



## In Mission

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-10. 1 Peter 1:13-15

*“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

*“Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’”*

As God’s workmanship, we have been created to bring all glory to God, and to live out our unique purpose on this earth through the power of his Holy Spirit.

Reflection:

One of the most meaningful exercises of the weekend was creating our own personal Mission Statement on Sunday. Our Mission Statement is the culmination of all the work and healing on the WWWC weekend. On Friday and Saturday, we were able to recognize and receive healing from our wounds of deceit, fear, anger, sadness and shame. Saturday night and Sunday morning we grew in the awareness that we are holy women, chosen before the creation of the world to be blameless in His sight. (Ephesians 1:4) When we hold our sinful tendencies (represented by our left hand) and our gifts (in the right hand) out in the light, we can live out of an awareness God forgives, accepts, and totally loves us. We are called to accept all of ourselves – the good and the not so good- and release our whole being to the Lord to live out His purposes for our lives.

- Write out what you carry in your left hand (your sinful tendencies.) Pray about each item and ask for God’s forgiveness. Next ask the Lord to continue transforming you into His likeness in these areas.
- Now, write out what you have in your right hand- the gifts and talents you have been given. Pray over them, thanking God for these blessings. Ask Him if there is any area that you are not aware of and then offer them all to God to be used in fulfilling His purposes.
- Write out your mission statement on a 3×5 card. (If you are still working on it, write as much as you have completed.) Prayerfully ask the Lord if this is how HE views you and calls you to be. Ask Him if there is anything you need to add or change about your statement to make it more reflective of your life today.



### Soul Training:

This week, you will be practice becoming aware of what it feels like to live “in mission,” and what it feels like to live “out of mission.”

- Each day, before your feet hit the floor, offer up a prayer to the Lord and dedicate your day to him by speaking your mission statement to Him. Ask Him for the strength and wisdom to live out your mission for the day. Throughout the day, use your 3×5 card to refocus on what God has called you to do. Each night, before you go to sleep, review the day with the Lord and ask Him to gently reveal times in the day when you were not living out your mission. Acknowledge those moments and ask for the Lord to forgive and transform you through the Holy Spirit.
- Spend some quiet time with the Lord and discover a key scripture or passage that can act as an anchor to your mission statement. You will know it once you see it! Once you have found the scripture(s) write it out on the other side of your 3×5 card and begin to memorize the verse(s) so that you can recall them automatically when you sense you are not acting “in mission.” In this way you can begin to catch yourself in the act... and allow the Holy Spirit to transform your mind and heart to be more like Jesus.

### Prayer:

Lord, thank you for calling me out of the darkness and into the light. Continue to reveal my life's mission and calling. Continue to bring my sinfulness and giftedness out into the light. Thank you for the verse in 1 Peter 2:9 which promises me, *“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.”*