

# in the right place at the right time

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As I read the email, my heart leapt — it was the news we had been hoping for! After praying about it, Loren Cunningham was saying that he believed it was right for him to come to the UK.

A few weeks before, we had just finalised our plans to begin 40 weeks of 24/7 praying throughout YWAM England. The thought occurred to me that this tour of the country with Loren speaking would take place two-thirds of the way through our 40 weeks of prayer. What a significant time for Loren to come. Loren, the founder of Youth With A Mission, a man who has been to every sovereign nation in the world, someone who travels to over 40 nations every year, who has a unique perspective on what God is doing globally, calling us, in England, to step up to our part in what God wants to do in His world. Just as we are reaching the climax of our calling out for God to renew our hearts in YWAM England and use us afresh for His kingdom.

God's timing and His heart for us to be involved in His plans are amazing.

If you had said to me when I was at secondary school that five years hence I would be on the back of a motorbike taxi in the middle of Bali, Indonesia, going to tell someone about the love of Jesus I would NEVER have believed you! Five years earlier I was not even a Christian, and now here I was travelling an hour up the rice slopes, in sweltering heat, to meet a Balinese farmer. After an hour's travelling, we reached a property in the hills and then waited a further two hours for the farmer to make his way to meet us. We talked, we drank fresh coffee from freshly-dried beans, we ate, I explained the good news about Jesus. This precious man had so wanted to be told about Jesus; now, when he heard what God had done for him through Christ, he got on his knees and asked us to pray with him to become a Christian. I felt so privileged to be there at that time, talking to that man — a few hours that totally changed his life.

That experience remains with me to this day. I was in the right place at the right time, doing the right thing. And I was there because someone had preached to me about the importance of "going into all the world and preaching the gospel".

When Jesus stayed at Jacob's well, spoke to the Samaritan woman, and then waited for her to return with people from her town of Sychar, the disciples did not get it. Why had He spoken to the woman, and why now would He not eat? Why were they waiting at the well? Jesus knew that this was one of those times

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that God arranged. It was time for this woman, with her broken life, to meet with God. Not only her, but also many from her town. Jesus was breaking out of speaking only to the Jews to speak to the despised Samaritans. Jesus was ready — and the disciples could not see it!

Opportunities come around in our lives and we have a chance to respond. Do we join in with what God wants, or do we remain “dull” to God’s will and miss it? I look back over my life I know that there have been times when I have responded well to the opportunities that God has laid in front of me and at other times I have missed it. It would be comforting to think that the times when I have missed it do not matter — but they do! If I had missed it, it would have mattered to that Balinese farmer. If Jesus had missed it, it would have mattered to the Samaritan woman and the people of Sychar. Certainly, God gives us more opportunities, but that moment, that working together with God’s plans, can be missed for that time.

Please pray that we as YWAM England do not miss this opportunity to work with God as He uses Loren to give a clear call to “Go into all the world and preach the gospel” to thousands of people, especially young people. Please pray that people who hear about Loren coming don’t miss this opportunity, but come to a meeting that could lead to a total refocusing of their lives by the God of the nations. Can I invite you not to miss this opportunity to hear Loren and catch God’s heart for the world by coming yourself, bringing a car full — or a coach full!

But let me challenge you further: what other opportunities is God lining up for you right now, which He has made ready for you to take and make the most of? Perhaps there’s a neighbour to speak to, or a chance to help someone in need, or an option to give where God is prompting you to give.

How do we build a life of obedience to God? By simply taking those daily chances to obey God — and then it builds and builds and builds. We go from obeying God in one or two things to living a life of obedience. And when God can see that we are that responsive to Him, who knows what He will do with our lives and the time that we have!

*“To him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”*

(Eph 3:20–21)

Yours in Him,



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