

# My Life in 2010 – Extraordinary Purpose

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- I. Introduction
- II. Wake us up
  - A. Acts 20:7-10 - *On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. 8There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting. 9Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead. 10Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!"*
  - B. Many of us are not asleep physically like Eutychus, but asleep spiritually.
  - C. Ephesians 5:14-16 – *for it is the light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."15Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.*
  - D. We need to make the most of every opportunity God gives us to do good, to be generous, to show mercy, to show compassion and to impact someone's eternity.
- III. The Big Picture
  - A. The message of Jesus and of the New Testament is about transformation, first spiritually, then personally. To become people of; Extraordinary Love, Compassion, Generosity, Community, Mercy, Gratitude and Service.
  - B. There will be almost 346,000 births and over 150,000 deaths today. God wants to know "who will tell My story?" Who will communicate and live the message of the cross and demonstrate the message of hope?
  - C. Hebrews 9:27-28 - *Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.*
- IV. God's Plan to Reach the World – The Church
  - A. Mark 16:15 - *He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.*
  - B. 1 Corinthians 9:19 - *Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.*
  - C. Acts 8:1-4 - *On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. 2Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. 3But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison. 4Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.*

D. 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 - *All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>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.*

## V. Sharing Our Faith

A. John 4:28-30 - *Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" <sup>30</sup>They came out of the town and made their way toward him.*

B. All the Samaritan woman did was say "come and see, check it out." She gave a simple invitation.

C. John 9:25 - *He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"*

D. Tell your story: 5clicks.com can help you get started.

E. Give your life away. Live a life of example.

F. Acts 9:36 - *In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor.*

## VI. Conclusion

We are God's ambassadors, His spokespersons. Go and tell your story and help impact someone's eternity.