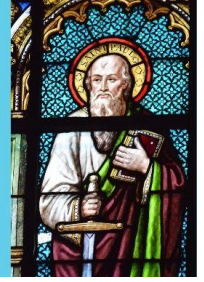




# Finding Purpose in Unexpected Places: The Story of Paul



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## Relentless Pursuit: Embracing Paul's Passion for the Gospel

Read Romans 1

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The message emphasizes the importance of passion, particularly Paul's fervour for evangelism. Paul had a zeal to spread the message of Jesus, which all Christians should share.

Paul's dedication to evangelism is similar to the enthusiasm of Anglo-Saxon monks who brought Christianity to pagan Germany. These monks, driven by a desire to spread light, ventured into unknown lands, much like Paul, to share the message of Jesus.

Romans 1:16 and Romans 1:18 highlight the power of the gospel and the urgency of sharing it due to the consequences of sin and God's wrath. It emphasizes the transformative power of Jesus' sacrifice and the necessity of spreading this message to offer people freedom from shame and sin.

The Ps. Jim challenges us with three questions:

1. Are you relentless in sharing the gospel?
2. Do you pray for people to become followers of Jesus?
3. Are we, as a church, still relentlessly pursuing the lost?

The message concludes by reminding us that the church exists to reach non-members, emphasizing the ongoing need to evangelize and the powerful, life-changing nature of the gospel.

### Questions for reflection:

1. Am I Relentless in Sharing the Gospel? Reflect on your personal commitment to evangelism. How often do you actively share your faith with others?
2. Do My Prayers Include the Lost? Consider the content of your prayers. How often do you pray for the salvation of others? Are there specific people you consistently pray for?

3. Am I Passionate About My Faith? Examine your own passions. Do you feel a strong desire to spread the message of Jesus? What steps can you take to cultivate this passion?
4. How Do I Handle Opportunities to Evangelize? Think about recent opportunities you've had to share the gospel. How did you respond? What could you do differently next time?
5. What Sacrifices Am I Willing to Make for the Gospel? Reflect on the costs associated with evangelism. Are you willing to invest time, resources, and effort to reach others?

### Group Reflection Questions:

6. How Can We Foster a Culture of Evangelism in Our Church? Discuss practical steps the church community can take to encourage and support evangelism among its members.
7. What Barriers Do We Face in Evangelism and How Can We Overcome Them? Identify common challenges the group faces in sharing their faith. Brainstorm solutions and strategies to overcome these obstacles.
8. How Can We Support Each Other in Our Evangelistic Efforts? Discuss ways the group can provide accountability, encouragement, and resources to help each member share the gospel more effectively.
9. What Examples from Paul's Life Can We Emulate? Reflect on specific actions and attitudes of Paul that the group can adopt. How can you apply these to your collective efforts in evangelism?
10. What Changes Are Needed to Prepare for Church Growth? Consider the potential growth resulting from successful evangelism. What logistical, structural, or cultural changes might be necessary to accommodate new believers?
11. How Can We Make Room for God to Work? Discuss the idea of making room for God to fill, both in terms of physical space and in the group's openness to new ideas and directions in ministry.

If you have never accepted Jesus as your personal saviour and you would like to move from the margins to having a relationship with Him. Please speak to one of the pastors or leadership team, we would love to pray with you. Alternatively, go to [www.elim.family/ihavedecided](http://www.elim.family/ihavedecided) to find out more about giving your life to Jesus.