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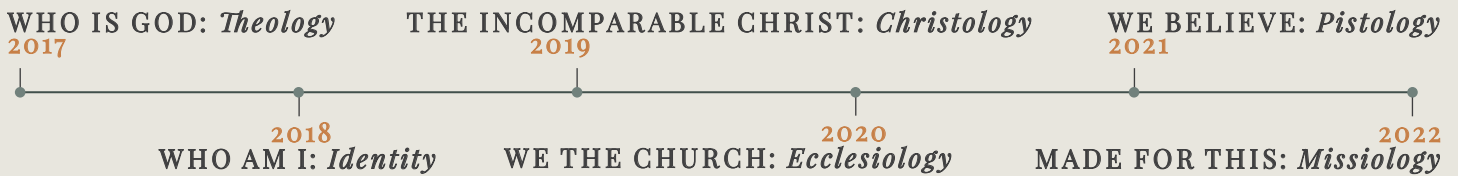
# MADE FOR THIS

A LIFE ON MISSION

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## FIRST BAPTIST ANNUAL THEMES:



## MADE FOR WHAT?:

*Westminster Shorter Catechism (1643)*

**QUESTION:** *What is the chief end of mankind?*

**ANSWER:** *Mankind's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.*

“ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;”

~ PSALM 24:1 (NIV)

## WHY MADE FOR THIS IN 2022?:

*Our World Needs Christ More than Ever!*

### *Three Recent Seismic Shifts With Christianity and Culture*

1. From majority to minority.
2. From place of honor to place of shame.
3. From widespread tolerance to hostility.

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## THE EXAMPLE OF MOSES' CALLING TO A LIFE ON MISSION:

“ Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.”

“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

“Go now, go I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

~ EXODUS 3:1-8, 10 (NIV)

## 1. When God Calls Moses To Mission He Sends Him Out With:

“ Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”

~ EXODUS 3:5 (NIV)

“ 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

~ MATTHEW 28:19-20 (NIV)

## 2. When God Calls Moses To Mission He Sends Him Out With:

“ God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

~ EXODUS 3:14 (NIV)

*YAHWEH is often paired with another attribute that describes His character.*

**YAHWEH-RAPHA** - I AM The LORD who heals  
**YAHWEH TSIDKENU** - I AM The LORD our Righteousness  
**YAHWEH ROI** - I AM The LORD our Shepherd  
**YAHWEH SHAMMAH** - I AM The LORD, ever present

## 3. When God Calls Moses To Mission He Sends Him Out With:

*(which is so much more in the hands of God)*

“ What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you?’” Then the Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?” “A staff,” he replied. The Lord said, “Throw it on the ground.” Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. Then the Lord said to him, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail.” So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand.”

~ EXODUS 4:1-4 (NIV)

### MOSES' STAFF REPRESENTS HIS:

### KEY QUESTION FOR LIVING THE LIFE ON MISSION YOU ARE MADE FOR:

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### DISCUSSION Questions:

- 1 - When you hear the phrase "Made for This" what is your first thought?
- 2 - If you had to explain your life mission to someone what would you say?
- 3 - In the story of God's call to Moses, Moses clearly had a lot of fears and concerns. Skim over Exodus 3-4 and see if you can make a list of the excuses Moses makes. (I count at least 5)
- 4 - God sends Moses out with "His Presence" "His Name" and "His Staff" How is each one of those significant for Moses' fears and for what he will have to face?
- 5 - God asks Moses "What's in Your Hand?" In what ways could God use what's in your hands (Identity, Income or Influence) for His glory this year?