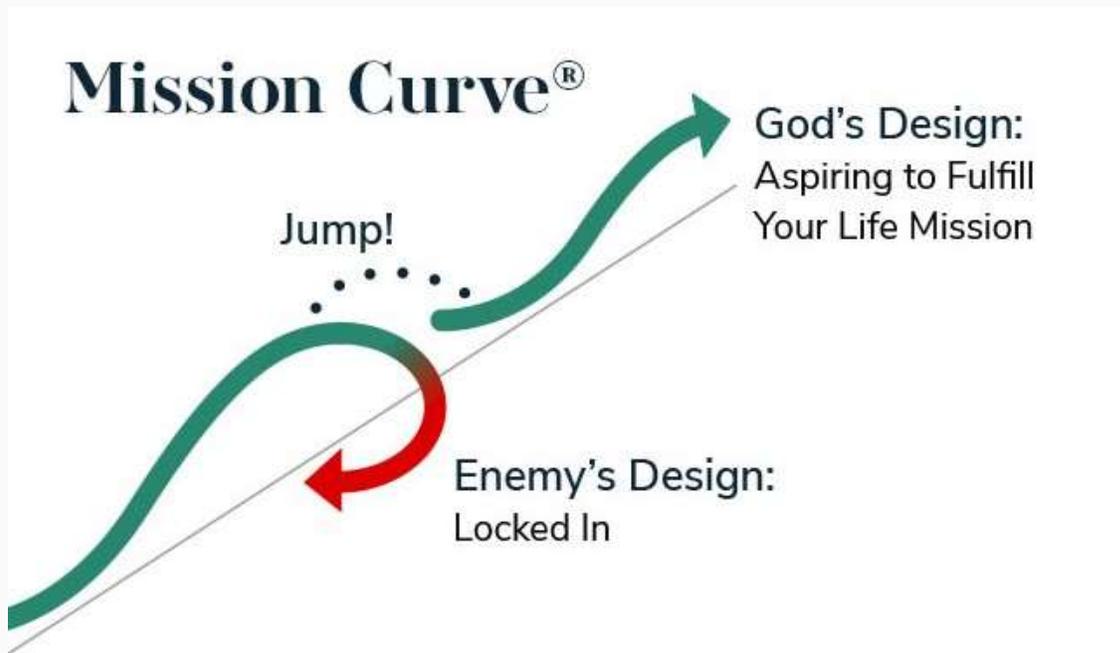




Don't Just Imagine It, Experience It!



“May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.”

Apostle Paul | Ephesians 3:19 (NLT)

Think about the gap between knowing and experiencing. It's one thing to know about something, quite a different thing to experience it. Take mountain biking for example. By studying, I can build up a vast

knowledge base of the techniques for handling rock gardens, soft soil, training methods, with the intent to become a top rider. Yet, it's not until I get out on the trails to gain firsthand experience that I even have a chance at this goal.

All the knowledge in the world, while good, comes up short without the addition of experience.

If you think about it, even God, who knows everything past, present and future, has not experienced everything yet. My wife likes to ask, why was it so hard for Jesus to die on the cross when he knew he would rise again? Though he knew what would happen, he had not experienced the emotional depth of what it was like to be separated from the Father. By faith he went to the cross. Likewise, though we can know that we are saved and will rise from the dead to live out eternity in Heaven, we have not experienced it yet. So, we must rely on faith and it is by faith alone that we can experience a taste of what is to come.

When it comes to being “made complete with all the fullness of life” as Paul describes, experience is required. And herein lies the challenge before each of us.

The love of Christ can't be fully understood by simply building up knowledge while living out a “safe, comfortable life.”

Why? Because we don't need his love so much in this carefully controlled environment that requires little faith and provides even less experience. Jesus knows this so encourages each of us to engage life fully, with great faith. He says to his soon to be disciples:

“Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” Jesus Christ| Matthew 4:19 (NLT)

He called them into a life of faith filled adventure, a life of mission, a life to experience him through. Their lives were never the same and they learned firsthand how long, wide and deep Jesus' love was for them.

Paul stroked this prayer in Ephesians after iterating that Jesus had given him the privilege of sharing the good news with the gentiles (Paul's Life Mission). Paul lived out a life of adventure aligned with his Life Mission. His experience of Christ's love was so powerful that he said:

"When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth." Apostle Paul | Ephesians 3:14-15 (NLT)

As Paul pursued his Life Mission, he regularly made Jumps of faith that kept him aligned with it. He did not allow himself to become comfortable or unfruitful. He followed his Mission Curve® and experienced firsthand the love of Christ. Look at the result...Paul experienced so much love that he fell to his knees as he reflected on it. Can you imagine? Such a full life! So contagious!

A life of complete fullness comes through experiencing the love of Christ firsthand and it is available to each of us. You simply must make Jumps of faith to keep your life aligned with your life's Mission Curve®. Like Paul, you will experience the fullness of the love of Christ and the power that comes from truly knowing God.

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Apostle Paul | 2 Timothy 4:7(NLT)

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