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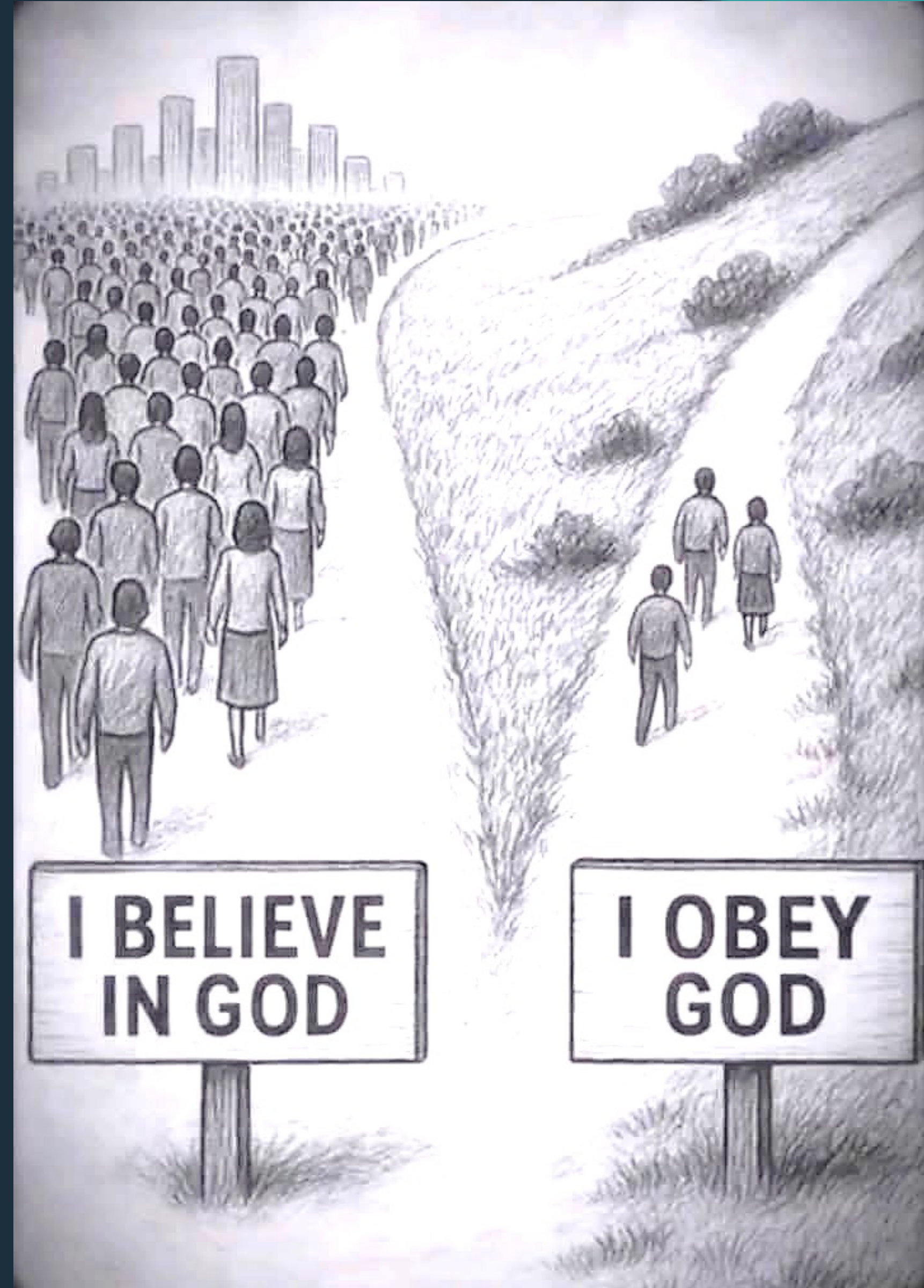
# A Missional Life

## Living the Difference

**“We exist  
to make substantive  
disciples of Jesus”**

**A healthy church is characterized by its commitment and obedience to the mission of God, not by its congregational size**

(See Matt 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)





Richard C. Halverson

"In the beginning the church was a fellowship of men and women centering on the living Christ. Then the church moved to Greece, where it became a philosophy. Then it moved to Rome, where it became an institution. Next, it moved to Europe, where it became a culture. And, finally, it moved to America, where it became an enterprise."



# Christians' involvement in Mission



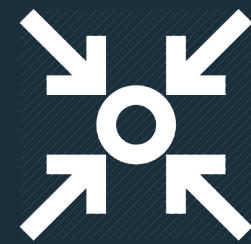
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# God's Mission: To Save Mankind

(Gen 3:15,21)

## Old Testament



Centripetal : Ethno-centric

Israel



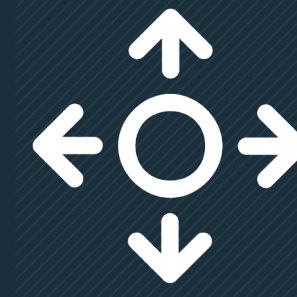
Chosen Commission

(Isaiah 49:6, Ps.67, 98; Acts 13:47)



The Levitical priesthood  
(1 Pet 2:5-9)

## New Testament



Centrifugal : Multi-Ethnic

Jesus



Great Commission

(Matt 28:18-20)



Priesthood of Every Believer  
(1 Pet 2:5-9)





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It is the natural overflow of every believer's faith and discipleship.

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Mission is not a trip. It's a Christian lifestyle. It can happen overseas or across the street.



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God uses ordinary people with willing hearts.

John 4: Samaritan Woman



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Mission can happen among ordinary loving neighbors

**5.**

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While acts of compassion are essential, they must be connected to the message of the gospel.



**6.**

**Mission is only about  
converting people.**



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3. Lack of Love and zeal for the Lord (2 Cor 5:14-15)

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**“For *Christ’s* love compels us... And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him...**

## COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

*“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”*

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## POINT 1

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# Missional Prayer

Col 4:3-4; Matt 9:38; Luke 10:2

**We plead with God before we plead  
with people**

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## POINT 2

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# Adapt a Missional Lifestyle

Col 4:5; 2 Cor 5:14-15

**Make the most of every opportunity for Jesus**

# Missional Lifestyle



Maximizing every opportunity to proclaim Christ!



It is your missional lifestyle that sees every moment as an opportunity to proclaim Christ



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# POINT 3

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# Maintain Missional Conduct

(Col 4:5,6; 1 Pet 3:15)

Living and speaking wisely

**Mission is costly, but worth it. It brings joy in suffering, meaning to life, and an eternal reward.**

**Everyone should maximize every opportunity to proclaim Christ!**