There is a MISSION TO ACCOMPLISH

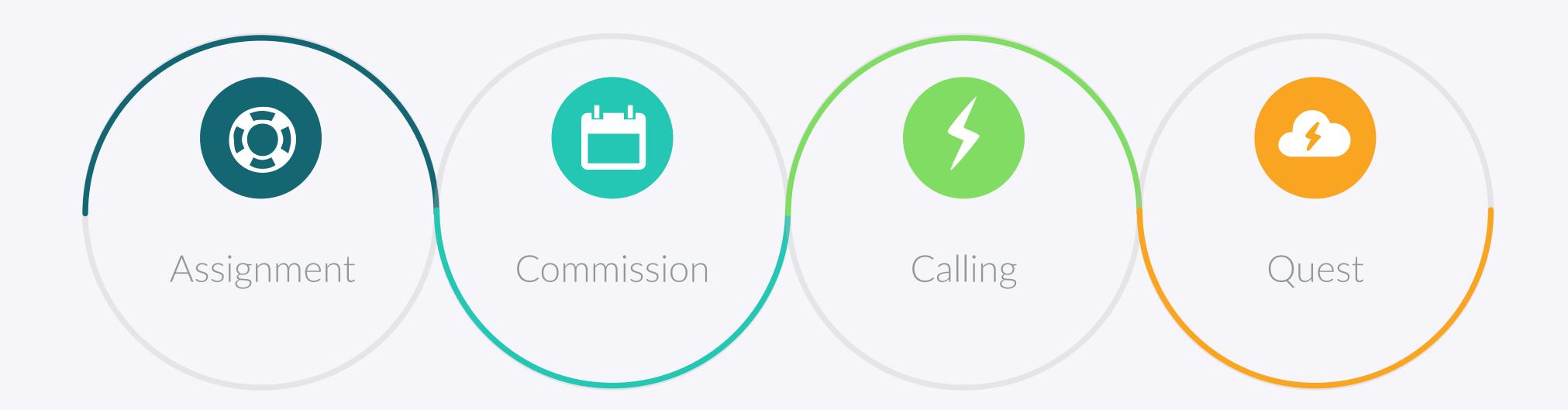
Mission is not just going, but being sent. It's not just going to third world countries and helping with water and food, but finding out what God is doing in this season and joining Him in it. God is always doing something and He is doing different things in different parts of the world. What is God doing in your town? In your family? At your job? With your church? It's very hard to be a part of God's mission when you do not know what He is doing. Seems obvious, huh? We are all called to do great things. Now it's just finding your spot and getting to work! Go and change the world.



Missio Dei

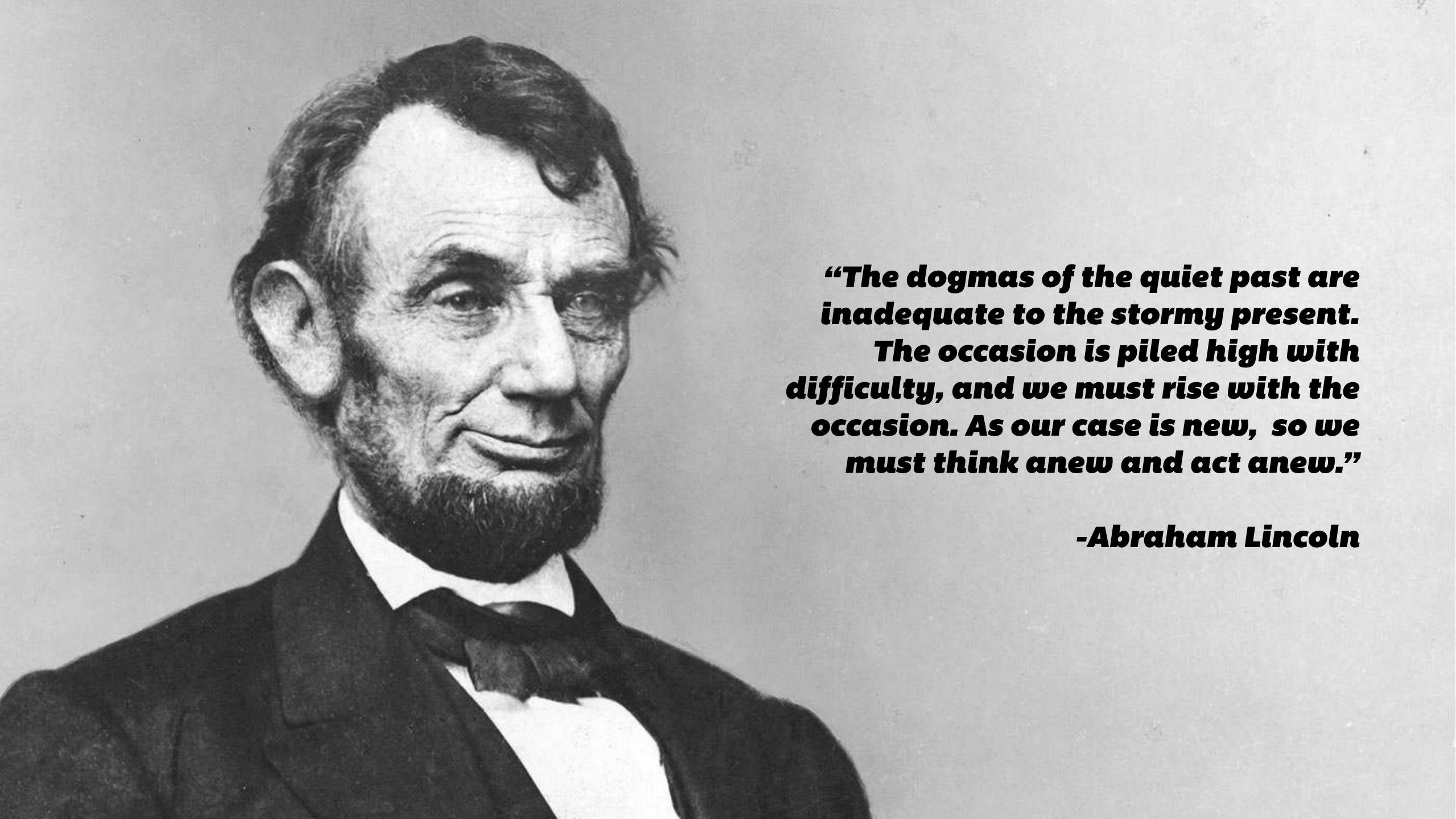
Latin for "the sending of God" or "the mission of God". When God calls you, He equips you and then sends you. This is the whole essence of the Apostolic church. If you remember, the Greek word for Apostle is Apostolos which means, "sent with a mission". A sent one! In the Bible, God had a mission that needed to be accomplished and that was the spreading or preaching of the Gospel. He chose 12 men, equipped them and sent them. Today God still has a mission, and you're included! Now begins the fun of unveiling it and helping you to it.





DEFINITION

- 1. an important assignment carried out for political, religious, or commercial purposes, typically involving travel.
- 2. the vocation or calling of a religious organization, especially a Christian one, to go out into the world and spread its faith.





1 Samuel 17:28-30

Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger burned against David and he said, "Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your insolence and the wickedness of your heart; for you have come down in order to see the battle." 29 But David said, "Is there not a cause? Was it not just a question?" 30 Then he turned away from him to another and said the same thing; and the people answered the same thing as before.

Is There Not a Cause?

What's the purpose?

What Is Your **ISSION?**

Everyone has a mission or something to accomplish in their lives. There is an overall mission, but also smaller missions that you need to accomplish. The smaller missions, when accomplished, are like building blocks to the overall mission and mandate on your life.

What are some things you have already overcome? What are things you've accomplished? What are things you need to still accomplish (short term). What do you feel like the call on your life is? What are you doing to get there?

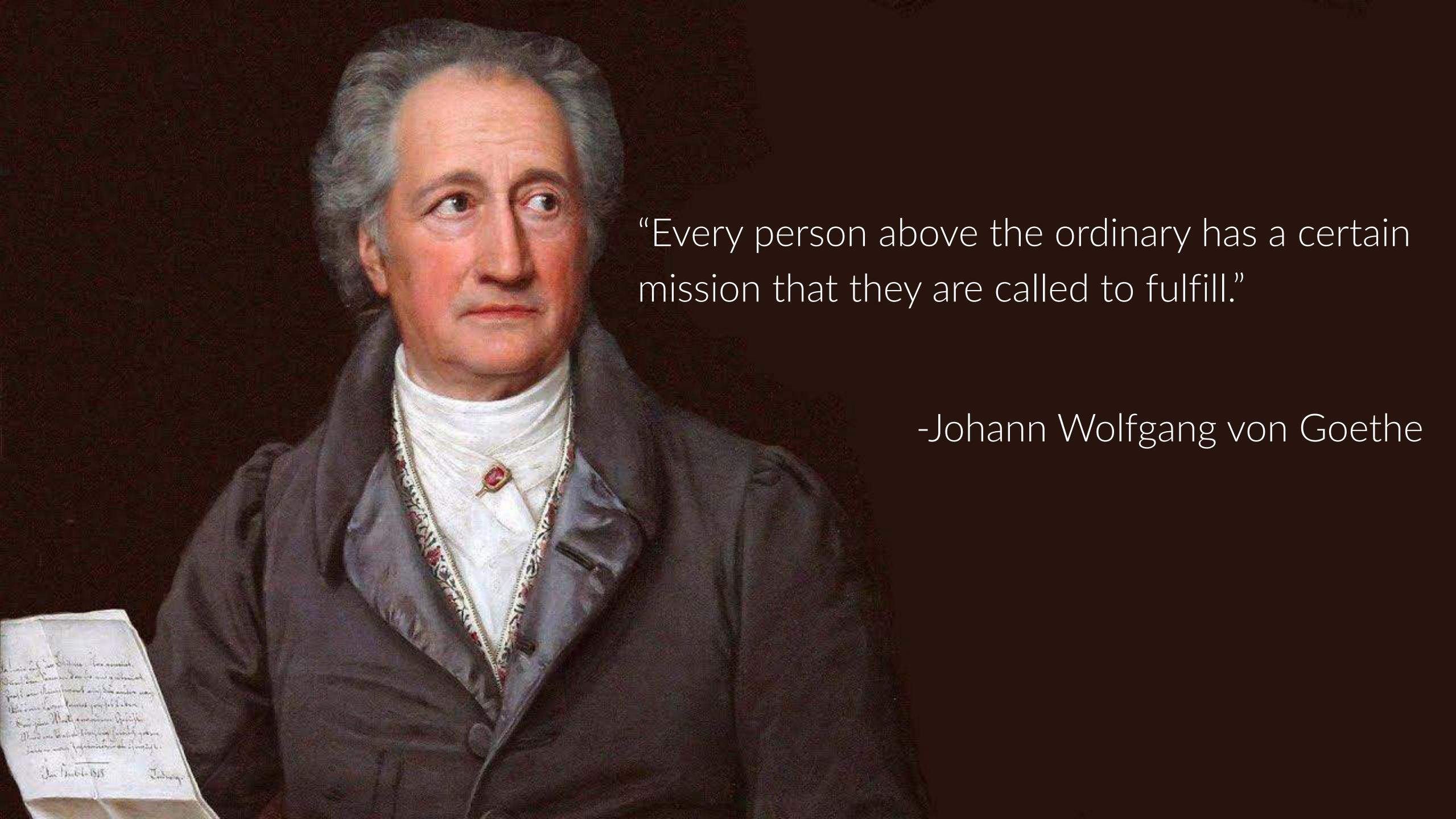
The Bible talks about people perishing for a lack of vision (Hosea 4:6). If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up where you don't want to be. What we need to figure out is what God is doing in your life now.

When thinking about the Bible and the most relatable mission based stories, right away the story of Moses comes to mind. Think about it! Moses was called by God when he felt like he wasn't qualified. He doubted everything God had said to him, yet God still used Him mightily and provided for his shortcomings. One of Moses' reasons for not wanting to be used by God was he thought he could not talk well...so God gave him Aaron and was like "What's your excuse now?".

We all have reasons or excuses why we are where we are in life. We also have a list of excuses of why we can't be used by God right now. Not enough time, money, knowledge etc. God doesn't need your money to use you, He doesn't need your knowledge...what he needs is for you to be willing to be used right where you are at. Part of this journey is to discover who you really are and why are you here? Why were you born?

One of the biggest challenges is that busyness and distractions keep us from thinking about our mission. Let's take a few moments to talk through the direction of your life.

- Where will you be in 6 months?
- Where will you be in 1 year?
- Where will you be in 5 years?
- How does it honor God and affect someone else besides yourself?





Matthew 28:16-20

But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. When they saw Him, they worshiped *Him*; but some were doubtful. And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

About The MISSION

Jesus Trained & Sent...

"Jesus was the first apostle. He was sent by his Father. He, in turn, sent the Twelve. They went to people who would then take the gospel to the rest of the world. Whoever received it would understand that they, too, had been sent. With the gospel being what it is, the church as bearer of the gospel is bound to be apostolic."

The Church is sent by Jesus

The Church is sent with the Cross

The Church is sent in Community

The Church is sent to every Culture

The Church is sent for the King & His Kingdom

2 Corinthians 5:20- Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.





That you understand you are here to accomplish something! You were created to do great things. There is purpose for your life.

Review:

- 1- Why is understanding mission important?
- 2- What is the mission of Jesus?
- 3- What has God revealed about your mission?
- 4- What is the mission of the church?



Homework For Next Week What are some obstacles you see that stop or delay you from your mission?