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Cardinal John Henry Newman*



# LET'S GET TO WORK!

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE? DID YOU EVER WANT TO BE A FAMOUS FOOTBALLER OR MUSICIAN? OR BE A SUPERHERO OR A PRINCESS? OR LIKE THE KARATE KID?

HOW HAVE YOUR DREAMS CHANGED? WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE IN LIFE NOW?



WATCH THIS VIDEO FROM FR MARK MARY, CFR, "GOD HAS A MISSION FOR YOU" (ASCENSION PRESENTS) AND REFLECT ON THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW



Fr Mark Mary wanted to learn to karate-chop people as a child - but what kind of steps did he have to learn first?



## GOD INVITES MAN TO PARTICIPATE IN HIS WORK IN A REAL AND EVEN NECESSARY WAY.

Fr Mark gives three Old Testament examples to prove this point (**Adam & Eve, Noah, Moses**).

Explain how any of these people were invited to participate in God's work of salvation?



In the New Testament, how was Mary invited to be part of God's work of salvation in a necessary way?

In what ways were the disciples and Apostles of Jesus invited to be part of this necessary work of salvation?



What short phrases from Jesus does Fr Mark Mary use to explain the mission given to the Apostles, the first priests?

• **Go make** \_\_\_\_\_ **| Do this in** \_\_\_\_\_ **of me.**

When Jesus breathed on the Apostles, what did he give them power to do?

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Explain how the creation of the bible itself shows how God wants man to participate in his work of salvation.

KARATE-CHOPPING TIME! YOU AND I HAVE A GOD-GIVEN NECESSARY MISSION, AS AN EXPRESSION OF HIS PARTICULAR LOVE FOR YOU AND I: A MISSION WHICH IS OUR OWN AND THAT NO-ONE ELSE CAN ACCOMPLISH.



Why should we take this mission seriously?

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED WHAT YOUR UNIQUE CALL / MISSION TO THE PARTICULAR PEOPLE AROUND YOU MIGHT BE? OUR PLOT MIGHT BE SMALL, BUT IT'S STILL NECESSARY!



In today's Gospel, Jesus calls Peter and the other apostles to follow Him, to become *fishers of men*' instead of fishermen. There's no way they could have understood what that actually meant at the time or how it would really change their whole lives, but they trusted in Him.



READ: MARK 1:14-20

Do you ever wonder what your personal mission is? You definitely have one - God has given you a particular mission and way of serving Him and others that no-one else can do in the same way! You don't need to figure it out all at once. But it's a good idea to keep it in mind.

Here are some tips to figuring it out: 1. With every decision, just do the next good thing (and then the next after that..) i.e. make good daily decisions. 2. Be open and honest about who you are (and ask God who He created you to be). 3. Discern your gifts and talents [For more ideas, read this blog from LifeTeen by clicking here!](#)



MISSION!

WRITE OUT A LIST OF YOUR STRENGTHS AND TALENTS. BE HONEST ABOUT THEM! MAYBE ASK SOMEONE WHO KNOWS YOU WELL TO LIST SOME TOO. AND THEN ASK GOD HOW HE WANTS YOU TO USE THOSE GIFTS AND TALENTS.



PRAYER TIME!

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### CREATE A PLAYLIST TO LISTEN TO AS YOU REFLECT ON YOUR MISSION IN LIFE



- Newsboys: Fishers of Men
- Pat Barrett: Canvas and Clay
- Cain: The Commission
- Christ for the Nations: Take my Life and Let it Be
- Keith and Kristyn Getty: Speak O Lord
- Rend Collective: Plans
- Casting Crowns: Nobody
- Josh Willson: Dream Small



Scene from The Chosen Season 1: Jesus Calls Peter



Cardinal John Henry Newman's Prayer



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I shall be an angel of peace,  
a preacher of truth in my own place,  
while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments.

Therefore, I will trust Him,  
whatever I am, I can never be thrown away.  
If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him,  
in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him.  
If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.  
He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about.  
He may take away my friends.  
He may throw me among strangers.  
He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink,  
hide my future from me.  
Still, He knows what He is about.”

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