



Teaching, Preaching and Reaching for
Transformation and Liberation

“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

THE PASTOR’S PEN



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WHAT DID JESUS HAVE IN MIND WHEN HE DIED TO ESTABLISH THE CHURCH?

For the month of June, our Memory Verse and Meditation Quote undergird what it means to live with a prophetic witness and speak with a prophetic voice.

JUNE 2019 MEMORY VERSE

¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. **Revelation 3:16**

JUNE 2019 MEDITATION QUOTE

If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse, and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality. **Bishop Desmond Tutu**

Jesus challenged the church in Laodicea that their lukewarm status was detestable to Him. Additionally, Jesus is challenging Pilgrim Rest that if we have a lukewarm status, we are detestable to Him. Hot things should be hot, and cold things should be cold. For example, a hot cup of coffee, a hot cup of tea, hot chocolate should all be hot. As well, iced tea, ice cold lemonade, cold water should all be cold. How many times have you turned down coffee or hot chocolate that was not hot? Similarly, how many times have you turned down lemonade or water that was not cold? If you chose to drink it, it was not as appetizing as you would have preferred.

Similarly, Jesus expects that we be either hot or cold. If we say we are hot for Jesus, let us be hot for Jesus. Let us look like it, let us walk like it, let us talk like it, let us speak like it, let us give like it, let us live like it. If we say we are hot for Jesus, everyone around us should know that we are hot for Jesus.

Equally, if we say we are cold for Jesus, let us be cold for Jesus. Let us look like it, let us walk like it, let us talk like it, let us speak like it, let us give like it, let us live like it. If we say we are cold for Jesus, everyone around us should know that we are cold for Jesus.

However, let us not say that we are hot for Jesus when in reality we are cold for Jesus. Additionally, let us not say that we are hot for Jesus when we are only part-time hot for Jesus, that is, lukewarm for Jesus – only hot for Jesus in church, around certain people, when it is convenient, when it does not compel me to stand up and speak out for Jesus. If so, Jesus will vomit me out of His mouth.

Being hot for Jesus means I cannot stand in the middle. Being hot for Jesus means I have to move past mediocrity. Being hot for Jesus means I cannot nest in neutrality. Being hot for Jesus means I have to stand on Jesus’ side – the side of right, the side of justice, the side of truth, the side of morality, right by Jesus’ side.

As you are prayerfully and meditatively considering your responses to the questions, “What is *our/my* prophetic witness?” and “Where is *our/my* prophetic voice?” I ask that you also prayerfully and meditatively consider your honest responses to the following questions as you open yourself in availability to and for God.

1. **Who am I?**
 - ✓ Begin with “I am”
 - ✓ Not your role (father, mother, etc.). Not your occupation (teacher, plumber, etc.). Not your gifts (singer, writer, painter, etc.). For example, Jesus said “I am the Son of God”
2. **Why am I here?**
 - ✓ God is not coincidental nor accidental. Everything that God created was for a purpose
 - ✓ God created me on purpose. God created me with a purpose
3. **Why did God create me the way that God created me?**
 - ✓ God is not coincidental nor accidental. Everything that God created was for a specific purpose
 - ✓ God created me on purpose. God created me with a purpose. God created me for a specific purpose
4. **How is God re-creating me (that is, remolding and reshaping me to conform more and more to my purpose)?**
 - ✓ Read Jeremiah 18:1-6
 - ✓ As God is remolding and reshaping me, I know that I am in God’s hands
5. **What am I doing now to prepare myself to fulfill my purpose?**
6. **Have I started doing what I am supposed to do to fulfill my purpose?**
7. **If I could spend the rest of my life doing or talking about one thing, what would it be?**
8. **My life experiences has rendered me an expert at something. At what am I an expert?**
9. **What do I really enjoy**
10. **What do I dislike?**
11. **What makes me feel alive?**
12. **What is my legacy? / What will I be known for after I die?**

WORK FOR THE WEEK

FEBRUARY MEMORY VERSE

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹³ And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

¹² Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. ¹³ Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. (NLT) **Romans 6:12, 13**

FEBRUARY MEDITATION QUOTE

“Looking back, it is clear to me that the watchful attention of my sponsors in the church served to enhance my consciousness that whatever I did in my life mattered.”

Dr. Howard Thurman

TODAY'S STUDY QUESTIONS AND MEDITATION:

Do I believe because I see or do I see because I believe? _____

I want the Lord to open my eyes so I can see _____

FOR THE YOUTH

It is possible for your eyes to be open and still not see _____

What does God want you to see? _____
