

God's Mission
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Psalm 134:1-8

We want to cheer on a winner. We want to be on the winning team or at least have our team to be "it".

We are always looking for the next big thing, next big win, next big deal, next big gig, next big ...

The reason for that is we want something to worship, it is in us, the truth is we worship every day. Some worship money, family, relationships, things, people etc.

So is there something that we can celebrate that always wins, never loses and will win in the end?

Psalm 34:1-3 and verse 8 – "*Magnify the Lord*" and "*taste and see that the Lord is good.*"

So what am I here for? Why was I made? What is my purpose? What is GOD's MISSION?

1) To bless the Lord.

The Hebrew word translated "bless" or "praise" means to literally kneel; the implication to kneel in worship. "Therefore to bless the Lord means to praise Him, exalt Him and worship Him."¹

His counsel. (Psalm 16:7)

His Holiness. (Psalm 103:1)

His dominion. (Psalm 103:22)

His honor and His majesty. (Psalm 104:1)

This comes in the form of adoration, praise and love! (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication).

When we have an "attitude of gratitude," that is when we worship the Lord for who He is in addition to what He does, then we don't really have anything to complain about.

What is your life all about? Our time and money show the answer.

2) Boast in the Lord.

He who glorifies let him glory in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:31

But he who glories, let him glory in the Lord. For not he who commends himself is approved, but who the Lord commends.

2 Corinthians 10:17-18

But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14

He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

John 12:25-26

Left to my own devices I can boast in myself, try and make myself look good, etc. In fact, we are all our own worst enemy. We have the tendency to focus on ourselves or focus on things that don't matter. What are you focused on?

We will forever be unhappy in boasting in ourselves, trying to make ourselves look good, we can never be "good enough." However, through His blood God has showed us that He loves us, that's all we need.

¹ Gotquestions.org

“Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next man. We say that people are proud of being rich, clever, or good-looking, but they are not. They are proud of being richer, or cleverer, or better looking than others. ~ **CS Lewis**

Is our life about making much of HIM or US?

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3) **Magnify the Lord.**

Magnify means to make great or to lift up.

Why magnify the Lord”?

He is worthy – creator, sustainer, giver of life, provider, counselor, peace, hope, rock, fortress, HE IS GOD!

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4) **Experience the Lord. (verses 4 and 8)**

To hear of the Lord, to hear testimonies from others is one thing, but to experience Him for yourself is something else altogether. How do I experience the Lord?

Word

Prayer

Corporate worship

Accountability

Scripture Memory

The Christian walk is cumulative. We walk with God and in doing so help (mentor) others in walking with the Lord.

You are as much serving God in training your own children, as you would be if you lead an army to battle for the Lord. ~ **Charles Spurgeon**

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5) **Share the Lord.**

By our words and our life.

Great commission – All the World

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all. Ecclesiastes 12:13

Love the Lord your God with all you have and love your neighbor. *Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’^[a] ³⁸This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’^[b] ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”* **Matthew 22:37-40**

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ who You have sent.

John 17:3

Why we can and must do this? It’s an overflow and a command!

Because He has won, our victory is final! We are to bless, boast, magnify and experience the Lord. Are you? How are you doing?

Prayer Focus:

- **I will make the main thing THE main thing (personally, at home, at work, with friends).**
- **I will live intentionally.**
- **I will seek to glorify God with my words and actions.**