

"WILLINGLY OFFERED"

2 Chronicles 17:16

In 1944, German forces made a massive surprise attack on the Allied lines: 19,000 Americans were killed. The lines had very green troops. Officers asked for volunteers to go after German tanks. 19 y.o. had never fired a bazooka in his life, but he and Roland Seamon said yes. Under heavy fire they shot and knocked out 2 tanks. In 2014 he said, I didn't even think about volunteering. I never considered myself brave ... Somebody had to do it, and I was there." The German attack was stopped/lives saved – b/c 2 men volunteered.

2 Chronicles 17:16 NKJV next to him was Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself to the LORD, and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor.

I. PURPOSE

A. There is a hunger in the heart of men for purpose: *Purpose = The reason something exists*

1. They are wanting their life to have meaning: *What is my purpose for living?*
2. **Some men simply drift through life:** *Living day to day...work/eat/sleep/play - repeat*
 - a. They can discover they have wasted their lives: *They don't achieve much*
3. **Some men spend their whole lives on themselves:** *What do I want? What do I enjoy?*
 - a. **Philippians 2:21** *For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.*

B. Purpose has 2 sides:

1. **There are needs in life:** *Kingdom: They faced enemies. People's lives would depend on a strong army*
 - a. There are needs in the church: Tasks and people.
 - b. There are people in need: **Matthew 9:36** *But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.*
 1. Addicted 2. Broken-hearted 3. Broken relationships 4. Anxiety/depression
2. **God makes plans:** *Life is not simply about our feelings/choices*
 - a. God created us/planned us – for a reason! *For His purpose!*
 1. **Jeremiah 1:5** *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."*
 2. **Colossians 1:1** *Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,*
 - b. God plans things for us in the local church c. God plans for us to reach certain people
 - d. God may plan things for us in a life-purpose

II. BEING WILLING

A. It's possible we may not be excited at the idea of needs and plans

1. We may have different plans/different preferences
2. We may be afraid/we may feel inadequate: a. *Saul hid* b. *Jonah ran away*

B. What is it that enables us to enter into the needs and plans of life?

1. **V16** *Amasiah...who willingly offered himself to the LORD*
 - a. Amasiah was willing: *Not compelled/forced – I choose to offer*
 1. *I am willing to meet needs* 2. *I am willing to do God's will*
2. Amasiah offered himself: *The greatest gift you can ever give to God is yourself – your life*
 - a. **Romans 12:1** *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*
3. What if you don't know what need to meet? What if you don't know if you are called?
 - a. Part of willingness means we are 'willing to be willing'
 1. God, I'm not sure what to do/what you want: *But I am willing to meet a need/willing to be called*
4. This is what conference is for: To offer ourselves to God – and allow Him to speak

III. IMPACT

A. The greatest privilege is that your life can impact other people: **V16** with 200,000...

1. Forevermore those 200,000 men will be connected to Amasiah!
 - a. *Amasaiah, what did you do with your life? I led 200,000 men*
2. God has planned certain people to be saved b/c of us! *God knows their names!*
3. God may have planned cities to be impacted b/c of you
4. God may have planned nations to be impacted b/c of you!