

How Kingdom-Minded Leaders Can Learn to Live on Mission with Jesus

Discover the joy and significance of living your life centered on kingdom purpose. Are you wrestling with what God wants to do in and through your life?

Tim and Dawna Avery, founders of Visual Testaments, a ministry dedicated to bringing hope to the hopeless and the Father to the fatherless, shared how kingdom-minded leaders can learn to live on mission in our most recent episode of the *Pinnacle Leaders Podcast*.

Theirs is the story of Abram (Abraham) in Genesis 12. “Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country, your family, and your father’s house to the land that I will show you’” (Gen. 12:1). Scripture says that Abraham “departed” and immediately did just what the Lord instructed. Abraham left his relatives and father’s country behind and was blessed, made into a great nation, and today all the families of the earth are blessed through him.

In Hebrews 11:8, it says that, “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out into a place which he would later receive as an inheritance. He went out not knowing where he was going.” Abraham’s inheritance was determined by his actions. God not only wanted to bless Abraham but others as well through his obedience.

Living by faith isn’t an easy decision to make, but acting with obedience receives the Lord’s blessing. Knowing where you are going isn’t a necessity; knowing that God is with you as a follower of Christ will give you the confidence to trust Him.

We are reminded in Scripture to, “Oh, taste and see that the

Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him" (Ps. 34:8). The Lord will provide for you even in the simplest things—like a parking spot. It's those simple things that help build trust and faith in Him. When making larger decisions of trust like "sell everything you have and follow me," those decisions become easier because you have a history of baby-step trust steps.

It can be hard to see how our flesh is warring against the best that God has for us. Even if you go all the way back to the Garden of Eden, the way Satan was able to steal the inheritance and the blessing of Adam and Eve is because Satan convinced them that God was withholding from them. That lie drove them to completely abandon their destiny and their purpose.

If you're saying, "Yes, I love the Lord, but I want to do things my way," what you're really saying in a roundabout way is that God is withholding His best from you. Staying yielded to the Father and trusting His plans for your life is key to living on mission.

Sometimes God will ask you to do radical things. Are you too attached to your things or your way of life to do what God wants you to do? If so, you might be missing out on the Lord's greatest blessing for your life.

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