

**JOHN 1:14 MSG**

'THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND BLOOD; & MOVED INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD. WE SAW THE GLORY WITH OUR OWN EYES, THE ONE-OF-A-KIND GLORY, LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON, GENEROUS INSIDE AND OUT, TRUE FROM START TO FINISH.'

**OPENING:**

- IF WE UNDERSTAND WHAT THE END OF THIS LIFE MAKES AVAILABLE TO US, THEN HOW ARE WE HELPING OTHERS TO EXPERIENCE IT FOR THEMSELVES?
- **NUMBERS 13: 17-20** MOSES SENT OUT 12 TRIBAL LEADERS OF ISRAEL

THEY WERE INSTRUCTED TO:

**GO:** NORTH THROUGH THE NEGEV INTO THE HILL COUNTRY

**SEE:** WHAT THE LAND IS LIKE; WHETHER SOIL IS FERTILE OR POOR; AND IF THERE ARE LOTS OF TREES OR NOT

**FIND:** WHETHER THE PEOPLE ARE STRONG/WEAK/FEW/MANY; AND WHETHER THE TOWNS HAD WALLS OR WERE OPEN AND UNPROTECTED

**DO:** THEIR BEST TO BRING BACK SAMPLES OF CROPS

**BUILDING A FOUNDATION:**

- GOD WANTS HIS CHILDREN TO EXPERIENCE NEW LIFE WITH HIM EACH DAY.
- GOD WANTS US TO KNOW THAT HE HAS SENT US TO ACCOMPLISH MUCH FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD & THAT HE HAS ALREADY GONE AHEAD OF US.

**WE KNOW THE TRUTH AND WE CAN'T HIDE IT:**

- LIFE HAS A CURE & YET THERE ARE STILL SOME TODAY LIVING IN SICKNESS.

**WE MUST HELP OTHERS TO GO PUBLIC WITH THEIR FAITH:**

**2 COR. 3:15-18**

'...EVEN TODAY WHEN PEOPLE READ MOSES' WRITINGS, THEIR HEARTS ARE COVERED WITH A VEIL, AND THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND. BUT WHENEVER SOMEONE TURNS TO THE LORD, THE VEIL IS TAKEN AWAY. FOR THE LORD IS THE

SPIRIT, AND WHEREVER THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS FREEDOM. SO ALL OF US WHO HAVE HAD THAT VEIL REMOVED CAN SEE AND REFLECT THE GLORY OF THE LORD...

**AS GOD'S WORD GROWS IN US IT BECOMES A TREE OF LIFE FOR OTHERS:**

- TAKE TIME TO KNOW AND APPRECIATE GOD FOR YOURSELF.
- HELP OTHERS TO SEE THAT OUR HOPE IN JESUS IS AMAZING.
- MY LIFE IS BEING BUILT ON THE FOLLOWING 5 PILLARS:  
(GOODNESS, GENEROSITY, GRACE, GRATITUDE, AND GROWTH)

**THE MAIN TO DO:**

- MAKE A LIST OF THE PEOPLE YOU SEE REGULARLY.
- THINK OF WAYS YOU CAN REFLECT THE HOPE OF JESUS.
- DO SOMETHING FOR ONE OR TWO - TO SHOW THEM THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

**LIFE IS SHORT, AND WE MUST INVEST IT FOR THE GOOD OF GOD'S KINGDOM.**

**2 COR. 4:7-10**

'WE NOW HAVE THIS LIGHT SHINING IN OUR HEARTS, BUT WE OURSELVES ARE LIKE FRAGILE CLAY JARS CONTAINING THIS GREAT TREASURE... WE ARE PRESSED ON EVERY SIDE BY TROUBLES, BUT WE ARE NOT CRUSHED. WE ARE PERPLEXED BUT NOT DRIVEN TO DESPAIR. WE ARE HUNTED DOWN, BUT NEVER ABANDONED BY GOD. WE GET KNOCKED DOWN, BUT WE ARE NOT DESTROYED. THROUGH SUFFERING, OUR BODIES CONTINUE TO SHARE IN THE DEATH OF JESUS SO THAT THE LIFE OF JESUS MAY ALSO BE SEEN IN OUR BODIES.

**CLOSING:**

**Q:** HOW HAS YOUR LIFE BEEN DIFFERENT BECAUSE YOU KNOW JESUS?

**Q:** WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO TO HELP OTHERS UNDERSTAND WHAT JESUS HAS DONE FOR US – AND WHAT HE CAN DO FOR THEM?

- JESUS HAS REVEALED HIMSELF TO EACH ONE OF US
- GOD WANTS US TO SHARE HIS LIFE, HIS HOPE, AND HIS LOVE WITH OTHERS
- BECAUSE OF WHAT JESUS HAS DONE IN MY LIFE, I WILL \_\_\_\_\_.

**MAT. 5:16 [GO]**

‘...LET YOUR GOOD DEEDS SHINE OUT FOR ALL TO SEE, SO THAT EVERYONE WILL PRAISE YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER.’

**ACTS 2:46 [GO]**

‘...THEY SHARED THEIR MEALS WITH GREAT JOY AND GENEROSITY...’

**ACTS 26:1-29 PAUL’S EXAMPLE - [SEE, FIND, DO]**

- **WE HAVE BEEN APPOINTED: AS SERVANT AND WITNESS**
- **(VS16)** ‘I HAVE APPEARED TO YOU TO APPOINT YOU AS MY SERVANT AND WITNESS. YOU ARE TO TELL THE WORLD WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN AND WHAT I WILL SHOW YOU IN THE FUTURE.
- **WE HAVE BEEN SENT: TO OPEN EYES**
- **(VS18)** ‘I AM SENDING YOU TO OPEN EYES, SO THEY MAY TURN FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT AND FROM THE POWER OF SATAN TO GOD. THEN THEY WILL RECEIVE FORGIVENESS FOR THEIR SINS AND BE GIVEN A PLACE AMONG GOD’S PEOPLE, WHO ARE SET APART BY FAITH IN ME.’
- **WE ARE TO BE OBEDIENT TO GOD AND HIS VISION**
- **(VS20)** ‘I PREACHED... THAT ALL MUST REPENT OF THEIR SINS AND TURN TO GOD – AND PROVE THEY HAVE CHANGED BY THE GOOD THINGS THEY DO.’

**SOME FINAL THOUGHTS ON WHAT IT MEANS TO WALK WITH GOD IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE:**

- IT IS GOD’S DESIRE FOR EVERYONE TO SEE AND KNOW THAT WHICH WAS ONCE UNSEEN AND UNKNOWABLE.
- I WILL WORK EACH DAY TO BECOME MORE GENEROUS WITH MY LIFE.
- DESIGNATE SOME ALONE TIME THIS YEAR WITH GOD.
- GIVE HIM THANKS FOR DOING GREAT THINGS ON YOUR BEHALF.
- LET’S MAKE IT OUR LIFE’S PURPOSE TO PROVE TO THE WORLD THAT GOD’S LOVE TRULY DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE.