

# PURSUING OUR CAPACITY

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For a Life of Change

# Jesus' Opening Message

Matthew 4:17 (NLT)

<sup>17</sup> From then on Jesus began to preach, “**Repent** of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is **near**.”

**Repent** = Greek, *metanoeo* = I change my mind, I change my inner man, to think differently

**Near** = Greek, *engidzo* = I come near, be at hand

# Q. What do we need to change our mind about?

Judges 20:16 (JPS)

<sup>16</sup> All this people, even seven hundred chosen men, were left-handed; everyone could sling stones at a hair-breadth, and **not miss**...

**Miss** = Hebrew, ***Khat-taw*** = to miss the target you are aiming for

Leviticus 4:13–14 (JPS)

<sup>13</sup> And if the whole congregation of Israel shall err... do any of the things which the LORD hath commanded not to be done, and are guilty: <sup>14</sup> when the **sin** wherein they have **sinned** is known...

**Sin** = Hebrew, ***Khat-taw-aw*** = to miss the mark

# Q. What mark are we aiming for?

Deuteronomy 6:4–5 (JPS)

<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God, the Lord is One. <sup>5</sup> And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Q. What does “missing the mark” mean?

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# In the World but Not of the World

John 17:14–18 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.



# In the World...

World = Greek = *Cosmos*, the physical world

From the primary root *Komeo*

- to tend, to take care of,
- an orderly arrangement, by implication a moral adorning

(Gods initial purpose for placing us in the garden of Eden)

# Q. What part of us is not of this world?

- **The way we live** - 1 Pet. 1:16 (KJV) Be ye holy; for I am holy
- **The way we think** - Philippians 2:5 (KJV) Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus
- **The way we speak** - Proverbs 18:21 (KJV) Death and life are in the power of the tongue
- **The way we relate** - Matthew 5:44 (KJV) But I say unto you, Love your enemies

**We live set apart, with different values, as Christs ambassadors to the earth**

# Q. What is the kingdom of God?

“The range of Gods effective will, where what God wants done is done.”



# Romans 12:1-2 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that **ye present** your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And **be not conformed** to this world: but **be ye transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

# Q. Where do we start?

2 Corinthians 10:4–5 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to **demolish strongholds**. <sup>5</sup> We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

**“Before the truth can set you free you have to recognise the lie that’s holding you hostage”**

# Romans 8:1 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Condemnation = Greek, *Katarkrima*

- no punishment
- no penal servitude
- no verdict

# Q. How far is the east from the west?

Psalm 103:12 (NLT)

<sup>12</sup> He has removed our sins as far from us as  
the east is from the west.



Q. What does God want to change in me,  
so that what He wants done  
on earth is done?

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