

MISSION: Possible!
The Foundation of Our Mission
Genesis 32:1-33:23
Father's Day – Sunday, June 20, 2021

A MISSION IMPOSSIBLE QUIZ

Match the following characters in the original Mission Impossible television show with the actor who played the role.

Role:

1. Jim Phelps (Director of the Impossible Mission Force)
2. Cinnamon Carter (fashion model and actress)
3. Barnard "Barney" Collier (a mechanical and electronics genius, and owner of Collier Electronics)
4. William "Willy" Armatage (a world record-holding weight lifter)
5. Rollin Hand (noted actor, makeup artist, escape artist, magician, and "man of a million faces")

Actor:

- a. Peter Lupus
- b. Barbara Bain
- c. Peter Graves
- d. Martin Landau
- e. Greg Morris

WHY HAVE A MISSION STATEMENT AND WHY SHOULD I CARE?

1. Throughout the Bible, God the Father would call His people – both as individuals and as a nation - to a **DEFINITIVE** mission.

Abraham - Genesis 12:1 (NASB) *Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; ² and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; ³ and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."*

Moses (at the burning bush) - Exodus 3:5 (NASB) *Then He [Yahweh] said, "Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ He said also, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ The LORD [YAHWEH] said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings. ⁸ So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. ⁹ Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt."*

Nation of Israel - Isaiah 60:1 (NASB) *"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ² For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; but the LORD will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you. ³ Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising."*

Jesus - Luke 19:10 (ESV) *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."*

2. A mission statement – when properly used – allows us to keep the MAIN thing, the MAIN thing.

Matthew 4:1 (NASB) *Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." ⁴ But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'" ⁵ Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGLES CONCERNING YOU'; and 'ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" ⁷ Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; ⁹ and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him.*

Matthew 16:21 (NASB) *From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day. ²² Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You." ²³ But He [Jesus] turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."*

3. It fights against mission _____.

ANCHORING OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our new Mission Statement begins like this:

**“The mission of Hydesville Community Church is
to GLORIFY GOD TOGETHER...!”**

Exodus 31:18 (NASB) *When He [Yahweh] had finished speaking with him [Moses] upon Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of God.*

Exodus 32:1 (NASB) *Now when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people assembled about Aaron and said to him, "Come, make us a god who will go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."*

Genesis 32:2 (NASB) *Aaron said to them, "Tear off the gold rings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³ Then all the people tore off the gold rings which were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took this from their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool and made it into a molten calf; and they said, "This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt." ⁵ Now when Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD." ⁶ So the next day they rose early and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.*

Exodus 32:7 (NASB) *Then the LORD [YAHWEH] spoke to Moses, "Go down at once, for your people, whom you brought up from the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. ⁸ They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them. They have made for themselves a molten calf, and have worshiped it and have sacrificed to it and said, 'This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!'" ⁹ The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, they are an obstinate people. ¹⁰ Now then let Me alone, that My anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them; and I will make of you a great nation."*

Exodus 32:19 (NASB) *It came about, as soon as Moses came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing; and Moses' anger burned, and he threw the tablets from his hands and shattered them at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰ He took the calf which they had made and burned it with fire, and ground it to powder, and scattered it over the surface of the water and made the sons of Israel drink it.*

Exodus 33:1 (NASB) *Then the LORD [YAHWEH] spoke to Moses, "Depart, go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up from the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your descendants I will give it.' ² I will send an angel before you and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite. ³ Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, because you are an obstinate people, and I might destroy you on the way."*

Exodus 33:4 (NASB) *When the people heard this sad word, they went into mourning, and none of them put on his ornaments. ⁵ For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the sons of Israel, 'You are an obstinate people; should I go up in your midst for one moment, I would destroy you. Now therefore, put off your ornaments from you, that I may know what I shall do with you.'" ⁶ So the sons of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments, from Mount Horeb onward.*

Exodus 33:7 (NASB) *Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, a good distance from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting which was outside the camp. ⁸ And it came about, whenever Moses went out to the tent, that all the people would arise and stand, each at the entrance of his tent, and gaze after Moses until he entered the tent. ⁹ Whenever Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent; and the LORD would speak with Moses. ¹⁰ When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would arise and worship, each at the entrance of his tent. ¹¹ Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.*

Exodus 33:12 (NASB) *Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people!' But You Yourself have not let me know whom You will send with me. Moreover, You have said, 'I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.' ¹³ Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people."*

Exodus 33:14 (NASB) *And He [Yahweh] said, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest."*

Exodus 33:15 (NASB) *Then he [Moses] said to Him [Yahweh], "If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. ¹⁶ For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?"*

Exodus 33:17 (NASB) *The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name."*

Exodus 33:18 (NASB) *Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!"*

Exodus 33:19 (NASB) *And He [Yahweh] said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD [YAHWEH] before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion." ²⁰ But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"*

What did Yahweh say He was going to show Moses when asked to reveal His glory?

- His GOODNESS – Moral goodness in treatment of people
- His NAME – His reputation, character
- His GRACE – treat His people with underserved favor
- His COMPASSION – He will “feel with” His people.

Exodus 33:21 (NASB) *Then the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock; ²² and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."*

Exodus 34:15 (NASB) *The LORD [YAHWEH] descended in the cloud and stood there with him [Moses] as he called upon the name of the LORD. ⁶ Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God [Yahweh, Yahweh Elohim], compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; ⁷ who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin..."*

Ephesians 5:22 (NASB) *Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. ²⁴ But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, ²⁶ so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.*

Colossians 3:12 (NASB) *So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy [owned/protected by the Father] and beloved [deeply loved], put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. ¹⁴ Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. ¹⁵ Let [allow] the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. ¹⁶ Let [allow] the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.*

NOW WHAT?

But, for today – for right now – consider this question:

How am I glorifying God in thought, word, and action?