

CITYWEST CHURCH

MISSIONS SUNDAY 2026

LIVING FOR WHAT LASTS.

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So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do. 12 Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of the way you live, and you will be honored along with him. This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 11-12 (NLT)

There are seasons in life where things feel tight.

Financial pressure. Uncertainty about the future. The sense that you are just trying to get through the week.

And in those moments, it is very easy to shrink our world.

To focus only on survival. To pull back. To lose sight of the bigger picture.

But Paul writes to a church under pressure as well.

And instead of telling them to retreat, he lifts their eyes.

He reminds them:

You are called by God.

You are part of something bigger.

Your life carries eternal significance.

Even in hardship—especially in hardship—your life can still honour Jesus and leave a legacy.

1. You Are Called to Something Bigger Than Your Circumstances

Paul says:

“God... enable you to live a life worthy of his call.” (v.11)

That word *call* matters.

Because your life is not defined by your current situation.

It is defined by God’s calling over you.

The believers in Thessalonica were not wealthy or powerful.

They were under pressure.

And yet Paul reminds them:

You are still called.

You are still chosen.

You are still part of God’s mission.

The missionary theologian Lesslie Newbigin said:

“The church is called to be a sign of God’s kingdom in the midst of the world as it is.”

Not when things are easy. But right in the middle of real life.

Hardship does not cancel your calling.

It often clarifies it.

Presence People don’t wait for perfect conditions.

They live out God’s call right where they are.

2. Faithfulness in Small Things Builds Eternal Legacy

Paul continues:

“May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do.” (v.11)

Notice this. Faith produces action.

Even in difficult seasons, there are still good things God is prompting you to do.

- A generous act
- A word of encouragement
- Serving someone else
- Continuing to give, even when it feels costly
- Staying faithful in your work and relationships

These may seem small.

But in God’s Kingdom, they are never insignificant.

Theologian John Stott wrote:

“The smallest act of obedience done in faith has eternal significance.”

Legacy is not built in big moments.

It is built in consistent faithfulness over time.

And often, it is built most deeply in seasons when it costs something.

You may feel like you are just getting through.

But God sees every act of faithfulness.

And He is using it to build something that will outlast you.

3. Your Life Is Meant to Point Others to Jesus

Paul finishes with this powerful line:

“Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of the way you live.” (v.12)

This is the heart of mission.

That Jesus would be seen. That Jesus would be honoured. That others would encounter Him through the way we live.

Prayer of St Patrick, on his breastplate and coffin

Christ with me, Christ before me,

Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me,

Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit, Christ when I stand,

Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me.

Mission is not only something we send people to do. It is something we live every day.

Especially in hard seasons.

Because when people see:

- Peace in pressure
- Generosity in lack
- Faith in uncertainty

They begin to ask:

What is different about you?

And that opens the door for the gospel.

The theologian Christopher J. H. Wright writes:

“God’s mission is carried forward through the lives of His people as they reflect His character in the world.”

Your life is a message. Even in hardship.

Especially in hardship.

Presence People live in such a way that others can see Jesus.

Citywest, this passage reminds us:

Even in challenging times, even in financial pressure, even when life feels uncertain—

Your life still matters.

You are called. You are empowered by God’s grace. And your faithfulness is building something eternal.

A legacy that points to Jesus.

This week, instead of asking: “How do I just get through this?”

Ask: “God, what is one faithful step I can take today?”

- One act of generosity
- One moment of obedience
- One opportunity to encourage someone

And trust this:

God will give you the power to do what He is prompting.

Because this is not about striving.

“This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ.” (v.12)

You may feel like your world has become small. But God’s purpose for your life has not.

Stay faithful. Stay focused. Keep your eyes on what matters.

Because one day, when all is revealed, you will see that every small act of faith was part of a much bigger story.

A life that honoured Jesus. And a legacy that will last forever.

CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1. WHAT IS YOUR CALLING? SHARE WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO.**
- 2. WHAT IS YOUR FAITH PROMPTING YOU TO DO?**
- 3.**