

**Monday & Tuesday**

Read Joshua 1:1-19

Do you know your mission? Can you state your mission in one sentence without commas? Is it something that guides your life and that you can communicate to others? If so, congrats!, write it here:

If you could use some help, turn to God in prayer and turn to scripture. Think of the passages that are especially meaningful to you and read them. What do they tell you about who you are and how you are to live in the Kingdom of God? Other passages you might look at include: John 15:5, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Philippians 3:7-12, Matthew 22:37, Romans 8:31-39, 1 Corinthians 1:11, and Matthew 28:18-20. Start jotting down some ideas here:

When you've got a version you feel encapsulates what God wants for your mission, write it down here, know it, live it, and celebrate:

**Wednesday**

Read Numbers 13 and 14

What is a cheetah's most important attribute when it hunts? It is the fastest land animal – capable of reaching top speeds from 50 to 80 miles per hour. Certainly, its raw speed is the most important. If you are the best at something, isn't that your most important attribute?

Yet, wildlife biologists and computer modeling show that the most important attribute for a cheetah to have for a successful hunt isn't its speed. A cheetah's successful hunt depends more on its ability to quickly stop, turn, and go in a different direction. Running fast in the same direction isn't all that useful if your prey simply turns.

Moses, Aaron, Caleb, and Joshua (and a few others, I'm sure), figured they were on the quick path to the promised land – there it is! And yet it ended up taking 40 years and all of them didn't make it. They all had a quick stop, turn, and new direction thrust upon them. Yet, they didn't give up or curse God, they gathered themselves up and led the people the best they knew how with God's help.

Reflect today on how you have had to make quick stops, turn, and head in a new direction in your life. What did it look like? How did it feel? How do you feel about those situations now? Where was God during those times? How were you seeking God's leading during those times?

**Thursday**

**Read Romans 8**

God has never called anyone to just keep on doing what they are doing. God the Father sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world to proclaim the Good News through his teaching, miracles, sacrificial death on the cross, resurrection, ascension, and gift of the Holy Spirit, that by having faith in Jesus as Savior and serving him as Lord that you are not stuck on the path of sin, destruction, and death but that you have died with Christ to those things and that your new life, which has turned away from sin and towards the glory of God, is now fulfilling the mission of God. The story of the Gospel is quickly stopping on the path that is separation from God, allowing yourself to be turned by Jesus to the path of life in God, and heading in that new direction with all of your heart, mind, and spirit.

**Friday** – in preparation for Sunday worship, please read and reflect upon Hosea 1-3.