

# FREE TO BE 'Our Mission'

*Isaiah 12*

*Mark 12:29-31*

*Matt 28:16-20*



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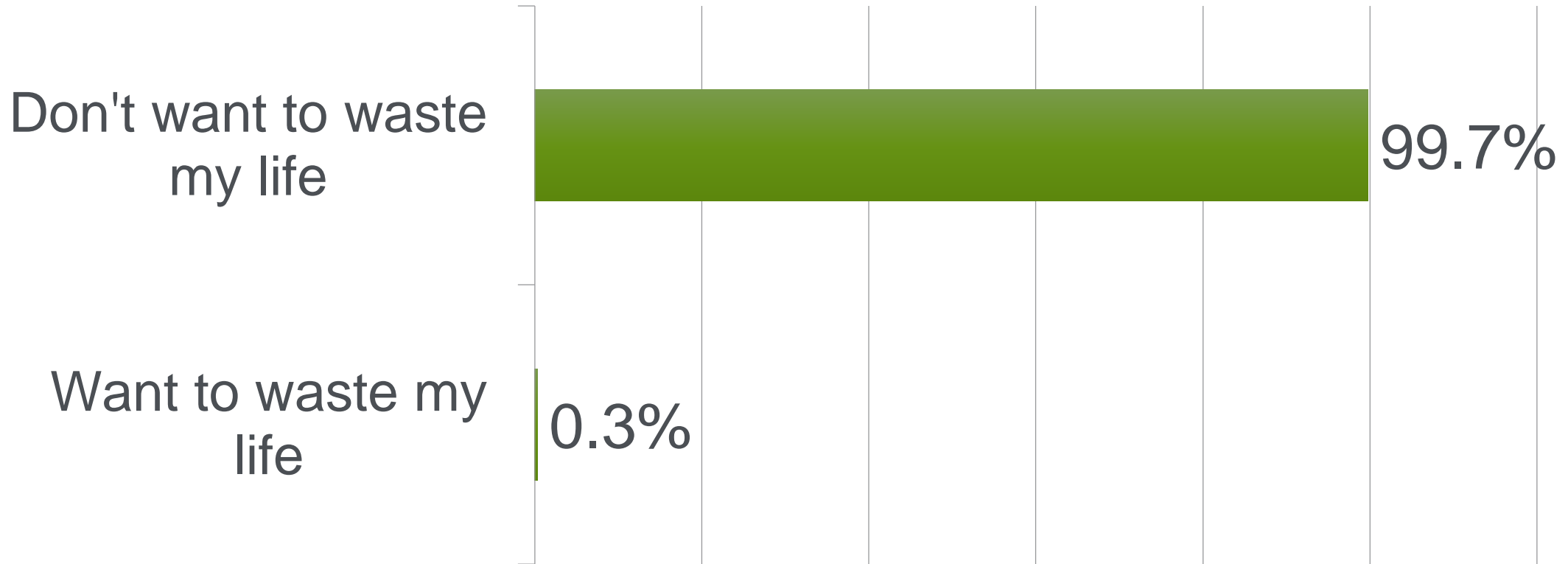
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# Wasting your life in a distracted world?



## Feedback at WBC



# Our Mission



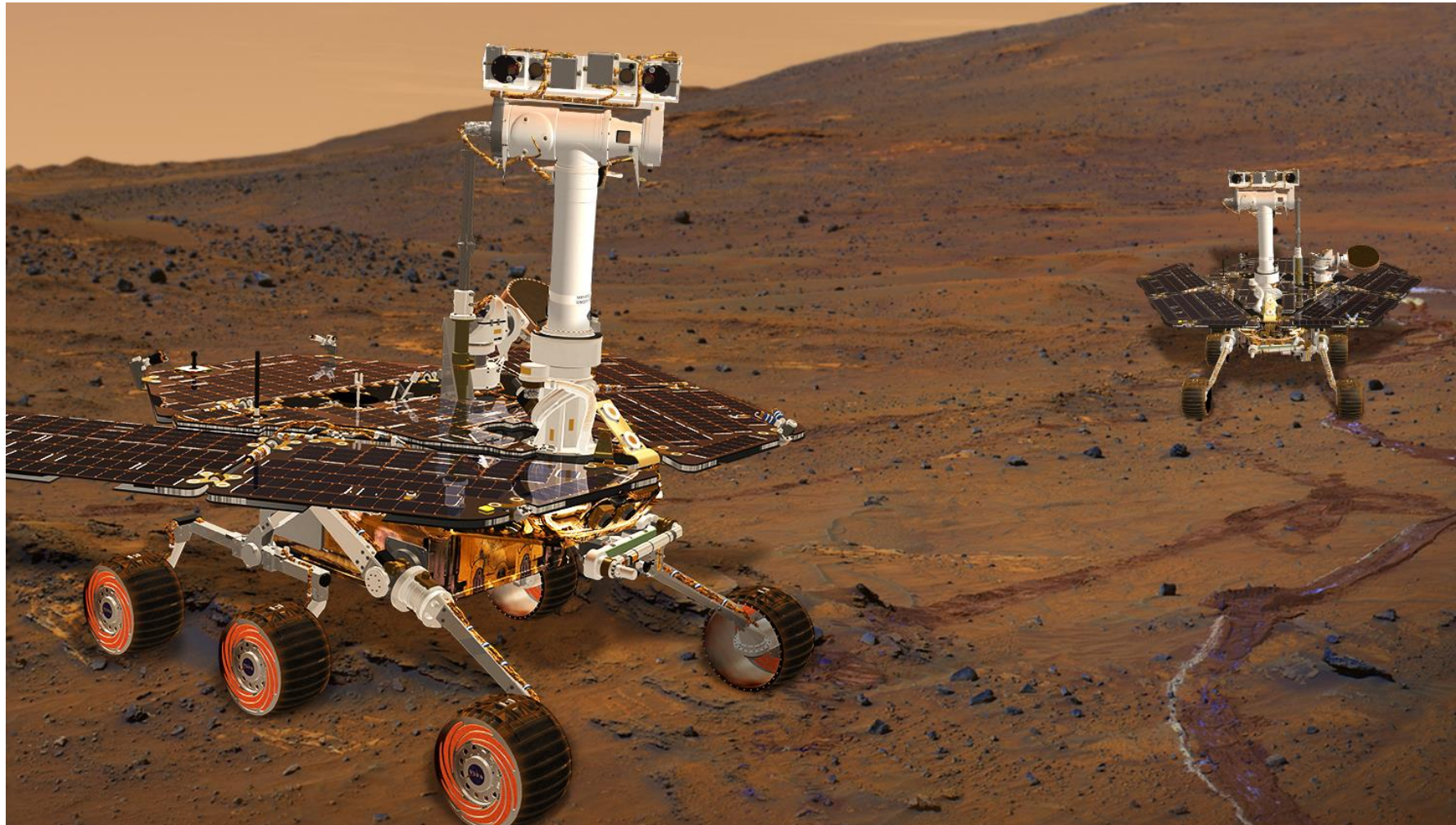
## **Mission** /'miSHən/

- an important assignment carried out for political, religious, or commercial purposes, typically involving travel.
- an important job that someone is given to do
- any work that someone believes it is their duty to do





# Our Mission



# Our Mission – ???



One simple statement:





# The Purpose of Creation



- Jonathan Edwards: The reason for God's creation of the world was not human happiness, but the magnification of his own glory and name.
- John Piper: God created the world for his glory.
- RC Sproul: The only reason you exist and I exist is for God!



# God's Glory in the Bible



**Philippians 2:13** – For it is **God** who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

**Philippians 1:6** – For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a **good work in you** will perfect it until **the day of Christ Jesus**.

**Isaiah 12:1-2** – Then **you will say on that day**:  
“I will give thanks to You, O Lord; For although You were angry with me,  
Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me.  
“Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid;  
For **the Lord God is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation.**”



# God's Glory in the Bible



Isaiah 43:7 – ...whom I have created for My glory

Psalms 23:3 – ...for His name's sake

1. Samuel – ...for the sake of his great name

Isaiah 49:3 – ...in whom I will show My glory

Romans 9:17: **For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you**

Ezekiel 6:7, 6:10, 6:14, 7:27, 11:10, 12:16, 12:20, 13:14, 14:23, 17:21, 20:20, 20:42, 20:44, 20:26, 22:16, 23:49, 24:24... etc. – **And you will know I am God!**

Ezekiel 20:9, 20:14, 36:22 – **For the sake of my name**





# God's Glory in the Bible



Ephesians 1:6,11,14 – [Chosen by the Father] ...**to the praise of the glory of his grace** (v6)  
[Redeemed by the Son] ...**so that we should be to the praise of his glory** (v11)  
[Sealed by the Spirit] ...**who was given to the praise of his glory** (v14)

Philippians 4:20 – Now to our God and Father **be the glory forever and ever**. Amen.

Romans 11:36 – For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. **To Him be the glory forever**.

Philippians 1:11 – ...having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which *comes* through Jesus Christ, **to the glory and praise of God**.

Psalms 106:8 – Nevertheless He saved them **for the sake of His name**, that He might make His power known.

Revelation: 21:23 – And the city has no need of the sun [...] for **the glory of God has illumined it**

Ephesians 3:20+21 – Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, **to Him be the glory** in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.



# God's Glory or God's Love?



**The key to uniting God's self-regard and his love for man is to see that man's joy in God is an exaltation of God.**

Jonathan Edwards

**“God is most glorified in us, when we are most satisfied in him.”**

John Piper



# God's Glory or God's Love?



## Parent – Child – Gift

Parent loves child, but also wants to be seen as good parent:  
gives GREATEST gift possible

- Child gets happiness and satisfaction (through gift)
- Parent get's praise
  - Direct (from child and other parents)
  - Indirect, by child telling friends





# God's Glory (first) and God's Love



**God created the world for the praise of the glory of his grace** displayed supremely in the death of Jesus. This means that the pursuit of **his own praise reaches its climax at the place where it does us the most good, the cross.** At the cross, God upholds his glory and provides our forgiveness. At the cross, God vindicates his own honor and secures our happiness. At the cross, God magnifies his own worth and satisfies our soul.

In the greatest act of history, Christ made it come true for undeserving sinners that God could be most glorified in us by our being most satisfied in him.



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**=> When Christ is exalted, God receives glory!**



# Our Mission – ???



One simple statement:

**Our Mission: God's Glory**





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**1. Cor. 10:31** – [...] whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

**1 Peter 4:16** – But if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is [...] to glorify God in this name.

**Matthew 5:16** – [...] that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

**1. Peter 2:12** – Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that [...] they may [...] glorify God



# Our Mission – God's Glory



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## Greatest Commandment – Mark 12:29-31

⇒ Image-bearers of the God who is Love

## Great Commission – Matt 28:16-20

⇒ More worship in disciples and more disciples who worship





# Our Mission: God's Glory



## Isaiah 12

And in that day you will say,

“Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name.

**Make known His deeds among the peoples;**

**Make them remember that His name is exalted.”**

**Praise the Lord in song, for He has done excellent things;**

**Let this be known throughout the earth.**

Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.



# Our Mission: God's Glory



Our Mission in life is the glory of God!

- We bring glory to God by “Exalting Christ”
- We bring glory to God by “Equipping Disciples”
- We bring glory to God by “Engaging our Community.”



# Our Mission: God's Glory



- I don't buy it  
⇒ Make sure you know your WHY!
- I'm afraid to commit 100%  
⇒ Are you in or are you out?
- I don't have what it takes  
⇒ You are invited to love him and enjoy him
- I'm committed, but distracted  
⇒ (How) will this bring glory to God?



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One simple statement:

**Our Mission: God's Glory**

One simple question:

**(How) Will this bring glory to God?**

