

Week 4

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**IN WITH THE  
NEW**

WALKING INTO THE NEW  
YEAR THE RIGHT WAY

**LIVING SENT**

## Living Sent Week 4

**Big Idea:** Chasing “more” won’t fill your soul—purpose comes from living for something eternal.  
**Bottom Line:** Out with the old way of chasing “more.” In with the new way of living sent.

Today’s topic is a big one. Because it’s about a lifestyle that has become normal... and it’s actually slowly stealing your soul. I know this because it can do it to me so easily.

From Pastor Billy... Let me be honest with you... I can be a professional **consumer**.

What about you?

**WHY THIS MATTERS** The reason this matters is simple:

**We live in a culture that trains us to think life is about having more.**

More money. More stuff. More approval. More comfort. More “likes.” And when we don’t get those things, we feel empty. And we keep trying to fill the emptiness with more.

But the Gospel says: **That’s not what you were made for. You weren’t made to be a consumer. You were made to be sent.**

So I am wondering if you can relate to that hunger... if you’ve ever chased a “deal” or chased a “feeling” that if you just had \_\_\_\_\_ then you’ll be good.

If that’s you Then you can relate to the people in the Bible.

Because they were living in a world that was also trying to sell them a false life. And Jesus is the one who says:

**Matthew 6:19–21 (NLT)** “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

That's the Jesus version of:

*Stop shopping your soul away.*

*Because you can't live like this forever and expect to feel peace.*

So that's why we are saying... **Out with the old way of chasing "more." In with the new way of living sent.**

*"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

That means: Your money reveals what you worship. And your time reveals what you worship. And your attention reveals what you worship.

Because the thing you chase most is the thing you worship most.

And the world wants you to worship: Comfort. Status. Pleasure. more.

But God says: **No. Your life is not meant to be a consumption story. Your life is meant to be a mission story.**

Paul put it like this...

**Colossians 3:1–4 (NLT)** "Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory."

That means: If you want a life that actually matters... You've got to stop living like the earth is all there is. Because it's not.

You're not a human being with a spiritual side. You're a spiritual being with a human experience. And your purpose is eternal.

**1 Peter 3:15 (NLT)** "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

That's what being sent looks like. Not just going to church. Not just having a good moral life. But being ready to talk about the reason for your hope.

And Jesus says:

**Acts 1:8 (NLT)** "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere..."

**That means: God doesn't just save you to keep you. He saves you to send you. He saves you to give you purpose.**

So what does this look like in real life?

Here's the to-do this week:

1. Replace one “treat yourself” habit with generosity. Maybe it’s: buying coffee every day eating out every night buying stuff on Amazon because you’re bored

Replace ONE of those things with generosity.

Give it away. Give it to someone who needs it. Give it to your church family. Give it to someone who’s hurting. And watch what happens.

2. Look for ONE opportunity this week to start a Jesus-centered conversation.

Not a sermon. Just a conversation. Like: “Hey, do you believe in God?” or “Can I pray for you?” or “Can I tell you why I’m hopeful?” That’s what it means to be sent.

3. Start living with your eyes lifted.

If you want to fight consumerism, you have to stop looking down at your phone. You have to start looking up. Because purpose is not found in your feed. Purpose is found in God.

**WHY THIS MATTERS (WHAT’S AT STAKE)** Here’s why this matters: If you keep living like a consumer... You will never feel satisfied. You will never feel complete. You will never feel whole. Because your soul was built for something bigger than a bargain. Your soul was built for a mission. You like the song that we sing from time to time “I was made for more”

### **TALK IT OVER (DISCUSSION QUESTIONS)**

1. What “more” are you chasing right now? Is it more money, more comfort, more approval, more stuff, or more validation? How do you feel after you get it—satisfied or still empty?

2. Where is your treasure showing up in your life? What are you spending your time, attention, and money on? What does that reveal about what you truly worship?

3. Who are you living for? Are you living for yourself, your future, your comfort, or for Jesus? If Jesus is your purpose, how does that change the way you live this week?

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