

(Clip) Sunny Days Don't Magnify Christ Most

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Scripture: Psalm 67:3, Philippians 4:11, 2 Corinthians 12:9

Topics: "True Satisfaction in Christ", "Joy in Trials"

Description

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Transcript

It's in the hardships, not the sunny days that you make most of Christ. Anybody can be cheerful on a sunny day. Healthy, relationships all working, no threat to your life, piece of cake, the world is not impressed that you're happy on that day.

It is in the hardships and the dangers and the risks and the losses and the suffering of the missionary life where the all-sustaining, all-satisfying greatness of Christ shines most brightly in the soul of the missionary servant who is so satisfied that that soul satisfaction carries him through all missionary trials. So hence the title of the message. Maybe cut it out, put it in the front of your Bible, some of you especially.

Christ magnified in his world through servants satisfied in his worth. Let's just say it like this, the purpose of God in creation and redemption and mission, so the the total purpose. I like to have clear the purpose of the universe or fit in.

The total purpose of the universe, all creation, all redemption, all mission, the total purpose is Christ magnified among the nations. The essential means, good so far, purpose means bridge. The means of that purpose being fulfilled among the nations is nations so satisfied in Christ, death can't break the joy.

That's how it happens. Let the nations be glad is not a clever book title, it's a quote from Psalm 67. Missions is let the nations be glad because gladness in God makes God look great, and he can look great without it.

Not in that heart, and we want people to make much of God in their heart. So the purpose, Christ magnified among the nations, the means, nations coming to be satisfied in Christ above all things, the bridge between purpose and the means is missionaries. Missions, and I'm arguing in this sermon that those missionaries are souls so satisfied in Christ that that soul satisfaction in Christ carries them through all missionary suffering.

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