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Series Title: The Urgency of I MUST
Key Scripture: Luke 2:41 – 52.
Recorded Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/v/the-urgency-of-i-must
Date + Speaker: September 27, 2026 | Pastor Mark Scarr

The Big Picture:
A clear understanding who we are in God provides a foundation for discovering God's purpose for our lives. Discovering God's purpose is only the beginning, we must be willing to respond and act even when it involves difficulty and sacrifice.

Starter:
Is there something that was really important to you but no one around you could understand why it mattered so much?

Discussion:
Read Luke 2:41-52.

1. In Luke 2:49, Jesus said, "I MUST be about my Father's business." What does the word "**must**" communicate about how Jesus viewed His Father's purpose?
2. What does Jesus action in Luke 2:51 communicate about how He related with His parents?
3. In Luke 2:15 Jesus' parents did not understand what He was saying. In what ways did it affect what Jesus 'NEEDED' to do?
4. Looking at Jesus, Balam, Jeremiah, Paul, and the other examples in the sermon, what common characteristics do you see in people who responded to their "I MUST"? (Numbers 22:38, Job 32:20, Jeremiah 29:9, Luke 19:5, John 4:4, Acts 19:21, Luke 4:43, 1 Corinthians 9:16, Acts 20:22; 21:13, 27:23 -26, Luke 9:22, Matthew 26:39, John 3:7, 2Corinthians 5:10) *

Diving Deeper:

1. In the sermon, Pastor Mark connected "I AM" with identity and "I MUST" with purpose. Why is it important to understand who we are before trying to understand what God wants us to do?
2. What is the difference between "**I want to**" and "**I must**" when it comes to God's purpose?
3. Jesus knew His purpose, but He still returned to Nazareth and was obedient to His parents (Luke 2:51). How does this help us to understand balancing our God-given purpose with submission, responsibility and obedience in this present season?
4. Most times, people around us will not understand and/or support something we believe God has placed in our heart. How can we respond? (Luke 2:49a, 50 & 51b)
5. What are some things that can keep us from responding to God's promptings to say something, to go somewhere, to reach someone or to do something?
6. In the sermon, "**I MUST**" is described as something that captures, captivates, convicts, consumes and compels. Which of these words best describes what it means for something to become a God-given burden in a person's life (could be one or all). Please give reasons for your response.
7. What is **
    a. the Father's business that He may be calling you to be about in this season of your life?
    b. One thing you need to surrender to God so that "not as I will, but as You will" becomes your response?

Notes

**You can pick only a couple of characters to compare, no need to compare all the characters.*

***Give people a few minutes of silence before allowing anyone to respond. It gives a chance to move from discussion into personal reflection.*