

An Occupation Worth Living For

I want you to begin by considering 2 questions.

1. What is my occupation? _____

2. What is my profession? _____

Acts 1:4-11 NIV

4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." 6 So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

I. The MESSAGE John 16:4-8

- **The Message will be hindered by a wrong PRESUMPTION.**
(Acts 1:6; Luke 19:11)
- **The Message is advanced through a right PERSPECTIVE.**
(Acts 1:7; Luke 19:10-27)
- **The Message is royal PROCLAMATION of Jesus Christ as SAVIOR, LORD and JUDGE.** (Acts 2:36, 10:42)

II. The MEANS

- **The PROMISE of our power Acts 1:4-5**

- The **PERSON** of our power *Acts 1:5*

The Holy Spirit Living in us enables us to...

- LOOK like Jesus Christ
- LOVE like Jesus Christ
- LABOR like Jesus Christ
- LIVE like Jesus Christ

- The **PURPOSE** of our power *Acts 1:8*

III. The **METHOD**

- God's plan is for every believer to be His **CO-LABORERS** in taking His message to the nations. *(1 Corinthians 3:9; Acts 1:8; John 14:12)*
- To SEEK and to SAVE that which was lost. *(Luke 19:10)*

We are called to be Christ's witnesses to

- Our Jerusalem – **EVERGREEN**
- Our Judea – The **MOUNTAIN** Community.
- Our Samaria – **CROSS CULTURAL** Outreach
- Ends of the Earth – To **ALL PEOPLES**

IV. The **MOTIVE**

- Jesus has also commanded all of us to GO on His mission. *(Matthew 28:19-20)*
- Sharing Christ's Message is not OPTIONAL for a believer. *(Luke 19:10-11)*
- The motive of our co-labor with Christ and the Holy Spirit is LOVE. *(John 14:15; John 15:10)*