



### Life on Mission

- 1. Connect
- 2. Serve
- 3. Share

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"The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame."

Genesis 2:25



"Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves... and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden." **Genesis 3:7,8** 

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"all their "righteous"

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rags"

(Isaiah 64:6)

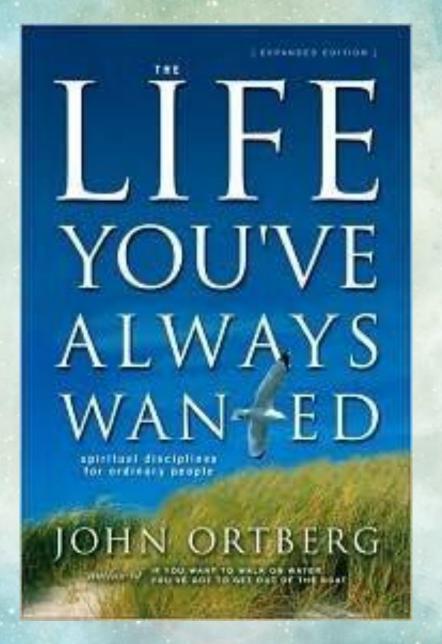
(Jesus our Lord)... "who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification." (Romans 4:25)

"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life." (1 John 5:13)

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." (Revelation 21:4)



### Success is seen in the difference between training and trying.



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- 2. To Bear Fruit

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. — John 15:5

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"Whoever <u>believes</u> and is <u>baptized</u> <u>will be saved</u>, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." – Mark 16:16





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Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God—Philippians 4:6

I am not anxious about anything, but in everything, I pray and petition the Lord, with thanksgiving, presenting my requests to God.

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

And that is what we are! – 1 John 3:1

How great is the love the Father has lavished on me, that I should be called a child of God! And that is what I am!

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit

- Romans 15:13

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  - Tentatio "affliction of suffering"

# Why Don't More Train and Grow?

- 1. Busy-ness
- 2. Weak Faith
- 3. They try to go it alone

Two are better than one... If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up... A cord of three strands is not quickly broken — Ecclesiastes 4:9-13

train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. - 1 Timothy 4:7-8