

**This is Us
Family on Mission
5-27-18**

Joshua 24:15 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁵ But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

He intentionally influenced those immediately around him to serve Christ.

He had incredible responsibility but was not overwhelmed because he had stated

- His purpose
- His goal
- A mission statement

Joshua 24:31 New International Version (NIV)

³¹ Israel served the Lord throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had experienced everything the Lord had done for Israel.

Joshua was man on a mission for God.

- "The number one reason we fail to give a solid heritage is negligence, we neglect to create a plan for doing so"
- A family mission statement will serve as a centerline and guardrails for your family on the road through life.

Derrick Muller says, "Husbands and wives, parents and grandparents, need to develop a goal, a "blueprint" for their families in the same way that they have a blueprint for the construction of their homes."

Deuteronomy 6:6 New International Version (NIV)

⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

As parents, we've got to model it as a way of life.

A family mission statement must not be just a set of words, but a description of a lifestyle.

Jesus' Mission

- 1. Seek the Lost**
- 2. Save**

John 14:6 New International Version (NIV)

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

From His purpose, we move to His commands.

The Great commission

Matthew 28:18-20 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

If Jesus's purpose and mission was to be evangelistic, then ours must be as well.

- We are to be families on mission for Christ.
- Families living the great commission.

How do we develop a Family Mission Statement?

Ask the right questions:

Take a family inventory

- What motivates us?
- How would others describe our family?
- What things are we afraid of?
- What are our priorities?
- What is the spiritual environment of our family?

Think of your goals

- What does our family stand for?
- What values do we live by?
- What activities will be important to our family?
- Is there a scripture or passage that summarizes our intent?

Does your mission statement reflect a commitment to invest the truth of Jesus Christ into the heart of hurting people?