

# Being Missional Minded

## “Reflecting the Beauty & Essence of YAHUSHA [Jesus]”

### I. SCRIPTURE

Psalm 112:4 – “Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.”

### II. BEING MISSION-MINDED VS. BEING MISSIONAL MINDED

As we have just finished looking at our GFAN mission activities in Kenya and Pakistan; this is a good time to mention that there is huge a difference between being mission minded and living missionally.

Being mission minded or mission friendly is NOT the same as being missional. Mission minded is typically programmatic. We look at missions as programs somewhere else, usually overseas. Lots of churches, including the GFAN body, have a “missions” program. For example, GFAN supports missions – schools, orphanages, and evangelism – with our financial support. These are in Pakistan, Haiti, Kenya, the Philippines, and Bangladesh. Missions is something *we do* rather than the way *we live*. But, being *missional* is a *way of living*. For us to be *mission* minded is good, but it is incomplete. Being *missional*, on the other hand, is personal, about *each of us living* YAHUAH [God]’s redemptive mission as a “missionary” that is sent out every day... *right where we are located*. A *missional* life is defined as following MESSIAH [Christ] on *His* mission every day. We view our workplace, our schools, our neighborhood, and our wider community as being *our* mission field. It’s not about sending *someone else*; it is about you and me. *We* are the ones who are sent out. *You* are the missionary who is *learning about other people* and *creating ways to connect with them* in order to *live* YAHUSHA [Jesus] in your life... and to *share His redemptive mission* with those around you. This is highly HA’MASHIACH [Christ]-relational, hands on gospel stuff!<sup>1</sup>

So now, when you read YAHUSHA [Jesus]’s red letter words at the end of Matthew’s gospel, to “Go therefore! And make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the

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<sup>1</sup>. Brad Hoffman, “There’s a Huge Difference Between Being Mission Minded and Living Missionally”, BradHoffman.com: A Parson’s Thoughts and Ramblings, October 28, 2015, Accessed January 2, 2021, <https://bradhoffmann.com/2015/10/28/theres-a-huge-difference-between-being-mission-minded-and-living-missionally.html>

name of the Father and of the Son and of the RUACH HA'QODESH [Holy Spirit] ... teaching them to observe all things that [YAHUSHA (Jesus) has] commanded you,"<sup>2</sup> you *now* realize that YAHUSHA [Jesus] is talking to you specifically. It is no longer a vague idea that is targeted at some missionaries working somewhere else. Now, His words are specific and they are targeted toward *you*! At the beginning of your every day, as you get out of bed, *you* are to "Go therefore! Go! and make disciples of your coworkers at work! You are to Go therefore! Get out of your recliner...! Go! and talk to your neighbors and others to whom you have a connection! Go! and speak with everyone you come across in your community! Lead your children and grandchildren, their children and grandchildren to our town's only Christian school! Lead each and every one that will listen to you to the redemptive gospel message of YAHUSHA [Jesus]... that He is YAHUAH [God] crucified... that He is The One on whom they must believe in as their ADONAI [Lord] and Savior... so that they – and you for that matter, will not perish in a mundane lifestyle, but will find an exciting everlasting life in Him!

If you think that you are not capable of doing this, then I say to you: "Go therefore! Go! and find a genuine falling-in-first-love relationship with YAHUSHA [Jesus]. You must do this on your own! You must talk directly with YAHUSHA [Jesus! *You*, and not your wife or your husband... not your pastor or mentor... must open *your* door, *your* heart to Him. Do it now! He is not very far away from you. Hear His knocking; listen for His voice. As you begin to realize that there might be something keeping you away from Him, then give it over to Him! Fall on Him! Get bruised by Him as The Rock of your salvation! Give *every* part of yourself to Him. Let Him have His way with you, as a husband has rights over his wife, so He has rights over you. For hasn't He has told you and me that "whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on He or she that it falls on, it will be ground to powder?"<sup>3</sup>

Then, as you are beginning to get that foundational first-love relationship with Him right... then, you begin to pass on your shared love with Him to everyone around you! You start to show off your newly-found love! You show off His love to your children and grandchildren! To start showing off your newly-found love, His love toward your parents and grandparents! You start show it off to your brothers and sisters! And yes, this including sharing it with your sisters and brothers within The Body, His body. So, stop avoiding each other! Stop getting angry with each other! Stop gossiping about each other! Stop thinking derogatory thoughts toward others. Start engaging everyone, particularly those you don't really like, in a conversation

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<sup>2</sup>. Matt. 28:19-20a.

<sup>3</sup>. Matt. 21:44.

about your love for MESSIAH [Christ], and about how He is saving you from being the wretched person that were before, without Him in your life. Please don't let your self-will, your pride keep you from actively engaging with... actively loving others. And as you begin to reflect the beauty and essence of your love relationship with YAHUSHA [Jesus], you find that you won't just love others with your words, but you will love them through your deeds. For we are told...

### III. YAHUAH [God]'s PROMISE (Psalm 112:1-9)

“HALLELUYAH. Blessed is the person that fears YAHUAH [the LORD], that delights greatly in His commandments. Their seed will be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches will be in their house: and their righteousness endures forever.”

(Consider again the picture of the flower, in all its beauty and essence.)



For “unto the upright there arises light in the darkness: they are gracious, and full of compassion (love), and [they are] righteous. A good person shows favor, and lends: they will guide their affairs with discretion. Surely, they will not be moved forever: the righteous will be in [His] everlasting remembrance. They will not be afraid of evil tidings: their heart is fixed, trusting in YAHUAH [the LORD]. Their heart is established, they will not be afraid, until they see their desire upon their enemies.” For “they have dispersed, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; (and so) their horn will be exalted with honor.”

#### IV. CONCLUSION

As a local body of (our) MESSIAH [Christ], we must move from viewing missions as something we do for someone far away. We must each become a more missional person, who is living each and every day as intentionally sent. We can't just talk about GO! We must live GO! It might get messy at the start, but that's a good thing.

After you have your own love connection with YAHUSHA [Jesus], than consider where He has already connected you. Where are the existing relationships and opportunities that are natural for you to engage? In your own house, maybe? In your own congregation, probably? Begin there! Go!

Ask yourself: “how can I live *sent* every day? How can I live YAHUAH [God]'s redemptive mission right today where I'm at? Go! Do something intentional today!<sup>4</sup> As each one here today joined me last week in asking for an outpouring of the RUACH HA'QODESH [Holy Spirit]... and two (2) of you were anointed in the RUACH [Spirit], then your steps forward have been set before you, for it has been said that “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be [ADONAI YAHUSHA (Lord Jesus)]'s witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, [and even in Hawthorne, Nevada] and to the end of the earth.”<sup>5</sup>

And as you Go! today, be bold! For our YAHUSHA [Jesus] has promised us... as we have already claimed it as our GFAN motto: “and lo, [YAHUSHA (Jesus) is] with you always, *even* to the end of [our] age.”

Now... I pray that YAHUAH [God] will bless each of you today, as you Go!

Amen.

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<sup>4</sup>. Hoffman.

<sup>5</sup>. Acts 1:8 ESV.