

CAN'T WE REACH ONE MORE?

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Jesus said: "In the same way that you gave Me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world." John 17:18 (Message)

"As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." John 20:21 (NIV)

The Apostle Paul said: "The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me - to tell people the Good News about God's grace." Acts 20:24 (NCV)

Jesus Was On A Search & Rescue Mission

† Luke 19:9 (NLT) Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a son of Abraham. 10 And I, the Son of Man, have come to seek and save those like him who are lost."

† Mark 2:1 (NLT) Several days later Jesus returned to Capernaum, and the news of his arrival spread quickly through the town. 2 Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there wasn't room for one more person, not even outside the door. And he preached the word to them. 3 Four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. 4 They couldn't get to Jesus through the crowd, so they dug through the clay roof above his head. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. 5 **Seeing their faith**, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My son, your sins are forgiven."

OUR MISSION IS

1 - Compelled By **COMPASSION**

† Galatians 5:6b The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love

Our Love Compels Us To Reach Our World

OUR MISSION IS

2 - Fueled By **DETERMINATION**

† Ecclesiastes 11:4 (TEV) If you wait until the wind and the weather are just right, you will never plant anything and never harvest anything.

It takes commitment to accomplish God's Plan – as a church family we are to be a committed people. That takes working together.

† What I do you cannot do; but what you do, I cannot do. The needs are great, and none of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful –

† Unless a life is lived for others, it is not worthwhile

† God doesn't require us to succeed; he only requires that you try
– – *Mother Teresa*

OUR MISSION IS

3 - Strengthened By **COMMITMENT**

† 1Corinthians 16:14 (KJVS) Let all your things be done with charity. 15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have **addicted** themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

We are committed to God – To Others – To The Mission – and when we work together we are made stronger.

Faith Will Find A Way – At Living Water Love Makes Us Do What We Do

In April of 1912 The Titanic – the unsinkable ship, hit an iceberg in the North Atlantic and 1,500 people died in those waters. At about 1:40 a.m. Capt. Smith shouts through a megaphone, ordering partly filled boats to return for more passengers but none responds.

† "The oarsmen laid on their oars and all in the lifeboat were motionless as we watched her in absolute silence. Save some who would not look and buried their heads on each other's shoulders." — Lawrence Beesley

But one man, officer HG Lowe rowed to the other boats and unloaded his passengers and with a couple other men rowed back toward the sinking ship. As they rowed in those frigid waters in their heart was one plea "**Can't We Reach One More?**"

That needs to be our plea at Living Water; can't we reach one more?

† "Send us around the world with the news of Your saving power and Your eternal plan for all mankind." Psalm 67:2