



Pilgrim Rest
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Preaching, Teaching 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:

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WHO AM I? WHY AM I?

“If you know who you are, you do not need permission to do what you do.”

Dr. Anthony Mensah

“There is something in every one of you that’s waits and listens for the sound of the genuine in yourself. It is the only true guide that you will ever have. And if you cannot hear it, you will all of your life, spend your days, on the ends of strings, that somebody else pulls.”

Dr. Howard Thurman

PLEASE RESPOND HONESTLY TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

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.)
- ✓ Ex., Jesus, “I am the Son of God”
- ✓ Ex. God with Moses (What is Your name?) “I AM WHO I AM” “I AM has sent you”

2. Why am I here?

- ✓ God is not coincidental nor accidental. Everything that God created was for a purpose
- ✓ Why did God:
 - ◆ create Light
 - ◆ Gather the waters together and let the dry land appear
 - ◆ Regarding vegetation, create plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it
 - ◆ Create two great lights - the greater one for the day and the lesser one for night - (for signs to mark the seasons, days, and years)
 - ◆ Create creatures of the sea, birds of the air, wild animals, livestock, small animals
- ✓ God created me for a purpose - to fill/fulfill a need

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
- ✓ Two great lights: sun and moon - versus two equal lights
- ✓ Wild animals, livestock and small animals - versus animals

4. How is God re-creating me (that is, remolding and reshaping me to conform more and more to my purpose)?

- ✓ Consider the various "Seasons of life" I have gone through

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?

- ✓ Joshua under Moses
- ✓ Samuel under Eli
- ✓ David under Saul
- ✓ Elisha under Elijah

7. If I could spend the rest of my life doing or talking about one thing, what would it be?

8. My life experience has rendered me an expert at something. At what am I an expert?

9. What do I really enjoy? (Have a deep passion for...)

10. What do I dislike? (Have a deep passion against...)

11. What makes me feel alive?

12. What is my legacy / What will I be known for after I die?

PRAY THROUGHOUT THE DAY

MORNING

WE PRAY TO BEGIN THE DAY

Mark 12:29-31, *“Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength... You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

9:00 A.M.

WE PRAY FOR PASTORS, MINISTERS AND LEADERS

Hebrews 13:7, 17, 18, ⁷ Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. ¹⁷ Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. ¹⁸ Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. **I Thessalonians 5:12, 13**, ¹² And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

12:00 NOON

WE PRAY A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

I Thessalonians 5:18, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

3:00 P.M.

WE PRAY FOR OUR MINISTRY AND MINISTRIES

Matthew 25:35, 36, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me. **Luke 4:18, 19**, ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

6:00 P.M.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Psalms 112:1-3, ¹ Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man [woman] who fears the Lord, Who delights greatly in His commandments. ² His descendants will be mighty on earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed. ³ Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever. **Proverbs 3:33**, ³³ The curse of the Lord is on the house of the wicked, But He blesses the home of the just.

9:00 P.M.

WE PRAY FOR REVIVAL

Zechariah 8:4, 5, ⁴ Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘Old men and old women shall again sit In the streets of Jerusalem, Each one with his staff in his hand Because of great age. ⁵ The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.

NIGHT

WE PRAY TO END THE DAY

Psalms 3:5, ⁵ I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustained me. **Psalms 4:8**, ⁸ I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

WORK FOR THE WEEK

MARCH MEMORY VERSE

¹⁴For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?"

Esther 4:14

MARCH MEDITATION QUOTE

"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor"

Bishop Desmond Tutu

TODAY'S STUDY QUESTIONS AND MEDITATION:

Is my calling limited to how far I can see or am I considering how far God sees? _____

I will spend this week meditating on the new name God is giving or has given to me _____

FOR THE YOUTH

I will not limit myself to only expect as far as I can see, and consider how far God sees. _

This week, I will Google the meaning of my name and discuss the significance and the application of my name with my parents / grandparents _____
