purposes of God with the entirety of your life.

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The purpose of God is the renewal of all things through Jesus & His kingdom.

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Jesus promises the explosive power of the Holy Spirit working in the lives of His people.

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Being a witness is communicating, demonstrating, & embodying the message of Jesus—the gospel.

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Micro implication for us as The Brook:

The ceiling of our relationship & experience with Jesus is our willingness to surrender to the will of God in our lives.

Put your yes to Jesus on the table.

“And now, **compelled by the Spirit**, I am going to Jerusalem, **not knowing** what will happen to me there. ²³ I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. ²⁴ **However**, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.

Acts 20:22-24

Macro implication for us as The Brook:

Who & where we intentionally communicate, demonstrate, & embody the gospel as we participate with Jesus in the renewal of all things.

The Corridor: The place God has called us to—where we serve.

- Little Haiti, Liberty City, Little River, & The East Side Blend

The Grid: This is our extended community—where we steward our influence.

- North Dade/South Broward, El Portal/Miami Shores, Allapattah/Brickell, The North of Downtown blend

The Globe: The places beyond our borders that have people within our borders—where we build bridges.

- Africa, Mexico, Caribbean, & Asia.

The Core 4: The people who God has called us to wherever they are—who we serve.

- Families, Students, The Forgotten, The Foreigner.

Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,
extol him who rides on the clouds;
rejoice before him—his name is the Lord.

⁵ A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.

⁶ God sets the lonely in families,
he leads out the prisoners with singing;
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

Psalm 68:4-6

Be a witness. Be a neighbor.