

Message Notes

"Joining Jesus on His Missions Trip!"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – "Bad Missions Statements"

5 BQ's about what in the world are we doing here?

1. Why did God create the universe?
2. Why did God not trash the world in Genesis 3?
3. What, then, is the *Missio Dei*?
4. What are the implications of us?
 - a. It answers ALL the BQ questions I face!
 - b. It releases me from the "I" of those B.Q.s
 - c. Enjoying God is the fundamental purpose of our lives.
 - d. Deciding to be "on mission" with Jesus is not an option for the follower of Jesus.
5. What then is the "*Missio Me*"?

Application - Will you join Jesus on His short term missions trip of life?

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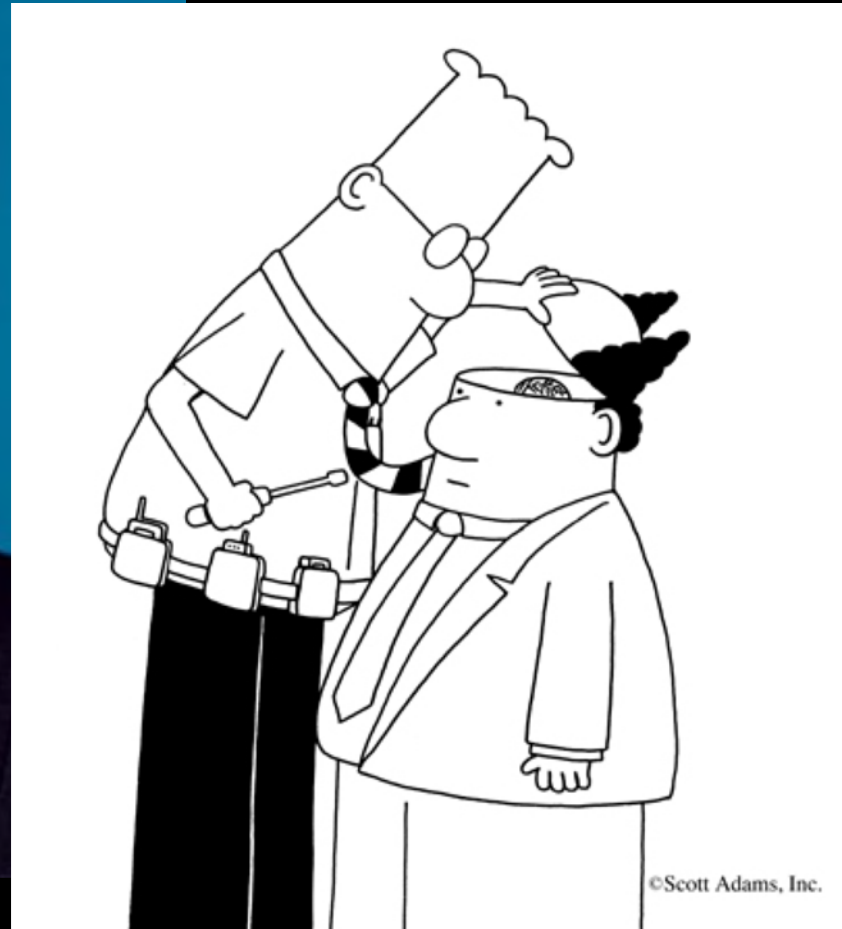
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To:

“to scout profitable growth opportunities in relationships, both internally and externally, in emerging, mission-inclusive markets, and explore new paradigms and then filter and communicate and evangelize the findings.”

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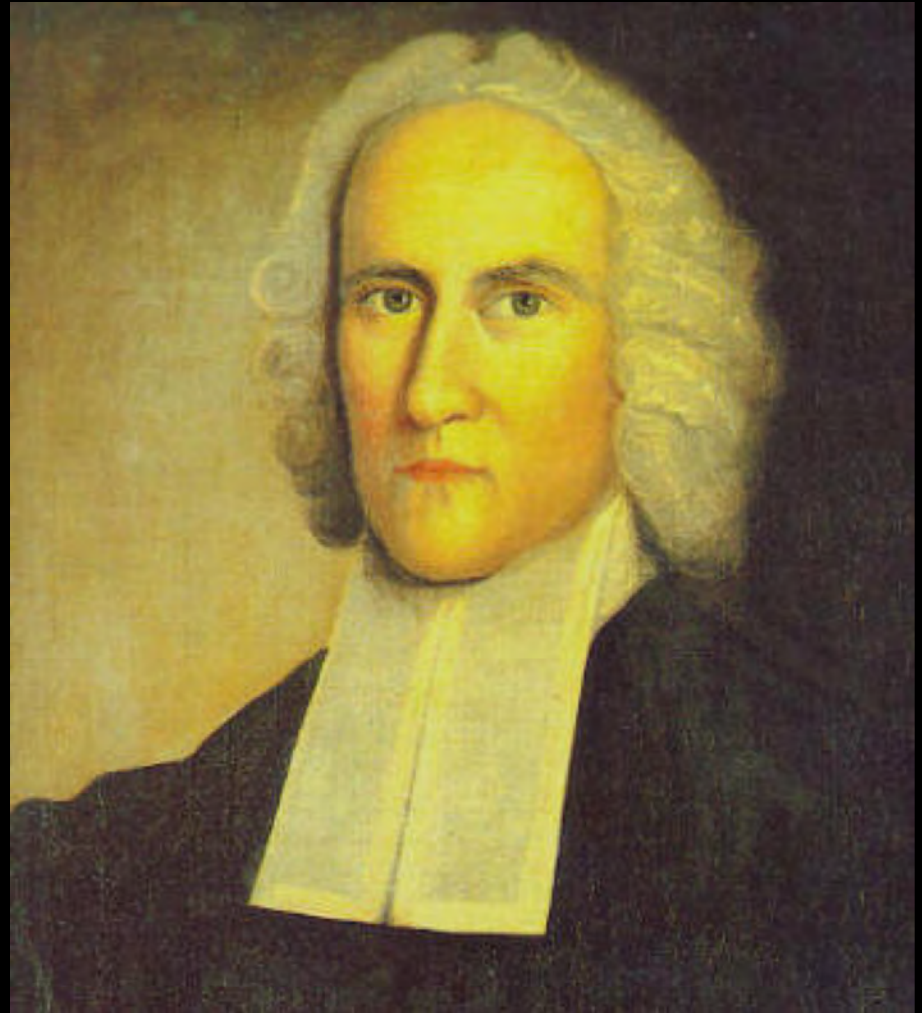
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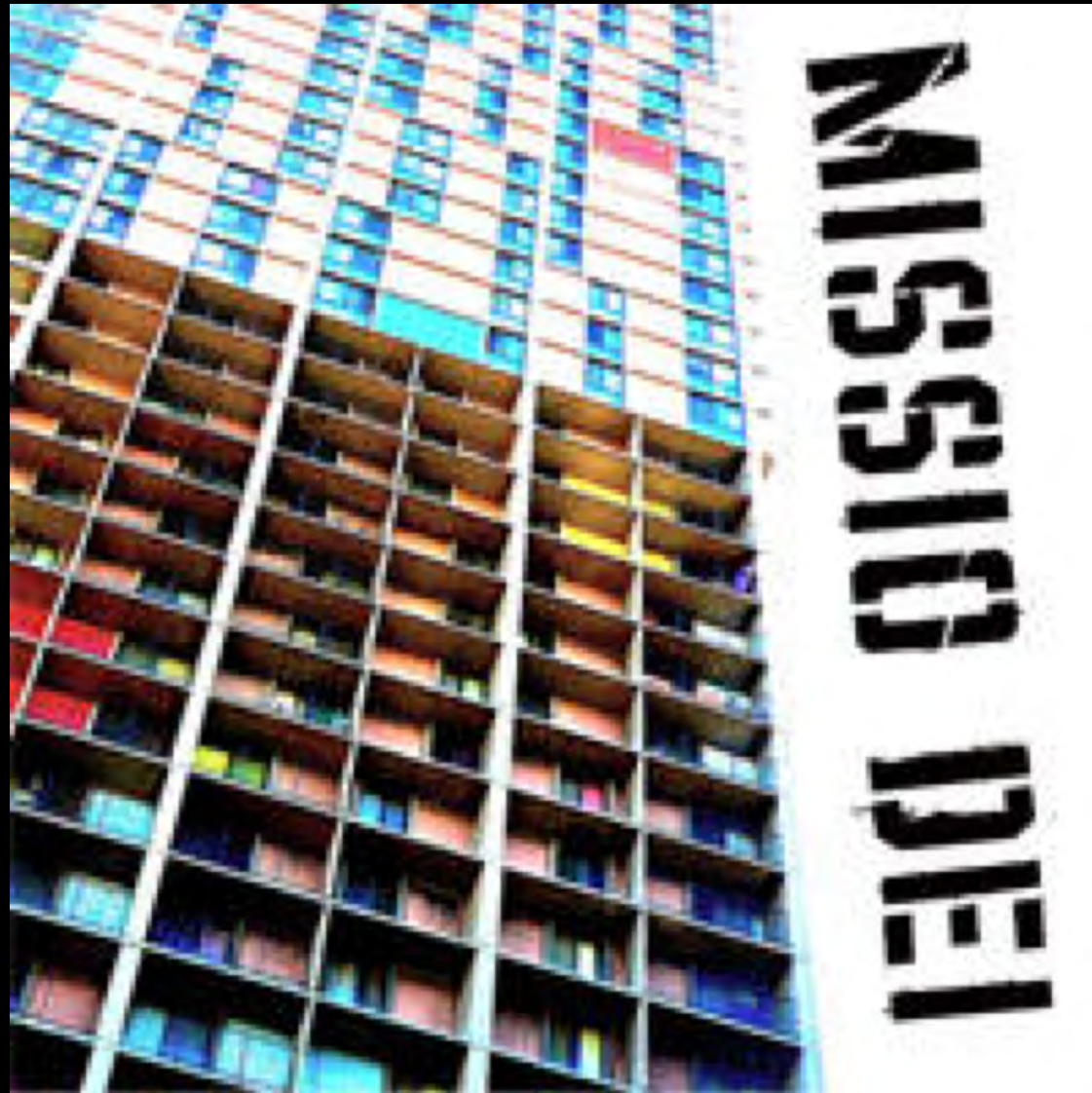
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*~ J. Edwards, Miscellanies
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~ C.S. Lewis, *Reflections on the Psalms*

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Luke 9:24

“For whoever wants
to save his life
will lose it,
but whoever loses his life
for me
will save it.”

~ Jesus

What a BIG vision of God does for us

Hebrews 12:18-29

²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,
²⁹for our “God is a consuming fire.”





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