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A Mission You Need to Accept

"In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world." John 17:18 (MSG)

Did you know that God made you for a specific life message that He wants you to share with the world? This is something we need to teach our children so that they know God has given them both a common message and one that is unique to them. The message we have in common with everyone else is telling people about Jesus. The unique part is based on each person's unique shape – their background and experiences, both good and bad.

God has a purpose for the hurts you've gone through. He wants you to use them to help others.

- Who better to help someone struggling with alcoholism that someone who has fought that battle?
- Who better to help someone with a special needs child than a parent with a special needs child?
- Who better to support someone in the middle of a failing marriage than someone who experienced the pain of a marriage that fell apart?
- Who better to offer hope to a child who feels unworthy in school than someone who grew up feeling unworthy in school?

God wants to use the very things you are most embarrassed or ashamed of to encourage other people. While we think we encourage other people with our strength, it's often those things we want to keep hidden that speak to them. They can relate and find hope when they see how God has brought you through those times of trial and used you in spite of your weaknesses.

What will be your life mission? Your life mission is telling others how Jesus helped you overcome the challenges of your life. The Good News of the Gospel is as simple as letting people, know salvation is a free gift; that you don't have to earn your way to heaven. It's telling people how God wants them to live forever with him and that everything they've done wrong can be erased by God's grace.

"Through Christ, God has made peace between us and himself and God gave us the work of telling everyone about the peace we can have with God" (2 Corinthians 5:18 NCV).

No one else can share your unique life message. And if you don't share it, it will never be heard.

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Daily Hope with Rick Warren A Devotional from Purpose Driven Connection

*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18 – 20

