

6 Reasons to Focus on the Mission

* The reasons below have been adapted from chapter 4 of the book You and Me Forever by Francis and Lisa Chan. Quotes are from this chapter as well. The book can be downloaded for free at the app store or in PDF form at www.youandmeforever.org. It is a marriage book, but chapter 4 pertains to everyone who calls himself/herself a follower of Jesus. Read it!

1. God commanded us to make disciples

See Matthew 28:18-20 and Ezekiel 3:16-21

“Make disciples. Our lives should revolve around these two words.”

2. God is on the battlefield

See Acts 1:1-8 and Jonah 1:1-10

“Jesus was not giving us His Spirit so that we could merely feel Him, like some kind of divine teddy bear. He gave us His Spirit and His power so we could be His witnesses.”

3. People are dying

See Ezekiel 18:23, Luke 13:22-30, and I Peter 3:8-9

“If every believer shared the gospel as often as you, how many would be reached?”

4. You were created for this mission

See Ephesians 2:10 and Colossians 1:28-29

“And you have a supernatural gift to offer the church. To say that you are useless or ungifted is to say that God failed.”

5. This is the path to life, joy, peace and unity.

See Mark 8:34-37, John 15:11, 15 and John 16:33

“Unity is the natural result of two people following one Spirit in a life devoted to the mission.”

6. God’s mission is bigger than your plans

See John 17

“After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb.” ~Revelation 7:9 (NLT)