



MISSION: POSSIBLE

series

Making the Adjustments to Carry Out God's Mission

Nehemiah 1-4; Isaiah 4:5-7

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- “**Missio Dei**” (*lat*)- ***Mission of God***
- The salvific mission of God toward the world which centers on the incarnate Son (*Incarnate simply means “in the flesh”*)

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RECAP

The Mission is Orchestrated by the Triune God

- **The Father sends the Son**
John 3:17; 6:38
- **The Father & Son sends the Holy Spirit**
John 16:7; 14:26
- **The Son sends the Church w/the Spirit**
John 17:18; Acts 1:4-5,8

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RECAP

What does it mean to be “Missional”?

- *“Missional”* is simply the adjective form of the noun “missionary”. It describes a church that sees God’s mission as the unconditional standard that defines, shapes and sends the church to participate in what God is already doing in the earth.
- *This TERM constitutes the essence/nature of the Church*

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In Defining the Mission of God

1. God establish Mission
2. Christ Outline the Mission –Luke 4:16-19
3. The Church carries out the Mission
 - a. As Ministers of Reconciliation w/ the message of reconciliation we entreat men on behalf of Christ to be reconciled back to God

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1. We all have a Special Mission

- **Each of us have been Chosen for a Special Mission – Purposed for a Mission**
- **BUT IT DOSEN'T contradict GOD'S MISSION**
- *I, Paul, have been sent on a special mission by the Messiah, Jesus, planned by God himself. 2 Cor. 1:1a (MSG)*

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A. How Should we Adjust to the Mission of God?

- 1. Recognize the necessity to REPENT/Change the Way I think
about the Mission. Isa 6:5**
- 2. I must have/develop a yearning for those still in captivity and
distressed Neh 1:3**
- 3. I must recognize the part I must play in the mission of God
Isa 6:8 (TEV)**

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- **STRATEGIC ADJUSTMENTS – Nehemiah**

Nehemiah meets the first objective of “Making Adjustments”

1. Recognize a problem & Repents Neh 1
2. Has a burden for the people in distress Neh 1:3-4
3. Interjected himself into the mission of God Neh 2:4-6

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- **STRATEGIC ADJUSTMENTS – Nehemiah**

Nehemiah begins to make Strategic Adjustments

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| 1. Assessed the situation at hand (the wall) | Neh 2:11-15 |
| 2. Kept quiet until strategy was formulated | Neh 2:16 |
| 3. Encouraged & Strengthened the Leaders | Neh 2:16-17 |
| 4. Refused to compromise God's Mission | Neh:219 |
| 5. Organized Teams (Small Groups) to cover a greater area | Neh 3 |

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Don't allow “**CONFUSION**” to stop the Mission

*⁷But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs, Ammonites, and Ashdodites heard that the work was going ahead and that the gaps in the wall of Jerusalem were being repaired, they were furious. ⁸They all made plans to come and fight against Jerusalem and throw us into **confusion**. ⁹But we prayed to our God and guarded the city day and night to protect ourselves.*

- Neh 4:7-9

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The Enemies of the Mission

1. **Sanballat**—Governor of Samaria.
 - **Name Means:** *Hate in disguise; the enemy is secret.*
2. **Tobiah:** Tobiah was an Ammonite Influential w/ the Jews who occupied the position of “*king’s servant*” or governor in the region of Ammon.
 - **Name Means:** *Distinguished of the LORD; Jehovah is good.*
3. **Geshem/Gashmu:** king of Kedar in Arabia.
 - **Name Means:** *Corporeality. Non-Spiritual. Of the physical nature.*
 - **Syn. Carnal**

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