

## **MSG: THE MISSION**

**SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 28:18-20 NLT**

**SZN 2: REVIVAL THROUGH LOVING**

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**“Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**

### **INTRO:**

When I attended Howard University, all different kinds of Black folk..

African -American, Afro Caribbeans, Afro-Europeans, Afro-Latinos, AFRICANS, beautiful Black people, TRIBES FROM ALL ACROSS THE GLOBE & on THE YARD.

I remember DEBATING and building with FIVE-PERCENTERS, GNOSTICS, Hebrew Israelites, Brothers from the Nation Of Islam, Building with Straight, gay, bi-, queer, trans, folk ALL DIFFERENT TYPES OF BLACK PEOPLE, ALL REPRESENTING THE BEAUTY OF OUR PEOPLE From around African DIASPORA

I REMEMBER THE VERY FIRST DAY OF CLASS, I thought i was apart of what WEB DuBois in 1903 called The Talented Tenth-the term to describe the likelihood of one in ten black men becoming leaders of black people in the world, through methods such as continuing their education, writing books, or becoming directly involved in social activism.

What would later be coined & and then weaponized against us-The Exceptional Negro!

This worldview had been shaped and cultivated by my Jamaican father, Dr. Desmond Osborne, who migrated to this country teaching us to love God, disciplined us into not buying into the lie that you can only sing. dance. Run fast. Jump High. OR Entertain.

And while we certainly can do all that he preached this to my five brothers and sisters..TO USE OUR SHARPENED MINDS. MY intellect.

Rigorous study and unrelenting Work ethic....To become all that God intended for you to be. My Parents were about THE MISSION!

This was fostered by My Cousin-Sellano, a practicing Attorney, who made me read The Autobiography of Malcolm X, at 10years old in the 4th Grade, and initially planted the seed of THE MECCA!

This was curated by my teachers; all exquisite black women and Men like y..

5th Grade -Mrs. Lucas- A Brilliant Black woman from The Bronx

6th Grade - Mrs. Harold- Black Woman, A Delta, who challenged my Emotional Intelligence before the phrase was popular

7th Grade -Mr. Boles, A brother, my math teacher who showed me steady patience

7th Grade -Mrs. Harry', a Black Woman, an AKA, who first taught me how to use a sewing machine 30 years ago, was the seed planted for the Designer I am today.

8th Grade- Mr. Henry, A brother who was an Alpha, who first introduced me Entrepreneurship.

8th Grade- Mrs. Watts Jenkins- a black woman, A Delta, who Took us to NYC for the first time, who pulled leadership out of me.

9th Grade-12th Grade, The LINKS, INCORPORATED, established in 1946 by Black Women who invested into me, who taught me leadership development on the campus of Hampton University, every month for, Four Years straight

9th Grade-Mrs Flood- An AKA and My Debate coach for 4 years, taught me how to orate, defend and critically think about your position. Which instilled in me the confidence to do what I am doing at this very moment. Proclaim truth!

10th Grade. Mrs. Rambeau- Who introduced me to the writings James Baldwin, also an AKA.

11/12th Grade Mrs. Harrell- A Delta, who took us on a HBCU tour throughout the south, gave me \$10K Scholarship

12th Grade Mrs Harry-A sister, Who never excepted any excuses and would simply say, "ZHERO" and keep it movin! Also a Delta.

Each of them spoke Like Mya Angelou, they were Determined like Mary McLeod Bethune.  
Resolved like Fannie Lou Hamer.  
burdened like Barbara Skinner.  
And steady like Martin.

And If I asked a question, they answered casually with quote from other black activists, not to impress me. Casually. To affirm and inspire me!  
They prophesied over me!

Every single one of them referred to me with dignity and class as "MR. OSBORNE"...POWERFUL!  
And Every one of them, like all the names I've shared.  
Loved Jesus.  
Deeply.  
Disciplined me intentionally.

THEY WERE ALL ABOUT THE MISSION!

Since we last gathered much has happened across our nation. ICE Agents, who are Modern day Slave Catchers, at the orders of a Tyrannical President to execute heinous murders of Americans in our streets.

You see, the Slave Catchers were individuals and organized patrols employed to track, apprehend, and return escaped enslaved people to their owners, acting with legal authority in the Americas from the 1600s until the 1860s. They utilized extreme violence to enforce slavery, maintain discipline, and suppress uprisings, often abducting free Black people in Northern states...That sounds exactly like the job description of ICE today.

-Five Black Journalists were unjustly arrested for reporting the terrors of those ICE Agents.

-A President who is more preoccupied with Posting Racist Videos, Instead of Positing Restorative Vision for our country.

-The Immorality, indecency of dignity and inhumanity of the powerful that pervades every system in this nation is apparent now more than ever..

The prophets' Words in Hosea 10:13 ring loud today in this nation; "You have planted wickedness, you have reaped evil".

And all while sects of The Church have bowed their knees to Caesar...

White Evangelical Christian Nationalist Pastors and Churches who have partnered with Satan to idolize and identify with power, at the cost of confusing believers and nonbelievers with false racist doctrine, false heretical beliefs and false bigoted practices.

As Our Lord says "Woe to you Blasphemous Teachers!"

And even Black Pastors , Young and Old... who have foolishly adopted Christian Nationalist racist Ideology, it's demonic Rhetoric, it's Loveless Theology and destructive practices, who are preaching self-hate speech and banging against your own people?!?!

Who has sold out their prophetic "birth right" for "a bowl of soup"...what's the bowl of soup?

"A book deal"..

"A spot to be a speaker at their conferences"...

"a spot on their podcast couches..."

and "a place on their platforms"

all for a "seat at the table"..

A table that was built to strategically marginalize, dehumanize and destroy the very black people that you are supposed to be shepherding.

I say again, "Woe to you blasphemous teachers!"

ANYTIME THE MISSION OF JESUS SURRENDERS ITSELF TO THE MISSION OF A GOVERNMENT WE HAVE LOST OUR PROPHETIC MANDATE TO FULFILL THE MISSION!

PROVERBS 22:8, IS CLEAR "WHOEVER SOWS INJUSTICE REAPS CALAMITY, AND THE ROD THEY WIELD IN FURY WILL BE BROKEN".

In 2019, our church evolved our Mission Statement. Which has been KNOW GOD, DISCOVER PURPOSE, LIVE GENEROUSLY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Now as our vision has evolved to BUILDING BROKEN LIVES BACK TO LIFE so must our mission evolve.

The mission is how vision is accomplished. The mission is our "how". The mission is our mechanics. The mission is our machine.

The mission is the way that we operate in order to fulfill that preferred future of our vision!

I often think about the vision that Frederick Douglas held onto of seeing people free by the power of the Cross of Christ!

See Liberation, Freedom and justice have always been The Mission of The Cross!

And so today, my hope is that you will begin to see that The Mission of The Kingdom is directly tied to the mission for your life...

With that, I'm excited to present our evolved **MISSION**, which will now be:

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LOVE PEOPLE  
BUILD DISCIPLES  
REVIVE CULTURE

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One more time, **THE MISSION** has now evolved to:

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And The Mission is tethered to **The Great Commission!** So let's talk about THE MISSION...

## **1. THE MISSION IS LOVE GOD**

**Matthew 22:37-38 NLT**

**“Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.”**

### **LOVING GOD LIBERATES YOU**

Marcus Garvey said

“We are going to emancipate ourselves from mental slavery because whilst others might free the body, none but ourselves can free the mind.”

As a black church, we proudly stand in the rich and glorious beautiful history of THEE BLACK CHURCH that has always been about The Mission of Kingdom...

THE BLACK CHURCH has  
A LEGACY OF LIBERATION.

BLACK CHURCH has always been  
AN INFRASTRUCTURE AGAINST INJUSTICE!

THE BLACK CHURCH is  
A SPACE THAT HAS, IS AND WILL ALWAYS SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER!

### **LOVING GOD FREES OTHERS**

As a black church about The Mission of The Kingdom, we've always provided...

A FRAMEWORK FOR FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

THE BLACK CHURCH has always been..

A TRADITION OF TALKIN' THAT TALK!

THE BLACK CHURCH has always been...

THE PULPIT FOR PROPHETIC VISION, VOICE AND PROVISION!

WE BEEN BOUT THAT ACTION!

Our love HAS BEEN PROVEN IN OUR ACTION!

## **2. OUR MISSION IS LOVE PEOPLE**

**Matthew 22:39 NLT**

**“A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”**

### **LOVING PEOPLE IS NOT SILENCE AND COMPLIANCE**

President Obama said,

"Faith demands that we see the image of God in one another and respect it, and should be used to lift up the vulnerable"

### **LOVING PEOPLE IS NOT COMPLICITY WITH WHITE SUPREMACY**

### **LOVING PEOPLE IS RESISTANCE AND RESILIENCE**

Jesus was speaking of the unlovable, the discarded, the neglected and the forgotten.

## **3. OUR MISSION IS BUILD DISCIPLES**

**Matthew 28:19-20 NLT**

**“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.”**

### **BUILD DISCIPLES BY PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS**

### **BUILD DISCIPLES BY INSTRUCTING UPSIDE-DOWN LIVING WITH JESUS**

-Like Jesus and With Jesus!

-Learning paradoxical expression of the Kingdom of God

-And equipping an instruction of how to live out this discipleship

-In the middle of an unjust, corrupt racist nation,

-We more radically, bring about justice, Mercy, kindness and redemption!

#### **4. THE MISSION IS REVIVE CULTURE**

**Matthew 5:13-14 NLT**

**“You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.”**

#### **REVIVE CULTURE DOESN'T MEAN CO-SIGNING CORRUPT CLERGY**

-WE ARE NOT TRYING TO TAKEOVER THE WORLD!

-KINGDOM IS NOT IMPERIALISM

#### **REVIVE CULTURE MEANS YOU BECOME “SALTY” AND “SHINE YOUR LIGHT”**

WE PRESERVE AND WE CLARIFY

WE ENHANCE JUSTICE AND WE EXPEL DARKNESS

WE REPEAL FALSEHOOD AND WE EXPOSE TRUTH

-We preserve the We run to the darkness and  
...THE Mission is REVIVE CULTURE

OUR VISION As we Build broken lives back to life!

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