

### The Mission of God Part 3

God made us

Affection to Action

World knows- Africa relief commercials

So, let me see if I can affect you:

- 2.2 million children die each year because they are not immunized
- 15 million children orphaned due to HIV/AIDS (similar to the total children population in Germany or United Kingdom)
- Some 1.1 billion people in developing countries have inadequate access to water, and 2.6 billion lack basic sanitation.
- Almost two in three people lacking access to clean water survive on less than \$2 a day, with one in three living on less than \$1 a day.
- More than 660 million people without sanitation live on less than \$2 a day, and more than 385 million on less than \$1 a day.
- Some 1.8 million child deaths each year as a result of diarrhea

Do you know how many people in Milwaukee are living in poverty? One in four! Do you know, that regardless of the socio-economic status of the neighborhood you live in, many of your neighbors are, right now, experiencing loneliness, depression, and horrendous domestic problems?

Does NOT make a lifestyle...

Not changed for good...

Michael Oh

*"The 10/40 window includes nations that are 10 degrees north latitude to 40 degrees north latitude stretching from Japan in the east through China and South East Asia through India and then through the Middle East and North Africa.*

*This fairly small window encompasses nearly 4 billion people.*

*95% of those who have not heard the Gospel live here*

*90% of the world's poor live here*

*The most persecuted nations in the world are here where thousands of Christians are martyred every year. Less than 10% of the world missionary force ministers here*

*Less than \$1 of every \$100 of missions giving goes to the 10/40 window*

*Sometimes it looks like Christians who live safely and comfortably outside that window could care less about the billions of people who perish inside it.*

*And how about the God who made them and is worthy to receive their worship and praise?*

*American Evangelical Christians earn more than \$2.5 trillion per year. US Evangelical's hold upwards of \$5 trillion in assets and that's NOT including the value of their homes! 80% of the world's evangelical wealth is in North America!!!*

*If American Evangelicals would INVEST a tithe to global missions that would mobilize \$250 billion per year making the goal of establishing Gospel witness to every nation and people group on earth very much within reach.*

*There would also need though to be those willing to GO – though I THINK that this would be less of a problem if there were an ARMY of senders. A tithing to global missions by American evangelicals would fund 10 million Missionaries."*

**Of course, these statistics really get me excited, but they don't move me to a lifestyle of action. They simply lead me to a question: Why do we so easily bask in our wealth while the world perishes? The statistics don't answer that question, nor do those stats as mere factoids change me. Why am I so often so deaf to the cries of a dying world and God's call to take his mission seriously and self-sacrificially?**

How Jesus FEELS God FEELS  
John 1:18, John 14:8-11, Hebrews 1:3  
The life of Jesus reveals the heart of God

Jesus' feelings...

1. Compassion

Guts...

Mark 1:40-41- leprosy

Luke 7:11-13- loneliness, loss

Mark 8:1-2- hunger

1a. Notice- Jesus was around all types of people all the times.  
encouragement to do so...

1b. Sudanese refugees in Az.  
Before meeting, no time or extra money.  
Once met, time and money much easier to part with.

2. Anger: Mark 3:1-6. This is an interesting account because Jesus was both angry and grieved. Jesus feels this at the insensitivity of the Pharisees at suffering: "What is meant is, not that his anger was modified by grief, his reprobation of the hardness of their hearts was mingled with a sort of sympathy for men sunk in such a miserable condition. What is meant is simply that the spectacle of their hardness of heart produced in him the deepest dissatisfaction, which passed into angry resentment. Thus, the fundamental psychology of anger is curiously illustrated by this account; for anger always has pain at its root, and is a reaction of the soul against what gives it discomfort" (The Emotional Life of Christ, B. B. Warfield).

2a. Mark 11:15-19

2b. Notice, Jesus' anger drove him to do something mission oriented.

Michelle and I re. Giving.

Angry at circle of friends and ourselves for lack of concern.

Drove us to give until we felt it to global mercy cause.

3. Love: Luke 22:14-16. Love of friends...

3a. Notice, his momentum towards mission drove his need for fellowship.

Example from this past Sunday...

Audio Spiritual friendship...

3b. Mark 10:17-22- Jesus loved this young man...he felt love for him...even as Jesus had to exposed this man's idolatry.

I read this helpful quote recently: "I am spellbound by the intensity of Jesus' emotions: not a twinge of pity, but heartbroken compassion; not a passioning irritation, but terrifying anger; not a silent tear, but groans of anguish; not a weak smile, but ecstatic celebration. Jesus' emotions are like a mountain river, cascading with clear water. My emotions are more like a muddy foam or feeble trickle" (The emotions of Jesus, Walter Hansen, Christianity Today, February 3, 1997).

“Why am I so often so deaf to the cries of a dying world and God’s call to take his mission seriously and self-sacrificially?” And “What can I do to change?”

The example of Jesus sets us on the road to solving the problem, but it does not in and of itself solve it.

Jesus’ example tells us how we are supposed to be.

It tells us that we are not who we are supposed to be.

ALARM

Hebrews 5:7

"I set apart this day for fasting and prayer to God for his grace; especially to prepare me for the work of the ministry; to give me divine aid and direction, in my preparations for that great work; and in his own time to send me into his harvest. Accordingly, in the morning I endeavored to plead for the divine presence for the day, and not without some life. In the forenoon I felt the power of intercession for precious, immortal souls; for the advancement of the kingdom of my dear Lord and Saviour in the world; and withal, a most sweet resignation and even consolation and joy, in the thoughts of suffering hardships, distresses, and even death itself, in the promotion of it, and has special enlargement in pleading for the enlightening and conversion of the poor heathen. In the afternoon God was with me of a truth. Oh!, it was blessed company indeed! God enabled me so to agonize in prayer, that I was quite wet with sweat, though in the shade and the cool wind. My soul was drawn out very much for the world; I grasped for multitudes of souls. I think I had more enlargement for sinners than for the children of God; though I felt as if I could spend my life in cries for both. I had great enjoyment in communion with my dear Savior. I think I never in my life felt such an entire weanedness from this world, and so much resigned to God in every thing. Oh! that I may always live to and upon my blessed God! Amen, Amen. (Diary of David Brainerd April 19th 1742)