

MISSION: POSSIBLE

Week of March 17, 2013

Moving Past Your Past • Message 3

TWEET #MYCHURCHROCKS // VIDEO // "YOUR MISSION"

Your Mission, should you choose to accept it...

You will be witnesses for Jesus in Lafayette, in Greater Lafayette and Tippecanoe County, and to the ends of the earth.

THE MISSION IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE ALL OUR OBSTACLES HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY!

Review

- It's a spiritual mission, so we've been given the Holy Spirit.
- It's a threatening message, so we have the power of kindness to open doors.
- It calls us to places of discomfort, but it's outweighed by the hope of experiencing God.

Obstacle

No one can get past my **PAST**, especially me!

GOD HAS FORGIVEN YOU, BUT OTHERS WILL SEE YOU AS UNTRUSTWORTHY

GOD ADDRESSES THIS OBSTACLE THROUGH THE LIFE OF SAUL / PAUL

Phase 2.5: Missionary Backstory

Acts 8:1-3 (p. 764)

MURDER // PURSUIT // (ACCORDING TO ACTS 22, OTHERS MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED)

~~ NO ONE WAS MORE REPULSIVE TO EARLY CHRISTIANS THAN WAS SAUL ~~

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT A PERSON WHO OPPOSED EVERYTHING YOU STOOD FOR?

Acts 9:1-31

1-6 // 7-9 // 10-19 // 20-22

~~ POSITIVE INFLUENCE GROWS ACCORDING TO YOUR ABILITY TO REPRESENT JESUS ~~

23-27 // THOSE YOU TOUCH WILL BE LOYAL, EVENTUALLY BARNABAS WILL NOTICE

Acts 11:19-26

BARNABAS... I KNOW A GUY WHO DOESN'T FIT IN ANYWHERE, HE'LL FIT IN HERE!

TRANSITION: WHAT'S YOUR BACKSTORY? SINS // COMPLACENCY // ADVOCACY ?

Take it Home: Moving Past Your Past

1. Meet **JESUS** – he came so we could leave the past behind.
2. Get your **MISSION**.
3. **STEP INTO** your mission.
4. Pray for **ADVOCATES**.
5. Reclaim your **PURPOSE** from your past.
6. Sometimes you need to **MOVE**!

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