

A DARING COMMITMENT

...GIVE yourselves COMPLETELY to God —every part of you—for you are back from death and you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes. Romans 6:13 (TLB)

...Since God has shown us great mercy, ...<u>offer your lives as a living sacrifice</u> to him. <u>Your offering</u> must be only for God and pleasing to him, which is the spiritual way for you to worship. **Romans 12:1 (NCV)**

FOUR COMMITMENTS THAT LEAD TO "A LIFE WORTH LIVING"

1. I must commit my life to <u>THE ONE</u> who gave it to me. (finding my identity)

Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into <u>His own family</u> by bringing us to <u>Himself through Jesus Christ</u>. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure. **Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT)**

If you declare (commit) with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," (Leader, King) and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)

2. I must commit myself to <u>HIS FAMILY</u> and my place in it. (finding my place)

Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you **belong** in God's household with every other Christian. **Ephesians 2:19 (TLB)**

Christ brought us together through his death on the Cross. The Cross got us to embrace and that was the end of the hostility... **Ephesians 2:16 (MSG)**

3. I must commit to <u>FIND</u> and <u>FULFILL</u> my role in His work. (finding my purpose)

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. 1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

"Two people are always better than one, because they get more done by working together. If one falls down, the other can help him up. But it is bad for the person who is alone and falls, because no one is there to help. If two lie down together, they will be warm, but a person alone will not be warm. An enemy might defeat one person, but two people together can defend themselves. And a rope that is woven of three strings is hard to break." Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NCV)

When God's family works together...

- 1. We MAXIMIZE our impact.
- 2. We MINIMIZE our failure.
- 3. We MOBILIZE our resources.

4. I must commit to make an <u>ETERNAL</u> difference. (embracing my significance)

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you..." Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

Going deeper on your own. In this week's message, Pastor Jay stated, "A career is what you do, a calling is what you live for." Would you agree or disagree? What do you live for? What will be the story of your life? What do you think is most important in life, a successful career or fulfilling God's calling on your life? There are three scriptures that Pastor Jay mentioned in his message as the keys to a fulfilling life: Matthew 22:36-39, John 20:21, and Matthew 28:16-20. Look them up and read them out loud. Next week our church family is going to make a daring commitment to help fulfill these verses. Begin to pray now and come prepared to be a part of fulfilling God's calling on our lives as individuals and as a church family.