

PURSUING OUR CAPACITY

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What Am I Prioritising?

What Am I 'Pursuing'?

To Pursue...

“Suggests a continuing effort to chase, reach, attain, or overtake someone or something.”

Synonyms: Seek, run after, persist, search out, track down...

Proverbs 21:21 NLT “Whoever PURSUES righteousness and unfailing love will FIND life, righteousness, and honour.”

**“To change your life,
you need to change
your priorities.”**

Mark Twain

1. Pursuing God... Brings Unexpected Challenges

Jonah 1:1-3_{NLT}

¹ The Lord gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai:

² “**Get up and go** to the great city of Nineveh. Announce my judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are.” ³ But **Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the Lord**. He went down to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket and went on board, hoping to escape from the Lord by sailing to Tarshish.

2. Pursuing God... He Will Step In!

Jonah 1:4-6_{NLT}

⁴ But the LORD hurled a powerful wind over the sea, causing a violent storm that threatened to break the ship apart. ⁵ Fearing for their lives, the **desperate sailors shouted to their gods for help** and threw the cargo overboard to lighten the ship.

But all this time **Jonah was sound asleep down in the hold.** ⁶ So the captain went down after him. “How can you sleep at a time like this?” he shouted. “**Get up and pray to your god!** Maybe he will pay attention to us and spare our lives.”

3. Pursuing God – Needs Reset Priorities

Jonah 2:7-10_{NLT}

“...⁷ As my life was slipping away, I remembered the LORD. And my earnest prayer went out to you. ⁸ Those who worship false gods turn their backs on all God’s mercies.

⁹ But I will offer sacrifices to you with songs of praise, and I will fulfil all my vows. For my salvation comes from the Lord alone.”

¹⁰ Then the Lord ordered the fish to spit Jonah out onto the beach.

4. Pursuing God... Unlocks Bigger Kingdom Purpose

Jonah 3:1-5 NLT

¹ Then the LORD spoke to Jonah a second time: ² “Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh, and **deliver the message** I have given you.” **This time Jonah obeyed** the LORD’s command and went to Nineveh, a city so large that it took three days to see it all. ⁴ **On the day Jonah entered** the city, he shouted to the crowds: “Forty days from now Nineveh will be destroyed!” ⁵ **The people of Nineveh believed God’s message**, and from the greatest to the least, they declared a fast and put on burlap to show their sorrow.

Kingdom Impact Groups?

BCC Vision: “To bring growing Kingdom influence and transformation to every area of our lives, community and beyond.”

Leaders in Business & Finance

Medical & Health

Education & Learning

Engineering & Construction

Legal

Media, Arts & Entertainment

Politics & Government

Not-for-profit

Other areas?



Workplace Survey

**“No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
and no mind has imagined
what God has prepared
for those who love him.”**

Paul... 1 Cor. 2:9_{NLT}

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