

Your Mission?

Some thought starters...



Is your cup ½ empty, ½ full, or maybe better than ½ full? Are you bound to the past or open to the future?

Is there still time for “hope” in your life? Where do you find hope? Can your hope survive trouble? Is your hope growing?



Making a Difference

Are we just “practicing” religion? Or are we we fully Living our lives in Faith?

Can/Does Jesus make a difference in your life?

Is your faith making a difference in God’s world? Mission?



“It’s OK! Dart not poisonous ... just showin’ my kid the ropes!”

The
FAR SIDE
OCTOBER
3
THURSDAY

Your Mission In Life?

Here are some other people's thoughts...

"SWEPT UP IN JOY", by David Miller, the Lutheran, Dec. 98

"Ancient Christian imagery likened the Trinity to a whirlwind, a community of complete self-giving in which God the Father loves the Son, who loves the Spirit, who loves the Father, who loves the Son, who Round and round spins the unceasing outpouring of divine generosity in a whirlwind that seeks to sweep all hearts, all things, into this community of receiving and giving. Joy happens when we experience ourselves drawn into the whirlwind, where we know ourselves as more blessed and more capable of blessing than we had imagined possible."

"A MISSION STATEMENT FROM GOD", Christ in our Home, Dec. 31, 2002

"What would it look like if we got up each day and put at the top of our "to do" list, "Live for the praise of God's glory?" I expect it would put a smile in our hearts and more joy in our lives. Practicing gratitude does shape us into a gracious people. Thanks be to God."

"THIS IS GOD", Lakes Area Talk Etc., Dec. 22, 2002

"This is god. Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help. If likfe happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. All situations will be resolved, but in My time, not yours. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it by worrying about it. Instead, focus on all the wonderful things that are present in your life now."

"TO BE REMEMBERED", Lakes Are Talk Etc., December 22, 2002

"Because it won't be the monetary fits you leave behind, things such as can be lost forgotten or broken.

Be thankful for what you have.

Be aware of what others need.

Be strong for those who are weak.

Be compassionate from the heart.

Be giving in your spirit.

For once you leave this world behind – these things will be what you are remembered by." (JH2002)

OFFICE CONVERSATION, Jan. 2, 2003, about entering this new year...

"Will this be a good year?"

"I hope so... They've all been good years so far..."

See *Matthew 28:16-20*.

What does this word from Jesus have to do with you and how you live out your life? Your mission?

Where are you in your walk with Jesus?

Confirmation Reflections

If God does indeed choose to move through God's people, "the Church":

1. How might Jesus be working in specific ways through Lord of Life Lutheran "church"?
2. How might Jesus be working through Lord of Life Lutheran "Church" or other Christians to help me?
3. How might Jesus be working through me, a baptized Christian, to make a Godly difference in the world?

Whose Hands

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19.

A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6.

A baseball in Mark McGuire's hands is worth \$19 million.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands.

A tennis racket in Pete Sampras' hands is a Wimbledon Championship.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal.

A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A sling shot in my hands is a kid's toy.

A sling shot in David's hand is a mighty weapon.

It depends whose hands it's in.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands.

It depends whose hands it's in.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse.

Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world.

It depends whose hands it's in.

As you see now it depends whose hands it's in.

So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams,
your families and your relationships in God's hands because

It depends whose hands it's in.

