# Breaking Through to a Missional Life Acts 8, 9, 10

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[Message 3]



#### Our Primary Mission from God:

An invitation by God to join Him in the task of taking His good news of true forgiveness, freedom, and fulfillment to all the peoples of the world by our words and actions.

#### Missional Living:

Living our lives in such a way as to consistently and Intentionally making God's mission our top priority.

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In order to be effective bridges for God, we must break through different barriers in our lives and in our church.



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Acts 8:26-31

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip,



Acts 8:26-31

And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

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Acts 9:10-15

Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."



Acts 9:10-15

But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel."

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Acts 10:1-6, 19-20

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, "Cornelius." And he stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as



Acts 10:1-6

a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea."

And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them."



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Acts 10:9-20

The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, <u>Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray.</u>

And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. And there came a voice to him: "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said,



Acts 10:9-20

"By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common." This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven. And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them."

### 1. Being Bridges in Missional Living

Is missional living an unnecessary extra step? Is it a necessary part of God's gracious plan?

Philip > Holy Spirit > Ethiopian Ananias > Jesus > Saul

Peter > Angel > Cornelius





# 2. Breaking though to Missional Living

Ananias' fear

Peter's prejudice

Philip's ministries

What about us?



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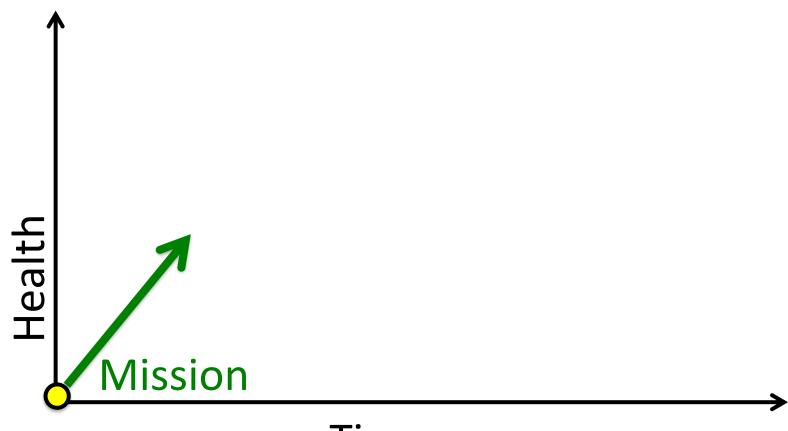


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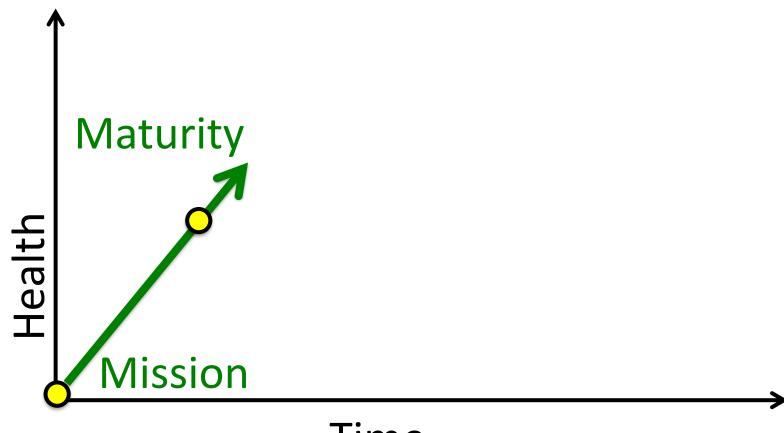
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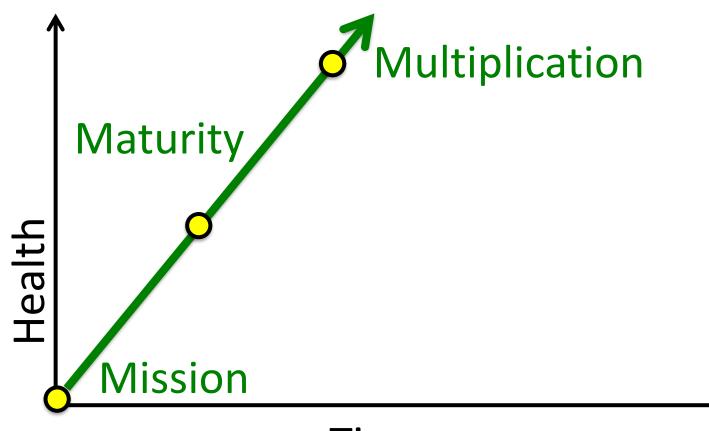
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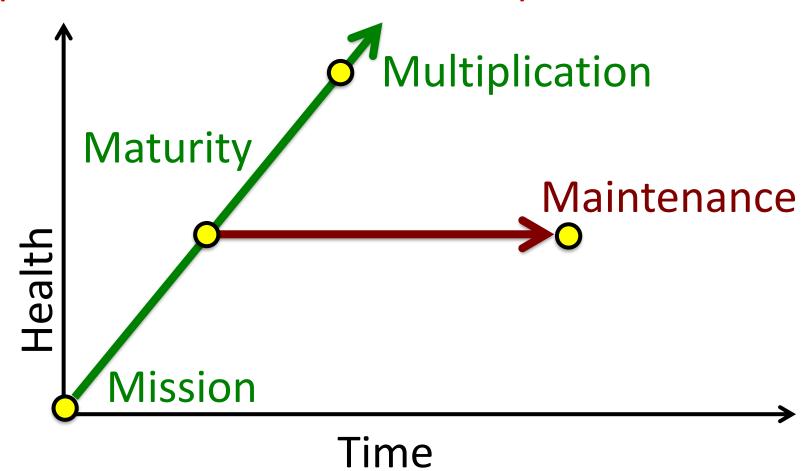


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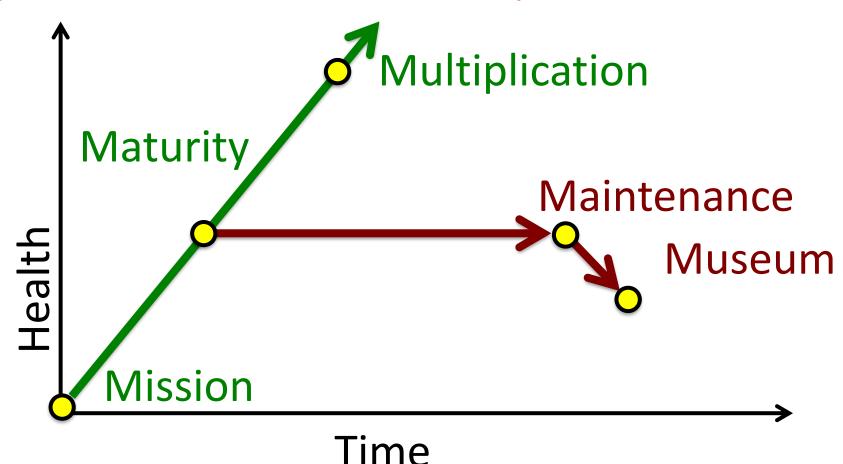


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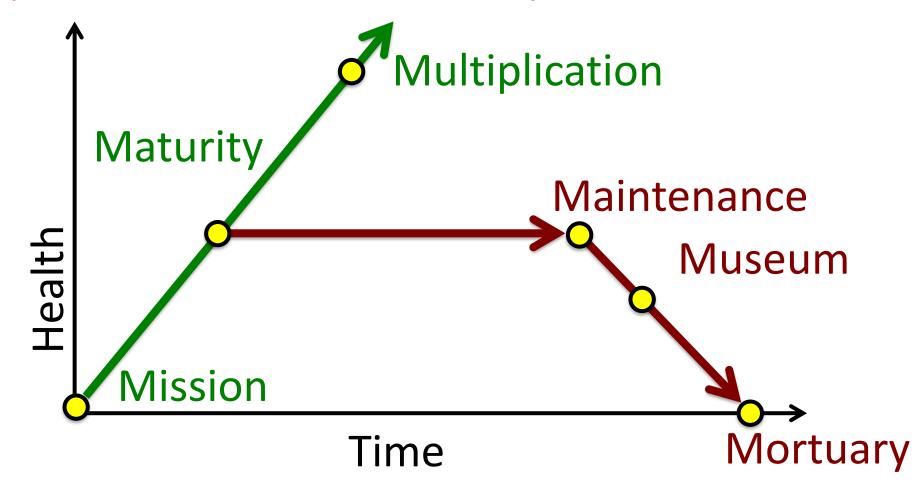




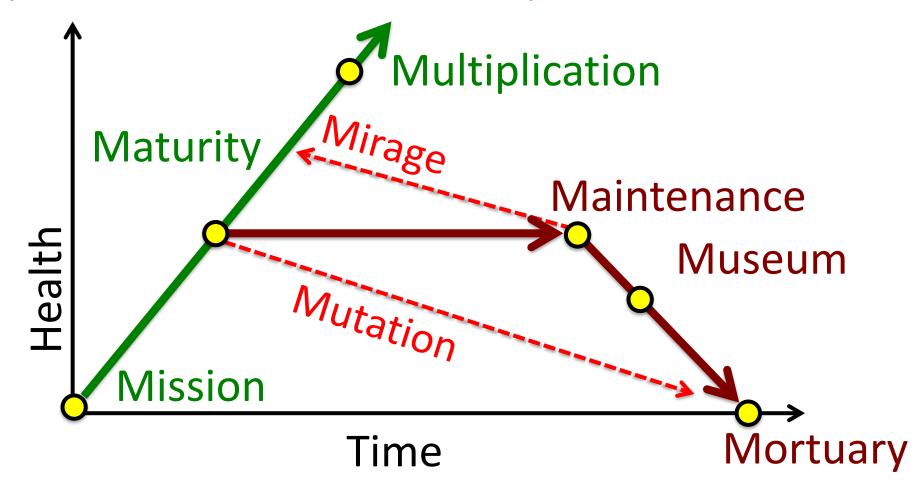












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