

“Perfecting Believers (*Discipleship*) Series-4”
(The Perfecting Believers Series: Challenging Believers to Be Complete in Every Way)
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“Preaching the Good News and Perfecting Believers IS the Business of the Church.”

PBS-4 Topic: Perfecting Believers’ Personal Mission on Earth
(Perfecting Disciples to be on Task)

Subject: Bible Characters with a Mission (Were They on Task?)

1. Isaiah > Prophet, A Calling to Speak to Political Powers Isaiah Chapter 6

Verse 1 – W_____ or W_____ is in the way of you seeing your mission?

Verse – 8 He heard the V_____ and so have some of you.

Possible Derailment Issue: When looking to man and the political power, he could not see God.

2. Nehemiah > Builder, A Government Official Called to Sweat Nehemiah Chapter 1

Four Keys to Nehemiah’s Mission Calling

v. 2 P_____

v. 2 P_____

v. 4 P_____

v. 10 P_____

Possible Derailment Issue: The comfort of the King’s Palace, a steady job and a comfortable living

3. Esther > Queen, Called as a Shield for a Nation Esther Chapter 2, 4

v. 2, 7 The Mission Calling from birth as a B_____, Young, V_____

v. 17 Called to be a Wife and a _____.

v. 17 Called to political F_____ with the government in power (King Xerxes, Persian Empire, c. 485 B.C.)

Chapter 4:14 Born for the right M_____ and M_____ in human history.

Possible Derailment Issue: Safe in her position and hidden identity

4. Jeremiah > Prophet, Called to Proclaim and Suffer Chapter 1, 20

v. 5 Jeremiah was K_____ before he was born.

v. 5 Jeremiah was S_____ before he was born.

v. 5 Jeremiah was A_____ (NIV) before he was born.

Chapter 20:1-2 Jeremiah had P_____ while fulfilling his Mission and Calling.

v. 14-18 Jeremiah C_____, C_____, and C_____ about his Mission.

You too had a Mission before you were _____.

Possible Derailment Issue: The fear of the Call and the pain resulting from proclaiming the message

5. Mary > Chosen Vessel, Called to Motherhood

Luke Chapter 1

v. 26-37 The Mission I_____ her P_____.

v. 38 She A_____ the Mission as the Lord’s S_____ (NIV).

v. 31, 35 Mary, Called to **Birth** (bring forth) **Something** (*a Holy Thing*, v. 35 Gk. **αγιον** = *hagion* = holy THING) into existence (What is Your God Conceived Holy Thing, Your Idea?)

Possible Derailment Issue: The CHOICE to terminate the pregnancy or to run away in embarrassment because her Calling was misunderstood.

Historical Note: Abortion in Roman times and the destruction of unwanted children was permissible (was a *choice*). The practice of abortion dates back to ancient times. Pregnancies were terminated through a number of methods, including the administration of abortifacient herbs, the use of sharpened implements, the application of abdominal pressure, and other techniques.

6. Adam > God’s Man, Called to Fatherhood

Genesis Chapter 1

v. 27 The Mission Calling to **F**_____ and **F**_____ responsibilities

v. 28 Called to **F**_____

v. 28 Called to **F**_____ for the Mission (Dominate, Subdue, Rule – Fighting to make it happen.)

Mission fulfillment does not come **E**_____. As soon as you declare the Mission, the forces of opposition immediately come into play. As a matter of fact, BEFORE you are even Called, the forces of the Enemy are against the Mission – BUT that is why you were Called to fulfill the Mission in the first place.

Possible Derailment Issue: Obey the Voice of God or the Voice of a Human?

IT DID DERAIL OUR FATHER, ADAM, AND THE WHOLE HUMAN FAMILY SUFFERED.

Important Lesson: When you are not on Mission OTHERS suffer.

[Other issues are: KNOWING the voice of God and the voice of NOT GOD.]

7. Jesus > Saviour, Called as the Sin Bearer and Captain of Our Salvation

There are many aspects to the Mission of Jesus Christ here on Earth. In summary some of the purposes and Scriptures revealing the varied and comprehensive aspects of Jesus’ Mission on Earth are:

To Do the Will of God Hebrews 10:9	To Reveal the Love of God John 3:16, Romans 5:8	To Be an Example of How Humans Should Live 1 Peter 2:21
To Preach Good News (Gospel), Heal & Set Free Luke 4:18	Give Eternal Life John 3:16	Demonstrate for Us the Hope of Resurrection Romans 1:4
To Destroy the Works of the Devil 1 John 3:8	Sacrifice His Life on the Cross for the Sins of the World Matthew 20:28	To Form a Body of Called Out Believers (Gk. ἐκκλησία , <i>ekklesia</i> , Church Matthew 28:19-20; John 20:21)

Possible Derailment Issue: The Devil, the Opposition, Name calling, the Abandonment of Friends, the Weight of the task (bearing the SINS of the world), the Calling to bring us back to God after Adam’s failure and derailment.

8. Paul > Gentile Apostle, Called to Proclaim and Establish the Gentile Church

Galatians 1:15-16

❖ Called - Before the Time (v. 15)

❖ Called - At the Right Time (Acts Chapter 9)

❖ Called - The Right Message (v. 16 KJV, heathen, Gk. **ἔθνος**, *ethnos* = Gentiles, non-Jewish ethnicities)

Possible Derailment Issue: The temptation to not to stay the same – and not CHANGE when called by God (stay in the Jewish religious system); temptation to stay away from the “nasty Gentiles with those filthy sinful habits; stay with the sanctified folks – don’t go to those dirty sinners; temptation to stay at home in the comfort of Tarsus - not to have the pain and difficulty of travel and inconvenience of the Call of God. Sometimes the Call of God and His Mission for you will be INCONVENIENT – to your plans and your ideas.

CONCLUSION:

Each of these Bible Characters had a Mission. They were spiritually and morally obligated to promote it and to fulfill it so that people could be served and that God might be glorified.

If you have a Mission you are _____.