

GOD'S CRUCIAL MOMENTS

God will bring us to crucial moments in the lives of other people for the purpose of making a difference in their lives. Esther moments. You are placed there for “such a time as this.”

Zaccheus had a crucial moment in his life.

Zaccheus was the man that climbed the sycamore tree so he could see Jesus and got saved.

Jesus's mission on earth was to seek and save the lost, that is still the mission of the church today.

Our passions may not always line up with that mission.

If they don't, then our passions need to be realigned with the mission.

The church will not fulfill the mission if the church does not have the passion.

We may need to fall out of love with some other things so that our heart and passion are lined up with seeking and saving the lost.

Zaccheus was a chief tax collector who collected excessive taxes from the people and therefore was despised by the people.

Zaccheus was undesirable, but Jesus desired him anyway.

We need to reach people we consider undesirable too.

God desires those we consider undesirable.

Zaccheus was desperate, he was hungry for God and that got God's attention.

When someone hungers and thirsts for righteousness, that's when God responds to quench that thirst.

If we want to seek and save the lost, we have to hunger and thirst for His righteousness.

We have to get a better look at Jesus than what we have now.

We have to see Him for who He is, see the passion He has, see the heart that He has for people.

If you see that, you will be inspired.

If we want to be about the mission of seeking and saving the lost, we need to:

1. Be looking for Jesus.

Zaccheus was looking for Jesus.

Are we looking for Jesus?

We need to not only look once, we need to keep on looking.

2. Be willing to let go of our own reputation.

We should still have some concern over what people think of us.

But we must have more concern about God's reputation than our own.

3. Live an outward change.

If we truly have an inward change, that will show up on the outside too.

We can't say God has changed us on the inside and yet have no change on the outside.
Seeking and saving the lost cannot be simply a program, it's our mission.
Sometimes making a change is just stopping something that we normally do.
If you want to get a different result, do something different.

4. Build God's kingdom, not your own kingdom, not man's kingdom.

God has given every one of us time and resources.

Once time slips away, it is gone forever.

We can never get back a lost crucial moment.

Even if we don't have material possessions, we have other resources, such as our talents and abilities.

What we do with our time and resources is crucial, it can mean life or death.

Our time and resources must go toward the mission of seeking and saving the lost.

Put your resources to work for the kingdom of God!

Be ready and willing to act in those crucial moments.

SCRIPTURE LIST

Luke 19:1-26

Matthew 5:6

Philippians 2:5-8

James 2:17