

40 days of purpose - Bible references for days 36-40
Day 36

Title: Made for a mission

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| John 17:18 | As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. |
| Col 1:25 | have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fulness |
| 1 Cor 12:5 | There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. |
| John 20:21 | Again Jesus said, Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. |
| Luke 2:49 | Why were you searching for me? he asked. Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house? |
| John 19:30 | When he had received the drink, Jesus said, It is finished. With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. |
| 2 Cor 5:18 | All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation |
| 2 Cor 5:20 | We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. |
| Matt 28:19-20 | Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. |
| Mark 16:15 | He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. |
| Luke 24:27 | ... and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. |
| Acts 1:8 | But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. |
| Ezek 3:18 | When I say to a wicked man, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. |
| 2 Cor 6:1 | As God's fellow-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. |
| Acts 4:12 | Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. |
| John 9:4 | As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no-one can work. |
| Acts 20:24 | However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace. |
| Acts 1:7 | He said to them: It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. |
| Matt 24:36 | No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. |
| Matt 24:14 | And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. |

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| Luke 9:62 | No-one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God. |
| Luke 22:42 | Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done. |
| Rom 6:13 | Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. |
| Matt 6:33 | But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. |

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- 1 Thess 1 :8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia— your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it
- 2 Cor 2:17 Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.
- 1 John 5:10 Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.
- 1 Pet 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
- Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
- Acts 22 - 26 (i) 22: 3-21: Paul's account of his conversion to the Roman tribune
(ii) 23: 1-6 His defence before the high priest Ananias
(iii) 24: 10-21 His defence before the governor Felix
(iv) 24: 24-25 Informal chat with Felix and Drusilla
(v) 25: 8-11 Before Festus: his appeal to the emperor
(vi) 26: 2-23 Paul's account of his conversion to Agrippa
- 1 Pet 3:15-16 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.
- Ps 119:33 Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end.
- Ps 106:43 Many times he delivered them, but they were bent on rebellion and they wasted away in their sin.
- Prov 25:12 Like an ear-ring of gold or an ornament of fine gold is a wise man's rebuke to a listening ear.
- Matt 12:34 ... out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.
- Ps 69:9 for zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.
- Jer 20:9 But if I say, I will not mention him or speak any more in his name, his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.
- Gal 4:18 It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always and not just when I am with you.
- Rom 1:17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith.
- 2 Cor 5:19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

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| 2 Cor 5:14 | For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. |
| 1 John 4:18 | There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. |
| 2 Pet 3:9 | The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. |
| Col 4:5 | Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. |

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Mark 16:15	He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.
Ps 67:2	... that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.
Rev 7:9	After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no-one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.
1 Cor 14:20	Brothers, stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults.
Phil 2:4	Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.
1 Cor 2:12	We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.
1 Cor 10:33	even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.
John 3:16	For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
Acts 17:26-27	From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.
Col 1:6	All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.
Ps 2:8	Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.
Col 4:3	And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.
Rom 1:10	... I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.
Eph 6:19	Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel
John 17:20	My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message
2 Thess 3:1	Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it was with you.
Matt 9:38	Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.
2 Cor 1;10b-11	On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favour granted us in answer to the prayers of many.
Acts 1:8	But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

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| 2 Cor 4:18 | So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. |
| Luke 9:62 | No-one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God. |
| 1 Cor 7:29, 31 | What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on...those who use the things of the world, should live as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away. |
| Heb 12:1 | Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. |
| Matt 6:20-21 | But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. |
| Luke 16:9 | I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. |
| 1 Tim 6:19 | In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. |
| Jer 1:7-8 | But the LORD said to me, Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you, declares the LORD. |
| <i>Lausanne Covenant (1974):</i> | Can be read at:
http://www.lausanne.org/lausanne-1974/lausanne-covenant.html |
| Mark 8:35 | For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. |

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Title: Balancing your life

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- Eph 5:15 Be very careful, then, how you live— not as unwise but as wise
- 2 Pet 3:17 Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position.
- Prov 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.
- Phil 4:9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me— put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.
- 1 Thess 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
- Lam 3:40 Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the LORD.
- 1 Cor 11:28 A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.
- 1 Cor 11:31 But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.
- 2 Cor 13:5 Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realise that Christ Jesus is in you— unless, of course, you fail the test?
- Gal 6:4 Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else
- 2 Cor 8:11 Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.
- Heb 2:1 We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.
- Num 33:2 At the LORD's command Moses recorded the stages in their journey.
- Ps 56:8 Record my lament; list my tears on your scroll— are they not in your record?
- Ps 102:18 Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the LORD
- Prov 11:25 A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.
- 2 Tim 2:2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others
- James 4:17 Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.
- 1 Tim 4:6 If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, brought up in the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.
- John 17:4 I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.
- John 17: 6-26 E.g. 18 (mission); 26 (fellowship)

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- John 13:17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.
- Ps 33:11 But the plans of the LORD stand firm for ever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.
- Prov 4:26 Make level paths for your feet and take only ways that are firm.
- Prov 17:24 A discerning man keeps wisdom in view, but a fool's eyes wander to the ends of the earth.
- Phil 1:9-10 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,
- 2 Chron 14:4 He commanded Judah to seek the LORD, the God of their fathers, and to obey his laws and commands.
- Eph 3:17 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ
- Phil 4:7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
- Matt 5:3-12 Blessed are: the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who are persecuted because of righteousness
- 2 Pet 1:5 make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge
- 1 Tim 4:16 Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.
- 2 Cor 9:12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.
- John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.
- Josh 24:15 But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.
- Phil 1:27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel
- Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her
- Prov 22:18 for it is pleasing when you keep them in your heart and have all of them ready on your lips.
- Prov 19:21 Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.
- 1 Thess 2:4 we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel.

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We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts.

2 Cor 10:13 We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the field God has assigned to us, a field that reaches even to you.

Acts 13:36 For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed.

Acts 13:22 After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

Esther 4:14 For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?

2 Chron 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

1 Cor 9:26 Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air.

Phil 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

2 Cor 4:17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

Rev 4:11 11You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.