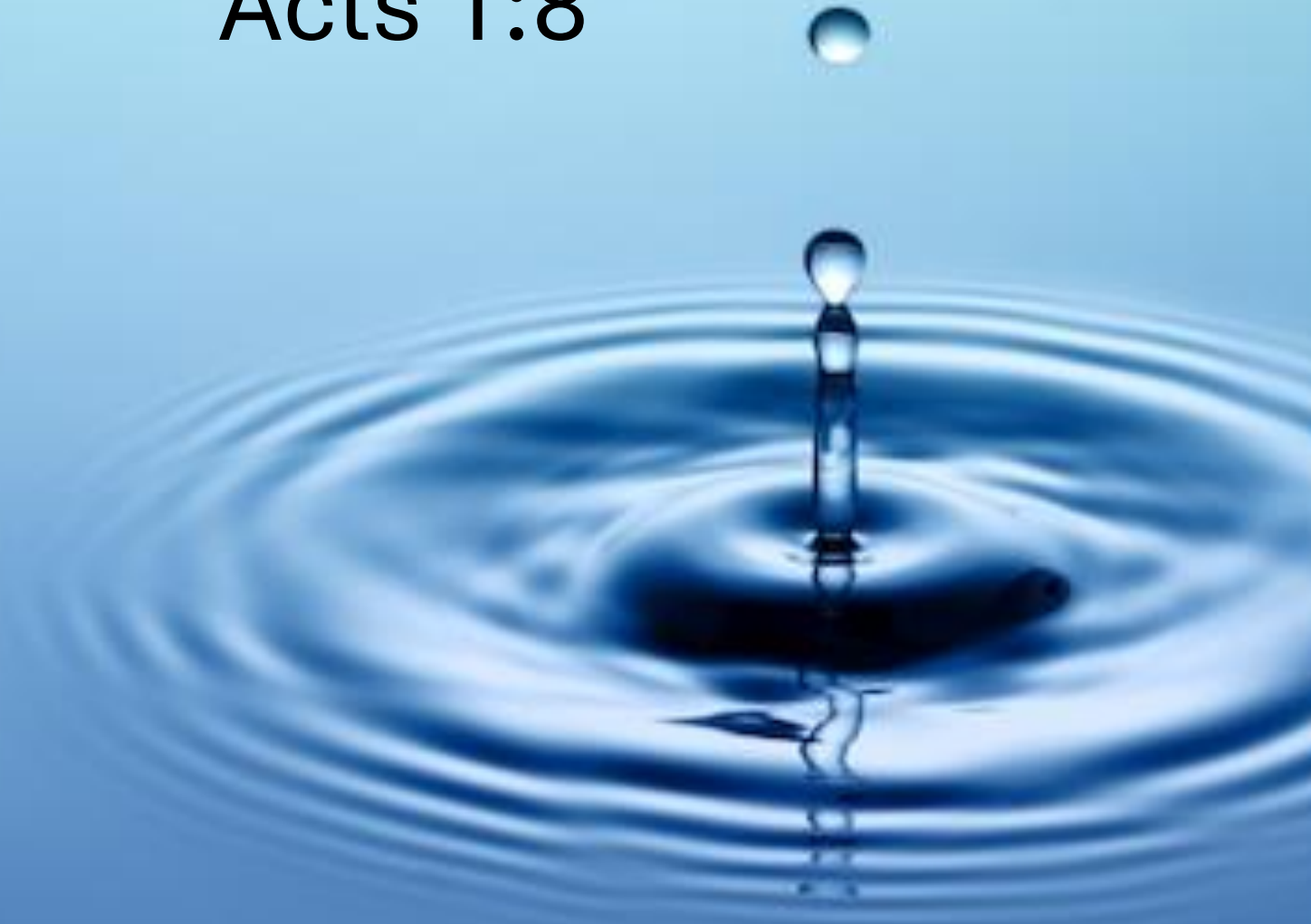


# Missional Calling !

Acts 1:8





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# What is the ends of the earth?

- This exact phrase appears 46x in the scriptures.
- A similar phrase “*the ends of the world*” also occurs twice (2x) in Ps 19:4 & Rom 10:18

# the “ends of the earth” in the Old Testament...

## Moses: FAR AWAY NATIONS

**Deut 28:49** *The Lord will bring a nation against you from far away, from **the ends of the earth**, like an eagle swooping down, a nation whose language you will not understand,*

**Deut 33:17** *In majesty he is like a firstborn bull; his horns are the horns of a wild ox. With them he will gore the nations, even those at **the ends of the earth**...*

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## Hannah: THE WHOLE EARTH

**1 Sam 2:10:** *those who oppose the Lord will be broken. The Most High will thunder from heaven; the Lord will judge **the ends of the earth.** “He will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.”*



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Job/Elihu: EVERYWHERE

**Job 28:24** *for he views **the ends of the earth** and sees everything under the heavens.*

**Job 37:3** *He unleashes his lightning beneath the whole heaven and sends it to **the ends of the earth.***

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Psalmist(s): ENTIRE WORLD

**Psa 22:27** *All **the ends of the earth** will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,*

**Psa 48:10** *Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to **the ends of the earth**; your right hand is filled with righteousness.*



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**Psa 65:5** *You answer us with awesome  
and righteous deeds, God our Savior,  
the hope of all **the ends of the earth**  
and of the farthest seas,*

**Psa 98:3** *He has remembered his love  
and his faithfulness to Israel; all **the  
ends of the earth** have seen the  
salvation of our God.*

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Isaiah: DISTANT NATIONS, GENTILES EVERYWHERE

**Isa 5:26** *He lifts up a banner for the distant nations, he whistles for those at **the ends of the earth**. Here they come, swiftly and speedily!*

**Isa 49:6** *he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to **the ends of the earth**.”*

**Isa 52:10** *The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all **the ends of***



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## Jesus: ALL PEOPLES, EVERYWHERE

**Mt 12:42** *The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for she came from **the ends of the earth** to listen to Solomon’s wisdom, and now something greater than Solomon is here.*

**Mk 13:27** *And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from **the ends of the earth** to the ends of the heavens.*

**Ac 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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The “ends of the earth” literally means to everybody, everywhere.

# This was God's plan from the beginning...

## Genesis 12:1-3 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> *The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.*

<sup>2</sup> *"I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;*

*I will make your name great,  
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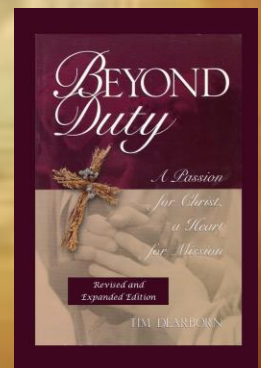
<sup>3</sup> *I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and **all peoples on earth**  
**will be blessed through you."***

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*God's church falters from exhaustion because Christians erroneously think that God has given them a mission to perform in the world. Rather, the God of mission has given his church to the world. **It is not the church of God that has a mission to the world, but the God of mission who has a church in the world.** The church's involvement in mission is its privileged participation in the actions of the triune God.*

*Beyond duty: A passion for Christ, a heart for mission*

Tim Dearborn





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# Jesus commissions us to continue His mission...

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## Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and **make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



# Our Missional Calling is to



take the good news of the gospel  
to everybody, everywhere!

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## Deut 6:6-9 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them **when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.** <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

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### 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

*“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”*



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**G**od created us to be with Him.

**O**ur sins separate us from God.

**S**in cannot be removed by good deeds.

**P**aying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.

**E**veryone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.

**L**ife with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

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## Ephesians 6:19-20

*“Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me **so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the Gospel**, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly as I should.”*

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- Remember it's not our job to "convert" people. ***Only God can bring people out of darkness and into the light (cf. 2 Cor 4:1-6)***



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### 2 Corinthians 4:17

*“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”*

### Matthew 6:19-21

<sup>19</sup> *“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*



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### 2 Thess 1:9 (ESV)

*They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,*

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### Romans 9:3 (NLT)

*for my people, my Jewish brothers and sisters. I would be willing to be forever cursed—cut off from Christ!—if that would save them.*



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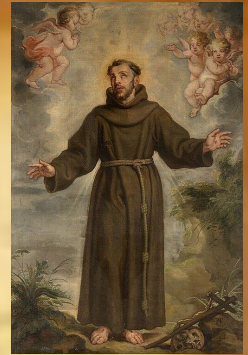
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### Romans 10:14 (ESV)

***"And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?"***



# So how can we?

- **Be Reconciled to God – 2 Cor 5:18**

*All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:*

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- Be Reconciled to God – 2 Cor 5:18
- Be **Available** – Luke 10:2

*The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.*



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*As water reflects the face,  
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## 1 Timothy 4:16

*Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.*

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*But in your hearts revere 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*



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*v.17 pray continually,*

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- **Be Careful how you live – Eph 5:8-20**

*<sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup> and find out what pleases the Lord.*

*<sup>11</sup> Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. <sup>14</sup> This is why it is said:*

*“Wake up, sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”*



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- **Be Careful how you live – Eph 5:8-20**

*<sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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