

## Living on Mission – Bailey Spenlau

By GRACE I have been saved through faith not of my own doing but from the mighty love of my father in heaven. Because I have been made alive in Christ , I live wholeheartedly on mission for the Lord! He fills my heart with the fullest of joy, continues to show me His deepest love, and shows me my life has a purpose and with that purpose I seek to walk worthy and to share the good new of the gospel in the unique areas God has placed me. I live on mission with great hope that all others around me will come to know God as their savior too, because apart for Jesus I was dead and all else left me empty. My life journey comes no where close to being beautiful but can I tell you when I started following Jesus with all I was, He made it something beautiful. He mended my brokenness and made me whole and because of this I live with a passion to tell the lost where I found life. I am so captivated by the love and the majesty of God that there is no joy greater in my life than the joy of counting everything as lose for the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus and making his name known.

I live on mission by being present in the places I've been placed, by being personal with others, and by being obedient to the Holy Spirit who equips

and guides me. Daily I pray: God here I am, send me! By giving myself to Jesus daily it fixes my heart on where my foundation comes from and allows me to live each day with his purpose in mind. I live missionally by seeking opportunities to share His love in each unique area God has placed me.

Those areas being my classrooms on campus at FGCU, on the FGCU cheerleading team, at the marina where I work and where else I find myself. It's no accident, but strategic; being in communication with God by praying and asking Him what it looks like today to bring glory to His name. Whether that be a simple jester, sharing a thoughtful word, or having a full on conversation about why I live and act the ways I do. Whatever it may be, being personal with others allows for great open doors. Having confidence in the power and sovereignty of God to do His work is everything when living on mission because ultimately it's nothing you can do or say for them to be saved but only by the grace of God.

Living on mission has brought me the greatest joy and has strengthened my relationship with God in such way that has allowed me to have a deeper, and more humbled dependence on Him; giving me just a glimpse of how powerful His name is and experiencing the realest peace only He brings continues to give me the passion to live for the purpose. Living missionally

has shown me that I can trust in the lord through all things because He is my rock. It has sparked a hunger within me to learn and share more with all others that need to know or be encouraged in the truths of Jesus!

Being on mission with other believers is so purposeful and motivating. Seeing others have the heart and drive to live their lives with the sole reason to bring glory to God in all they do is empowering. As believers whether that be as men, women or children we are all unified as one body all being brother in sisters in Christ. With this understanding it is clear we all have a purpose and we need to use it to build up, grow, strengthen and give support to those that believe in God and are living on mission. Being involved in Summit's college and elementary school ministries has shown me the power that comes with pouring into others and the importance for you who are pouring into others also should be getting poured into, it is a beautiful picture that shows how we are one body. It cannot be done on our own, we need our brothers and sisters in Christ to work as one body unified!

