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Crossgates AM Message

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**Think ONE  
Living On Purpose  
Acts 8:26-40**

**ONE THING**

**When we replace living our purpose with living God's purpose, we renounce living faulty purpose and truly begin living on purpose!**



*ONE is an acrostic that stands for ...*

**Our Next Encounter...**

**Think ONE is about INTENTIONAL living!**

*Intentional living is simply coming to an awareness that we are part of God's advancing Kingdom and He INVITES us to join Him in His ADVANCEMENT*

*We are living in CRAZY times...*

***It seems difficult to know what to do...***

***But I want to bring us back to some BASICS...***

***Satan has TWO primary TACTICS he uses and has been using since the fall of man...***

***His first tactic is against UNBELIEVERS...***

*I call it...*

***"The Imitation Game of Satan!"***

***Illustration – Fake Rolex versus Real***

***→ Pic 1 – Real vs Fake Rolex***



***→ Pic 2 – Real vs Fake Rolex***



**Weight** – The REAL Rolex is significantly heavier than the fake one because it is made out of more sturdier materials...

**Water** – The REAL Rolex is waterproof... Simply submerge them both under water and the fake will leak...

**Writing** – Check out the FINE PRINT! When put under a magnifying glass the writing on the REAL Rolex is pristine... While the FAKE Rolex will have flaws...

... So, have you made your pick?

→ Pic 3 – Real vs Fake Rolex



**Now listen to some statistics of Satan's Imitation Game...**

**63% of adults in America believe “having faith matters more than which faith you have.”**

According to a substantive Probe Ministries study,

**Over 60% of Born Again Christians believe Muhammad, Buddha, and Jesus are all valid ways to God.**

A recent Pew Forum reports that...

**39% of Americans say even people who do not believe in God at all can go to heaven.**

**Only 2% of Americans think they are going to hell.**

**His second tactic is against BELIEVERS...**

I call it...

**“The Intimidation Game of Satan!”**

**Is there a God?**

**Is man a sinner?**

**Is Jesus the Son of God?**

**Did Jesus die on a Cross for the sins of all mankind?**

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**Are people who do not give their life to Jesus headed to an eternity in hell?**

**If those headed for hell repent and give their lives to Jesus will they go to heaven?**

**If you answered “YES” to these questions then you would agree that Christianity is of utmost importance... Yes?**

**“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and, if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important.”**

— C. S. Lewis

**“If Christianity is important at all, then it is all-important. If it is anything at all, then it is everything. It is either the most vital thing in your life, or it isn’t worth bothering with.”**

— Billy Graham

**Over the next few weeks we are going to learn how to LIVE INTENTIONALLY...**

**We are going to learn how to THINK ONE!**

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## **1. Be LED by the Spirit.**

**Acts 8:26–27a (ESV) — Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went.**

**Romans 8:14 (ESV) — For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.**

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## **1. Be LED by the Spirit.**

## **2. Be LISTENING for direction.**

**Acts 8:27–29 (ESV) — And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.”**

**Isaiah 30:21 (ESV) — And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.**

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Acts 8:30–34 (ESV) — So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?”

Here, Philip's opportunity was clear...

- The man was reading Scripture
- He was reading Isaiah 53 – the clearest prophecy concerning Jesus being God's sacrifice for mankind in Scripture...
- The man asks Philip if he could explain...

Most of the time this will not be the case... many times we will find ourselves in conversations that turn spiritual...

So we must ALWAYS BE READY!

Here at Crossgates our purpose is to love God and make disciples by...

***“Carrying the transforming love of Jesus to every longing heart.”***

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Acts 8:35–40 (ESV) — Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

→ Verse 37 may not have been in the original ...

Acts 8:37 (NASB95) — And Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

*My prayer for you is that over the next few weeks the Lord will sear in our spirits the following reality...*

***I am SOMEONE'S next DIVINE encounter!***

**“The supply of heaven is adequate for the demands of our spiritually starved world. Will we offer that supply to the hungry masses?”**

— **Billy Graham**

Over the next few weeks I want to ask you to do a few things that I guarantee you will help you live more intentionally for God's Kingdom...

### → **21 Days of Fasting**

- Beginning tomorrow (January 10-30) we are starting our annual 21 days of prayer and fasting
- Visit **21days.crossgates.org** for more info

### → **Think ONE LifeGroup**

- If you are not currently part of one of our lifegroups I want to ask you to join a special lifegroup focused on Think ONE...
- At both 9 and 10:30 we will be having a special LifeGroup meeting in the VENUE
- Led by Brad Randall and Carter Collins

**Remember, you are someone's next divine encounter!**

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