



EVANGELISM MANUAL

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“GO STRAIGHT FOR SOULS AND GO FOR THE WORST!”

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INTRODUCTION

HI, MY NAME IS JAMES THOMPSON. I AM AN OFFICER IN THE SALVATION ARMY AND I AM ALSO THE LEADER OF THE GO FOR SOULS MOVEMENT.

OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS WE (GFS) HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVELY TEACHING EVANGELISM AROUND THE WORLD. WE HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO SEE MANY PEOPLE STEP UP AND PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD WITH BOLDNESS AND THEREFORE SEEN MANY REPENT AND BELIEVE IN JESUS! HALLELUJAH!

WE HAVE HAD LOTS OF PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD ASK FOR A GO FOR SOULS CONFERENCE IN THEIR CORPS/CHURCH, THEY HAVE RECEIVED THE HOSTING PACK, BUT THEN WE LOSE CONTACT...

AFTER SOME DISCUSSION WITH SOME FRIENDS OF GFS WE WERE ENCOURAGED TO RELEASE AN EVANGELISM MANUAL THAT TEACHES PEOPLE HOW TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS. THAT PROJECT WAS ONE OF THOSE PROJECTS THAT WE DIDN'T FEEL WE COULD DO PROPERLY AS OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING KEPT EVOLVING.

THIS WENT ON FOR SOME TIME BUT I HAVE FINALLY DECIDED TO RELEASE THIS MANUAL. IT HAS A COLLECTION OF ARTICLES AND TEACHINGS THAT YOU MAY FIND USEFUL. I HOPE THIS MANUAL IS USEFUL AND TEACHES AND INSPIRES YOU TO FULFILL THE GREAT COMMISSION!

GOD IS ABUNDANTLY GOOD. NEVER FORGET THAT EVANGELISM IS SHARING GOOD NEWS!

GRACE

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PASSION FOR THE LOST - James Thompson

APATHY AND EVANGELISM

I WAS RECENTLY AT LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE FOR PLANTING REPRODUCING CHURCHES AND WE WERE LEAD BY A LEADER IN THE CHINESE HOUSE CHURCH MOVEMENT. HE WAS ASKED, “DO YOU THINK THAT THE CHURCH IN THE WEST HAS LOST ITS PASSION FOR SOULS?” HE REPLIED, “HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE YOU LEAD TO CHRIST RECENTLY?” STATISTICS SUGGEST THAT ONLY 5% OF CHRISTIANS ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN EVANGELISM¹ AND THIS MEANS THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT HEARING THE GOSPEL. WE HAVE LOST OUR BURNING, ZEALOUS PASSION FOR THE LOST.

WE READ IN ROMANS 10, “HOW, THEN, CAN THEY CALL ON THE ONE THEY HAVE NOT BELIEVED IN? AND HOW CAN THEY BELIEVE IN THE ONE OF WHOM THEY HAVE NOT HEARD? AND HOW CAN THEY HEAR WITHOUT SOMEONE PREACHING TO THEM? AND HOW CAN THEY PREACH UNLESS THEY ARE SENT? AS IT IS WRITTEN, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS!"

IF WE ARE REALLY INTERESTED IN “WINNING THE WORLD FOR JESUS” THEN WE MUST EVANGELISE! THE BOOTH FAMILY UNDERSTOOD THIS; BOTH FLORENCE AND CATHERINE WROTE ABOUT AGGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY², THIS MEANT ESTABLISHING CHRISTIANITY WHERE IT WAS NOT BEFORE. SADLY OUR CHRISTIANITY OFTEN SEEMS MORE LIKE THE OPPOSITE AND IS APOLOGETIC FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE THE TRUTH. WE HAVE BECOME APATHETIC IN SOUL SAVING ENDEAVOURS AND WE NEED TO REKINDLE THIS BURNING, ZEALOUS PASSION TO SEE THE LOST SAVED!

THE APOSTLE PAUL

WHEN I THINK OF A BURNING, ZEALOUS PASSION TO SEE THE LOST SAVED I IMMEDIATELY THINK OF THE APOSTLE PAUL. THIS PAUL WHO WAS ONCE PASSIONATE FOR PREVENTING THE GOSPEL FROM BEING SPREAD MET JESUS AND HIS LIFE WAS TRANSFORMED. AS PAUL GAVE HIS LIFE TO CHRIST HE QUICKLY BECAME ZEALOUS FOR THE GOSPEL. IN FACT HE WOULD CALL HIMSELF A FOOL FOR THE GOSPEL! HE SAID HE WOULD BECOME ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE TO SAVE SOME!

“WOE TO ME IF I DO NOT PREACH THE GOSPEL,”³ AND “FOR CHRIST'S LOVE COMPELS US!”⁴ AS WE SURVEY THE LIFE OF PAUL WE SEE THAT HE WAS TORTURED AND ABUSED, DESPISED AND REJECTED, AND STILL HE

¹ WWW.WAYOFTHEMASTER.COM

² CATHERINE BOOTH IN “AGGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY”, AND FLORENCE IN “POWERS OF SALVATION ARMY OFFICERS.”

³ 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16

⁴ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14

KEPT PREACHING THE GOSPEL. HIS CRY OF “Woe to me!” SHOWS US THAT HIS HEART WAS BURSTING WITH GODS LOVE; HE WANTED EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT THEY COULD BE RECONCILED TO GOD AND SO HIS ACTIONS MATCHED THIS. HE NEVER GAVE UP PREACHING EVEN WHEN IN JAIL, HE WAS MOTIVATED BY THE LOVE OF GOD.

THE FATHER’S HEART

WE CAN SEE THIS LOVE IN GOD THE FATHER. “FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE!”⁵ COULD YOU IMAGINE A PERSON GIVING UP THEIR ONLY SON? SOMETIMES IT IS EASY FOR US TO GLOSS OVER THIS IMPORTANT FACT THAT SHOWS US THE BURNING, ZEALOUS PASSION TO SEE PEOPLE SAVED.

THIS PASSION IS SO INTENSE THAT GOD DOES NOT WANT ANY TO PERISH BUT ALL TO COME TO REPENTANCE, HE WANTS ALL TO BE SAVED AND TO COME TO A KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH, HE IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD WHO COUNTS HIS SHEEP AND NOTICES WHEN JUST ONE IS MISSING! GOD WANTS ALL TO BE SAVED AND HE SACRIFICED HIS SON TO SHOW IT! THIS IS THE HEART OF GOD: LOVE FOR ALL!

WE SEE IN THESE EXAMPLES HOW LOVE COMPELS PEOPLE TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT WE WOULD NORMALLY SEE AS NORMAL. WE SEE THAT THIS HEART FOR THE LOST COMPELS US TO PREACH, TO DO AND BECOME ANYTHING TO SEE PEOPLE SAVED! THERE IS A BURNING, ZEALOUS PASSION TO SEE EVERY SINGLE PERSON SAVED!

HOW TO CULTIVATE A BURDEN FOR THE LOST

SO HOW DO WE GET THIS HEART FOR THE LOST? HOW DO WE TOO HAVE THIS BURNING, ZEALOUS HEART FOR THE LOST, THIS PASSION TO SEE THE WHOLE ENTIRE WORLD SAVED?

HOLINESS OF HEART

BRENGLE TEACHES US, “HOLINESS INCREASES THIS DESIRE, AND MAKES IT BURN WITH A QUENCHLESS FLAME. THE ZEAL OF OTHER PEOPLE BLAZES UP, BURNS LOW, AND OFTEN DIES OUT, BUT THE ZEAL OF A MAN WITH A CLEAN HEART, FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST, INCREASES YEAR BY YEAR. OTHERS RUN AWAY FROM THE PRAYER-MEETING, BUT HE HOLDS ON. OTHERS DO NOT GRIEVE IF SOULS ARE NOT SAVED, BUT HE FEELS THAT HE MUST SEE SOULS SAVED, OR DIE.”⁶

THE SALVATION ARMY WAS SUCH AN AGGRESSIVE SOUL SAVING MOVEMENT BECAUSE WE WERE COMPELLED BY THE LOVE OF GOD. STORIES ABOUND OF SALVATIONISTS LIKE RAILTON, CADMAN, BOOTH-TUCKER, JOE THE TURK AND MANY OTHERS WHO WORKED HARD, PREACHED OFTEN AND CREATIVELY ENGAGED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT THEY MIGHT SAVE SOME. IT IS NOT BY CHANCE THAT MANY REVIVALS AROUND THE WORLD, AND ESPECIALLY THE SALVATION ARMY, HAVE HAD A HOLINESS DOCTRINE, BECAUSE HOLINESS COMPELS PEOPLE TO EVANGELISE!

⁵ JOHN 3:16

⁶ THE WAY OF HOLINESS

THEY HAD A BURNING, ZEALOUS PASSION TO PREACH THE GOSPEL BECAUSE THEY WANTED EVERYONE TO BE SAVED! THEY GENUINELY LOVED PEOPLE AND WANTED THEM TO KNOW GOD. THIS LOVE COMES FROM GOD, AND WHEN WE ALLOW GOD TO TAKE AWAY ALL OUR SIN, AND THEN FILL US WITH HIS LOVE WE TOO CAN HAVE THIS BURNING, ZEALOUS PASSION TO SEE OTHER SAVED!

HEED THE CALL TO EVANGELISE

ANOTHER WAY WE CAN CULTIVATE OUR PASSION FOR THE LOST IS TO START WITH OBEDIENCE. IF WE SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES WE WILL SEE THAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO, COMMANDED US TO, AND COMPELLED US TO PREACH THE GOSPEL. AT THE BEGINNING OF JESUS MINISTRY HE CALLED THE FISHERMEN TO COME FISHING FOR PEOPLE WITH HIM, THEN JUST BEFORE JESUS ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN HE COMMANDED US ALL TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL THE WORLD! JESUS COMMANDS US TO EVANGELISE, AND WE MUST OBEY!

WILLIAM BOOTH SAID, “WE ARE A SALVATION PEOPLE - THIS IS OUR SPECIALITY - GETTING SAVED AND KEEPING SAVED, AND THEN GETTING SOMEBODY ELSE SAVED, AND THEN GETTING SAVED OURSELVES MORE AND MORE UNTIL FULL SALVATION ON EARTH MAKES THE HEAVEN WITHIN.” IF WE EMBRACE OUR CALLING TO BE A HOLINESS – EVANGELISM MOVEMENT THEN WE WILL SEE REVIVAL! WE NEED TO EMBRACE OUR CALLING AND THE COMMANDS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY NATION!

HATE HELL

ANOTHER INTERESTING DEFINING ASPECT OF A BURNING, ZEALOUS PASSION FOR SOULS COMES FROM OUR HATE OF HELL. MANY EVANGELISTS WILL TALK ABOUT HOW HELL FRIGHTENS THEM AND MOTIVATES THEM TO PREACH THE GOSPEL! FLORENCE BOOTH SPEAKS OF THIS, “WHEN OFFICERS SHOW A LACK OF POWER FOR AGGRESSIVE WORK, I AM CONVINCED THAT THEIR HEARTS ARE NOT DEEPLY MOVED OVER THE CONDITION OF SINNERS.”⁷

BOOTH CONTINUES TO TEACH THAT WE MUST NOT ONLY BELIEVE IN OUR HEADS OUR DOCTRINE OF HELL WE MUST BELIEVE IT IN OUR HEART. SHE SAYS THAT CONVICTION IS WHEN A TRUTH IS FIRMLY PLANTED IN OUR HEART, AND IF THE DOCTRINE OF HELL IS PLANTED IN OUR HEART WE WILL BE MUCH MORE AGGRESSIVE IN OUR EVANGELISM, AND NOT ONLY THAT BUT OUR EVANGELISM WILL BE MORE COMPELLING TO THE SINNER TO BE SAVED!

CONCLUSION

GOD LOVES EVERY PERSON IN THE WORLD AND WANTS THEM TO BE SAVED! IMAGINE IF EVERY SALVATIONIST HAD THIS BURNING, ZEALOUS PASSION FOR THE LOST! IMAGINE IF OUR HEARTS WERE MOVED BY THE PLIGHT OF THE UNSAVED DRIFTING OFF INTO HELL. IMAGINE THE PASSION WHICH WE WOULD PREACH WITH, IMAGINE THE LOVE WE WOULD CARE WITH, IMAGINE

⁷ FLORENCE BOOTH, POWERS OF SALVATION ARMY OFFICERS

**THE ZEAL WE WOULD PRAY WITH, IMAGINE THE METHODS WE WOULD USE,
IMAGINE HOW POWERFUL OUR MESSAGE WOULD BE!**

DO YOU HAVE A BURNING, ZEALOUS PASSION FOR THE LOST?

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APPARENTLY THERE'S A GREAT NEW WAY OF FEEDING DOGS. INSTEAD OF THROWING THEM A BONE, OR INSTEAD OF PUTTING SOME DOG FOOD IN THEIR BOWL TO EAT, YOU PUT THE DOG FOOD IN YOUR POCKET. THEN YOU STARVE THE DOG IN A HOPE THAT THE DOG WILL COME TO YOU AND START EATING OUT OF YOUR POCKET! IN FACT YOU COULD EVEN SHOW THE DOG THAT YOU HAVE FOOD, BUT WHATEVER YOU DO, DO NOT GIVE IT TO THE DOG BEFORE HE STARTS SNIFFING YOUR POCKETS...

HMMM ISN'T THAT WHAT MOST PEOPLE ARE TEACHING ABOUT EVANGELISM? KEEP YOUR SALVATION IN YOUR POCKET UNTIL SOMEONE STARTS SNIFFING AROUND? WAIT UNTIL PEOPLE REALLY NEED THE GOSPEL BEFORE YOU START PREACHING. YOU CAN SHOW THEM A LITTLE BIT OF WHAT'S IN YOUR POCKET BUT TRY NOT TO... YOU ONLY ALLOW THEM TO EAT ONCE THEY HAVE COME TO YOU. ITS HOW JESUS DID IT RIGHT...?

NO. JESUS TOLD US TO GO INTO THE WORLD. YOU SEE THERE ARE A SO MANY POTENTIAL PROBLEMS, OR TRAPS, WITH RELATIONAL EVANGELISM WHICH I'M CALLING "TEASING DOG EVANGELISM" OR TDE. RELATIONAL EVANGELISM CAN BE VERY EFFECTIVE IF WE STEER CLEAR OF THE FOLLOWING TRAPS.

TDE HAS AN EMPHASIS ON PEOPLE COMING TO US RATHER THAN ON US GOING TO THEM. THIS IS A BIG, BIG PROBLEM. JESUS NEVER SAT AT HOME AND WAITED FOR PEOPLE TO COME TO HIM. (THEY DID COME TO HIM WHILE HE WAS MOVING THOUGH!) HE WAS CONSTANTLY ON THE MOVE. AND NOT ONLY THAT HE TOLD US TO GO INTO THE WORLD AND PREACH. SO FOR A START WE'RE SINNING IF WE DO NOT OBEY BY MOVING, TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE PEOPLE!

IF A DOG ISN'T GETTING FED IT STARTS SNOOPING AROUND THE GARBAGE TRYING TO FIND ANYTHING THAT WILL DO. I SEE PEOPLE EVERY DAY EXPERIMENTING WITH DRUGS, ALCOHOL, SUICIDE, GANGS, VIOLENCE, HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE LIST GOES ON. WE ARE WAITING FOR THEM TO COME TO US BEFORE WE FEED THEM WHILST THEY ARE SNIFFING AROUND RUBBISH AND GETTING SICK AND DIEING! WE MUST NOT BE TRAPPED BY WAITING FOR PEOPLE TO COME TO US, WE MUST GO TO THEM!

TDE HAS AN EMPHASIS ON NOT SHARING TOO MUCH TOO SOON. SOMETIMES IT SEEMS LIKE WE ARE ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL. IS IT THAT WE THINK THAT THE DOG FOOD WILL ONLY FEED THE DOG ONCE SO WE WAIT UNTIL THAT DOG REALLY WANTS IT? OR IS IT THAT WE DON'T BELIEVE OUR DOG FOOD IS GOOD ENOUGH TO BREAK THROUGH NOW THAT WE WAIT UNTIL THE DOG WILL EAT ANYTHING? WHAT A DEFEATIST ATTITUDE! CERTAINLY NOT THE GOSPEL AS THE POWER OF GOD TO SAVE!

WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT; "THE GOSPEL IS THE POWER OF GOD TO SAVE!" WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT THE GOSPEL REALLY IS GOOD NEWS!

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WHEN WE REMEMBER HOW GOOD THIS NEWS IS WE WILL BE LIKE PETER AND JOHN WHO SAID, "AS FOR US, WE CANNOT HELP SPEAKING ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD."

TDE TAKES TIME TO WORK, LIKE YEARS TO WORK, STATISTICS SAY IT TAKES 2 YEARS TO LEAD SOMEONE TO CHRIST BY RELATIONAL EVANGELISM AND THAT'S IF YOU STAY FRIENDS AND IN CONTACT WITH THEM DURING THAT WHOLE TIME. IN THE AGE OF CHANGE, (HOW MANY POLITICIANS HAVE HAD "CHANGE" AS THE WAR CRY IN THEIR SPEECHES RECENTLY? I CAN THINK OF PRESIDENT OBAMA AND THE FAIRLY NEW PRIME MINISTERS OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND...) EVERYONE IS CHANGING, PEOPLE ARE NOT ALWAYS VERY COMMITTED TO THE LONG TERM, AND WE ARE TRYING TO BUILD LONG LASTING RELATIONSHIPS IN THE HOPE THAT THEY WILL GET SAVED ONE DAY...

HOW GREAT IS IT THAT WE KNOW THAT PEOPLE CAN BE SAVED ANYWHERE AND ANYTIME! LET US NOT FORGET THAT "**TODAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION.**" WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO NOT FALL INTO THE TRAP OF THINKING THAT WE NEED TO WAIT FOR A SPECIAL TIME, DAY OR EVENT FOR SOMEONE TO BE SAVED. THEY CAN BE SAVED RIGHT NOW!

TDE SAYS THAT PEOPLE WILL GET OFFENDED IF WE GIVE DOGS FOOD TOO SOON. I HAVE NEVER SEEN A DOG GET OFFENDED AT SOMEONE OFFERING THEM FOOD. WITH THE GOSPEL WHAT ARE WE PREACHING AS THE GOSPEL TO HAVE THAT SORT OF IDEA? THE GOSPEL I PREACH IS THAT OUR SIN HAS SEPARATED US FROM A HOLY GOD, CHRIST WAS CRUCIFIED TO TAKE AWAY THAT WHICH SEPARATES US BECAUSE GOD LOVES US! SO REPENT AND BELIEVE AND BE SAVED! WHEN WE DO RELATIONAL EVANGELISM WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE SPEAK TO OUR FRIENDS WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR GOSPEL MESSAGE WILL BE SEEN AS GOOD NEWS.

TDE BREEDS BAD BEHAVIOUR. IF WE WAIT UNTIL A DOG STARTS SNIFFING OUR POCKET BEFORE WE FEED THE DOG, THE DOG WILL QUICKLY TURN THIS PRACTICE INTO A HABIT. GOSPEL WISE THIS IS THE SAME. BECAUSE RELATIONAL EVANGELISM OFTEN WAITS FOR A TOUGH TIME IN OUR FRIEND'S LIFE BEFORE WE OFFER THE GOSPEL WE TEACH UNINTENTIONALLY THAT GOD IS ONLY FOR THE BAD TIMES, "COME TO JESUS IN THE BAD TIMES." THIS IS TRUE, WE SHOULD GO TO GOD IN OUR HARD TIMES BUT THIS HAS ALSO RESULTED IN AN APATHETIC BASE OF CHRISTIANS WHO FORGET JESUS IN THE GOOD TIMES, AND ONLY COME IN THE BAD TIMES.

TO RECTIFY THIS WE NEED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT WE ALL NEED GOD IN ALL TIMES, WE NEED TO MOVE AWAY FROM A GOD WE COME TO SO HE CAN 'BLESS' US, BUT COME TO GOD SO HE CAN SAVE US FROM OUR SIN. SADLY MANY PEOPLE HAVE THESE LONG LASTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR FRIENDS AND THE ONLY TIME SIN IS MENTIONED IS WHEN WE PRAY A PRAYER TO ASK JESUS FOR FORGIVENESS! WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT SIN IS THE PROBLEM, AND THIS MEANS THAT PEOPLE NEED GOD RIGHT NOW. THIS UNDERSTANDING OF SALVATION WILL HELP US AS WE DISCIPLE PEOPLE THROUGH GOOD AND BAD TIMES.

TDE EMPHASISES OUR WORK OVER THE WORK OF THE CROSS. THIS IS LIKE THINKING A HUNGRY DOG WILL ONLY COME TO YOU BECAUSE YOU TREAT HIM WELL, BUT IN REALITY IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW GOOD YOU TREAT HIM WHEN HE'S HUNGRY HE WILL EAT ANYTHING! WE UNDERESTIMATE THE DOG FOOD! AMONGST PEOPLE ENGAGED IN RELATIONAL EVANGELISM WE OFTEN HEAR THE IMPORTANCE OF PREACHING THE GOSPEL WITH OUR ACTIONS. THIS DOES HAVE ITS POSITIVES, BUT ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE WE UNDER EMPHASISE THE CROSS AS WE DO NOT MENTION THE CROSS RATHER PREFERRING TO PREACH THE EFFECTS OF THE CROSS!

IT IS THE SACRIFICE AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS WHICH IS ACTUALLY WHAT WILL SAVE OUR FRIENDS, OUR GOOD WORKS WONT SAVE THEM EVEN IF THEY DO POINT TO SOMETHING BETTER. WE NEED TO KEEP THE CROSS IN THE CENTRE OF OUR EVANGELISM SO THAT PEOPLE DO NOT CONVERT FOR THE WRONG REASONS.

CONCLUSION

SO IN CONCLUDING, LET US REMEMBER THAT JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE US. OUR ACTIONS AND FRIENDSHIPS ARE VEHICLES FOR POINTING PEOPLE TOWARDS CHRIST. LET US NOT DIMINISH OUR MESSAGE OR THE WAY WE PRESENT THE GOSPEL OUT OF FEAR OF WHAT PEOPLE THINK, RATHER, LETS USE THE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE TO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF TRUTH TO OUR FRIENDS. AND I ESPECIALLY PRAY THAT WE WOULD "KNOW NOTHING BUT CHRIST CRUCIFIED." LETS STOP TEASING PEOPLE WITH OUR MESSAGE AND MINISTRY.

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AGGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY - CATHERINE BOOTH

MARK XVI. 15.--"GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE."

ACTS XXVI. 15-18.--"AND I SAID, WHO ART THOU, LORD? AND HE SAID, I AM JESUS WHOM THOU PERSECUTEST. BUT RISE, AND STAND UPON THY FEET: FOR I HAVE APPEARED UNTO THEE FOR THIS PURPOSE, TO MAKE THEE A MINISTER AND A WITNESS BOTH OF THESE THINGS WHICH THOU HAST SEEN, AND OF THOSE THINGS IN THE WHICH I WILL APPEAR UNTO THEE: DELIVERING THEE FROM THE PEOPLE, AND FROM THE GENTILES, UNTO WHOM NOW I SEND THEE, TO OPEN THEIR EYES, AND TO TURN THEM FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT, AND FROM THE POWER OF SATAN UNTO GOD, THAT THEY MAY RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, AND INHERITANCE AMONG THEM WHICH ARE SANCTIFIED BY FAITH THAT IS IN ME."

I WAS THINKING, WHILE I WAS READING THE LESSON, THAT, SUPPOSING WE COULD BLOT OUT FROM OUR MINDS ALL KNOWLEDGE OF THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY FROM THE TIME OF THIS INAUGURATION SERVICE--FROM THAT PENTECOSTAL BAPTISM--OR, AT ANY RATE, FROM THE CLOSE OF THE PERIOD DESCRIBED IN THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, SUPPOSE WE COULD DETACH FROM OUR MINDS ALL KNOWLEDGE OF THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY SINCE THEN, AND TAKE THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES AND SIT DOWN AND CALCULATE WHAT WAS LIKELY TO HAPPEN IN THE WORLD, WHAT DIFFERENT RESULTS WE SHOULD HAVE ANTICIPATED, WHAT A DIFFERENT WORLD WE SHOULD HAVE RECKONED UPON AS THE OUTCOME OF IT ALL. A SYSTEM WHICH COMMENCED UNDER SUCH AUSPICES, WITH SUCH ASSUMPTIONS AND PROFESSIONS ON THE PART OF ITS AUTHOR (SPEAKING AFTER THE MANNER OF MEN), AND PRODUCING, AS IT DID, IN THE FIRST CENTURY OF ITS EXISTENCE, SUCH GIGANTIC AND MOMENTOUS RESULTS. WE SHOULD HAVE SAID, IF WE KNEW NOTHING OF WHAT HAS INTERVENED FROM THAT TIME TO THIS, THAT, NO DOUBT, THE WORLD WHERE THAT WAR COMMENCED, AND FOR WHICH IT WAS ORGANIZED, WOULD HAVE LONG SINCE BEEN SUBJUGATED TO THE INFLUENCE OF THAT SYSTEM, AND BROUGHT UNDER THE POWER OF ITS GREAT ORIGINATOR AND FOUNDER! I SAY, FROM READING THESE ACTS, AND FROM OBSERVING THE SPIRIT WHICH ANIMATED THE EARLY DISCIPLES, AND FROM THE WAY IN WHICH EVERYTHING FELL BEFORE THEM, WE SHOULD HAVE ANTICIPATED THAT TEN THOUSAND TIMES GREATER RESULTS WOULD HAVE FOLLOWED, AND, IN MY JUDGMENT, THIS ANTICIPATION WOULD HAVE BEEN PERFECTLY RATIONAL AND JUST.

WE CHRISTIANS PROFESS TO POSSESS IN THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST A MIGHTY LEVER WHICH, RIGHTLY AND UNIVERSALLY APPLIED, WOULD LIFT THE ENTIRE, BURDEN OF SIN AND MISERY FROM THE SHOULDERS, THAT IS, FROM THE SOULS, OF OUR FELLOW-MEN--A PANACEA, WE BELIEVE IT TO BE, FOR ALL THE MORAL AND SPIRITUAL WOES OF HUMANITY, AND IN CURING THEIR SPIRITUAL PLAGUES WE SHOULD GO FAR TO CURE THEIR PHYSICAL PLAGUES ALSO. WE ALL PROFESS TO BELIEVE THIS. CHRISTIANS HAVE PROFESSED TO BELIEVE THIS FOR GENERATIONS GONE BY, EVER SINCE THE TIME OF WHICH WE HAVE BEEN READING, AND YET LOOK AT THE

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WORLD, LOOK AT SO-CALLED CHRISTIAN ENGLAND, IN THIS END OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY! THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE NATION UTTERLY IGNORING GOD, AND NOT EVEN MAKING ANY PRETENCE OF REMEMBERING HIM ONE DAY IN THE WEEK. AND THEN LOOK AT THE REST OF THE WORLD. I HAVE FREQUENTLY GOT SO DEPRESSED WITH THIS VIEW OF THINGS THAT I HAVE FELT AS IF MY HEART WOULD BREAK. I DON'T KNOW HOW OTHER CHRISTIANS FEEL, BUT I CAN TRULY SAY THAT "RIVERS OF WATER DO OFTEN RUN DOWN MY EYES BECAUSE MEN KEEP NOT HIS LAW," AND BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS DISPENSATION, COMPARED WITH WHAT GOD INTENDED IT TO BE, HAS BEEN, AND STILL IS, AS GREAT A FAILURE AS THAT WHICH PRECEDED IT.

NOW, I ASK, HOW IS THIS? I DO NOT FOR A MOMENT BELIEVE THAT THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PURPOSE OF GOD. SOME PEOPLE HAVE A VERY CONVENIENT WAY OF HIDING BEHIND GOD'S PURPOSES, AND SAYING, 'OH! HE WILL DO HIS OWN WILL.' I WISH HE DID! THEY SAY, 'YOU KNOW GOD'S WILL IS DONE AFTER ALL.' I WISH IT WERE! HE SAYS IT IS NOT DONE, AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN LAMENTS THE FACT THAT IT IS NOT DONE. HE WANTS IT TO BE DONE, BUT IT IS NOT DONE! IT IS OF NO USE TO STAND UP AND PROPOUND THEORIES THAT ARE AT VARIANCE WITH THINGS AS THEY ARE.' THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT DEAL TOO MUCH OF THIS, AND IT HAS HAD A VERY BAD EFFECT. THE WORLD IS IN THIS CONDITION, AND HERE IS A SYSTEM LAUNCHED UNDER SUCH AUSPICES, WITH SUCH PURPOSES, WITH SUCH PROMISES AND WITH SUCH PROSPECTS, AND YET NEARLY NINETEEN HUNDRED YEARS HAVE ROLLED AWAY AND HERE WE ARE. HOW LITTLE HAS BEEN DONE, COMPARATIVELY. WHAT A LITTLE ALTERATION HAS BEEN EFFECTED IN THE HABITS AND DISPOSITIONS OF THE RACE.

BUT SOME OF YOU WILL SAY, 'WELL, BUT THERE IS A GOOD DEAL DONE.' THANK GOD FOR THAT. IT WOULD BE SAD IF THERE WERE NOTHING DONE; BUT IT LOOKS LIKE A DROP IN THE OCEAN COMPARED WITH WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE. NOW I CANNOT ACCEPT ANY THEORY WHICH SO FAR REFLECTS UPON THE LOVE AND GOODNESS OF GOD AS TO MAKE HIM TO BLAME FOR THIS EFFETENESS OF CHRISTIANITY, AND, SO FAR AS MY INFLUENCE EXTENDS, I WILL NOT ALLOW THE RESPONSIBILITY AND THE BLAME OF ALL THIS TO BE ROLLED BACK UPON GOD WHO SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON TO IGNOMINY AND DEATH IN ORDER TO REDEEM IT. I DO NOT BELIEVE IT FOR A MOMENT. I BELIEVE THAT THE OLD ARCH-ENEMY HAS DONE IN THIS DISPENSATION WHAT HE DID IN FORMER ONES--SO FAR CIRCUMVENTED THE PURPOSES OF GOD, THAT HE HAS SUCCEEDED IN BRINGING ABOUT THIS STATE OF THINGS--IN RETARDING THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF GOD'S PURPOSES AND KEEPING THE WORLD THUS LARGELY UNDER HIS OWN POWER AND INFLUENCE, AND I BELIEVE HE HAS SUCCEEDED IN DOING THIS, AS HE HAS SUCCEEDED ALWAYS BEFORE, BY DECEIVING GOD'S OWN PEOPLE. HE HAS ALWAYS DONE SO. HE HAS ALWAYS GOT UP A CARICATURE OF GOD'S REAL THING, AND THE NEARER HE CAN GET IT TO BE LIKE THE ORIGINAL THE MORE SUCCESSFUL HE IS. HE HAS SUCCEEDED IN DECEIVING GOD'S PEOPLE: -- FIRST:-AS TO THE STANDARD OF THEIR OWN RELIGIOUS LIFE.

AND, SECONDLY, HE HAS SUCCEEDED IN DECEIVING THEM AS TO THEIR DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS TO THE WORLD.

HE HAS SUCCEEDED, FIRST, IN DECEIVING THEM AS TO THE STANDARD OF THEIR OWN RELIGIOUS LIFE. HE HAS GOT THE CHURCH, NEARLY AS A WHOLE, TO RECEIVE WHAT I CALL AN 'OH, WRETCHED MAN THAT I AM' RELIGION! HE HAS GOT THEM TO LOWER THE STANDARD WHICH JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF ESTABLISHED IN THIS BOOK--A STANDARD, NOT ONLY TO BE AIMED AT, BUT TO BE ATTAINED UNTO--A STANDARD OF VICTORY OVER SIN, THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL, REAL, LIVING, REIGNING, TRIUMPHING, CHRISTIANITY! SATAN KNEW WHAT WAS THE SECRET OF THE GREAT SUCCESS OF THOSE EARLY DISCIPLES. IT WAS THEIR WHOLE-HEARTED DEVOTION, THEIR ABSORBING LOVE TO CHRIST, THEIR UTTER ABNEGATION OF THE WORLD. IT WAS THEIR ENTIRE ABSORPTION IN THE SALVATION OF THEIR FELLOW MEN AND THE GLORY OF THEIR GOD. IT WAS AN ENTHUSIASTIC RELIGION THAT SWALLOWED THEM UP, AND MADE THEM WILLING TO BECOME WANDERERS AND VAGABONDS ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH--FOR HIS SAKE TO DWELL IN DENS AND CAVES, TO BE TORN ASUNDER, AND TO BE PERSECUTED IN EVERY FORM.

IT WAS THIS DEGREE OF DEVOTION, BEFORE WHICH SATAN SAW HE HAD NO CHANCE. SUCH PEOPLE AS THESE, HE KNEW, MUST ULTIMATELY SUBDUE THE WORLD. IT IS NOT IN HUMAN NATURE TO STAND BEFORE THAT KIND OF SPIRIT, THAT AMOUNT OF LOVE AND ZEAL, AND IF CHRISTIANS HAD ONLY GONE ON AS THEY BEGAN LONG SINCE, THE GLORIOUS PROPHECY WOULD HAVE BEEN FULFILLED, "THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD" WOULD HAVE "BECOME THE KINGDOMS OF OUR LORD AND OF HIS CHRIST."

THEREFORE, THE ARCH-ENEMY SAID, 'WHAT MUST I DO? I SHALL BE DEFEATED AFTER ALL. I SHALL LOSE MY SUPREMACY AS THE GOD OF THIS WORLD. WHAT SHALL I DO?' NO USE TO BRING IN A GIGANTIC SYSTEM OF ERROR, WHICH EVERYBODY WILL SEE TO BE ERROR. OH, DEAR NO! THAT HAS NEVER BEEN SATAN'S WAY; BUT HIS PLAN HAS BEEN TO GET HOLD OF A GOOD MAN HERE AND THERE, WHO SHALL CREEP IN, AS THE APOSTLE SAID, UNAWARES, AND PREACH ANOTHER DOCTRINE, AND WHO SHALL DECEIVE, IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, THE VERY ELECT. AND HE DID IT. HE ACCOMPLISHED HIS DESIGN. HE GRADUALLY LOWERED THE STANDARD OF CHRISTIAN LIFE AND CHARACTER, AND THOUGH, IN EVERY REVIVAL, GOD HAS RAISED IT AGAIN TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, WE HAVE NEVER GOT BACK THOROUGHLY TO THE SIMPLICITY, PURITY, AND DEVOTION SET BEFORE US IN THESE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES AND IN THE EPISTLES. AND JUST IN THE DEGREE THAT IT HAS APPROXIMATED THERETO, IN EVERY AGE, SATAN HAS GOT SOMEBODY TO OPPOSE AND TO SHOW THAT THIS WAS TOO HIGH A STANDARD FOR HUMAN NATURE, ALTOGETHER BEYOND US, AND THAT, THEREFORE, CHRISTIANS MUST SIT DOWN AND JUST BE CONTENT TO BE "OH WRETCHED MAN THAT I AM" PEOPLE TO THE END OF THEIR DAYS. HE HAS GOT THE CHURCH INTO A CONDITION THAT MAKES ONE, SOMETIMES, POSITIVELY ASHAMED TO HEAR PROFESSING CHRISTIANS TALK, AND ASHAMED ALSO, THAT THE WORLD SHOULD HEAR THEM TALK. I DO NOT WONDER AT THOUGHTFUL, INTELLIGENT MEN BEING DRIVEN FROM SUCH CHRISTIANITY AS THIS. IT WOULD HAVE DRIVEN ME OFF, IF I HAD NOT

KNOWN THE POWER OF GODLINESS. I BELIEVE THIS KIND OF CHRISTIANITY HAS MADE MORE INFIDELS THAN ALL THE INFIDEL BOOKS EVER WRITTEN.

YES, SATAN KNEW THAT HE MUST GET CHRISTIANS DOWN FROM THE HIGH PINNACLE OF WHOLE-HEARTED CONSECRATION TO GOD. HE KNEW THAT HE HAD NO CHANCE TILL HE TEMPTED THEM DOWN FROM THAT BLESSED VANTAGE GROUND, AND SO HE BEGAN TO SPREAD THOSE FALSE DOCTRINES, TO COUNTERACT WHICH JOHN WROTE HIS EPISTLES, FOR, BEFORE HE DIED, HE SAW WHAT WAS COMING, AND SOUNDED DOWN THE AGES--"LITTLE CHILDREN, LET NO MAN DECEIVE YOU: HE THAT DOETH RIGHTEOUSNESS IS RIGHTEOUS, EVEN AS HE IS RIGHTEOUS. HE THAT COMMITTEH SIN IS OF THE DEVIL; FOR THE DEVIL SINNETH FROM THE BEGINNING. FOR THIS PURPOSE THE SON OF GOD WAS MANIFESTED, THAT HE MIGHT DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL." THE LORD REVIVE THAT DOCTRINE! HELP US AFRESH TO PUT UP THE STANDARD!

OH! THE GREAT EVIL IS, THAT DISHONEST-HEARTED PEOPLE, BECAUSE THEY FEEL IT CONDEMNS THEM, LOWER THE STANDARD TO THEIR MISERABLE EXPERIENCE. I SAID, WHEN I WAS YOUNG, AND I REPEAT IT IN MY MATURER YEARS, THAT IF IT SENT ME TO HELL I WOULD NEVER PULL IT DOWN. OH! THAT GOD'S PEOPLE FELT LIKE THAT. THERE IS THE GLORIOUS STANDARD PUT BEFORE US. THE POWER IS PROFFERED, THE CONDITIONS LAID DOWN, AND WE CAN ALL ATTAIN IT IF WE WILL; BUT IF WE WILL NOT--FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHILDREN, AND FOR GENERATIONS YET UNBORN, DO NOT LET US DRAG IT DOWN, AND TRY TO MAKE IT MEET OUR LITTLE, PALTRY, CIRCUMSCRIBED EXPERIENCE. LET US KEEP IT UP. THIS IS THE WAY TO GET THE WORLD TO LOOK AT IT. SHOW THE WORLD A REAL, LIVING, SELF-SACRIFICING, HARD-WORKING, TOILING, TRIUMPHING RELIGION, AND THE WORLD WILL BE INFLUENCED BY IT; BUT ANYTHING SHORT OF THAT THEY WILL TURN ROUND AND SPIT UPON.

SECONDLY:--SATAN HAS DECEIVED EVEN THOSE WHOM HE COULD NOT SUCCEED IN GETTING TO LOWER THE STANDARD OF THEIR OWN LIVES WITH RESPECT TO THEIR DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS TO THE WORLD. I HAVE BEEN READING OF LATE THE NEW TESTAMENT WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE AGGRESSIVE SPIRIT OF PRIMITIVE CHRISTIANITY, AND IT IS WONDERFUL WHAT FLOODS OF LIGHT COME UPON YOU WHEN YOU READ THE BIBLE WITH REFERENCE TO ANY PARTICULAR TOPIC ON WHICH YOU ARE SEEKING FOR HELP. WHEN GOD SEES YOU ARE PANTING AFTER THE LIGHT, IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY USE IT, HE POURS IT IN UPON YOU. IT IS AN INDISPENSABLE CONDITION OF RECEIVING LIGHT THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO FOLLOW IT. PEOPLE SAY THEY DON'T SEE THIS AND THAT, NO, BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WISH TO SEE. THEY ARE NOT WILLING TO WALK IN IT, AND, THEREFORE, THEY DO NOT GET IT; BUT THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO OBEY SHALL HAVE ALL THE LIGHT THEY WANT.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE COME INFINITELY SHORT OF ANY RIGHT AND RATIONAL IDEA OF THE AGGRESSIVE SPIRIT OF THE NEW TESTAMENT SAINTS. SATAN HAS GOT CHRISTIANS TO ACCEPT WHAT I MAY CALL A NAMBY-PAMBY, KID-GLOVE KIND OF SYSTEM OF PRESENTING THE GOSPEL TO PEOPLE.

`WILL THEY BE SO KIND AS TO READ THIS TRACT OR BOOK, OR WOULD THEY NOT LIKE TO HEAR THIS POPULAR AND ELOQUENT PREACHER. THEY WILL BE PLEASED WITH HIM QUITE APART FROM RELIGION.' THAT IS THE SORT OF HALF-FRIGHTENED, TIMID WAY OF PUTTING THE TRUTH BEFORE UNCONVERTED PEOPLE, AND OF TALKING TO THEM ABOUT THE SALVATION OF THEIR SOULS. IT SEEMS TO ME THIS IS UTTERLY ANTAGONISTIC AND REPUGNANT TO THE SPIRIT OF THE EARLY SAINTS: "GO YE, AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE"; AND AGAIN THE SAME IDEA--"UNTO WHOM NOW I SEND THEE." LOOK WHAT IS IMPLIED IN THESE COMMISSIONS. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT NO PEOPLE HAVE EVER YET FATHOMED THE MEANING OF THESE TWO DIVINE COMMISSIONS. I BELIEVE WE OF THE SALVATION ARMY HAVE COME NEARER TO IT THAN ANY PEOPLE THAT HAVE EVER PRECEDED US. LOOK AT THEM. WOULD IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU THAT THE LANGUAGE MEANT, "GO AND BUILD CHAPELS AND CHURCHES "AND INVITE THE PEOPLE TO COME IN, AND IF THEY WILL "NOT, LET THEM ALONE?" "GO YE." IF YOU SENT YOUR SERVANT TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU, AND SAID, `GO AND ACCOMPLISH THAT PIECE OF BUSINESS FOR ME.' YOU KNOW WHAT IT WOULD INVOLVE. YOU KNOW THAT HE MUST SEE CERTAIN PERSONS; AND RUN ABOUT THE CITY TO CERTAIN OFFICES AND BANKS AND AGENTS, INVOLVING A DEAL OF TROUBLE AND SACRIFICE; BUT YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT. HE IS YOUR SERVANT. HE IS EMPLOYED BY YOU TO DO THAT BUSINESS, AND YOU SIMPLY COMMISSION HIM TO `GO AND DO IT.' WHAT WOULD YOU THINK IF HE WENT AND TOOK AN OFFICE AND SENT OUT A NUMBER OF CIRCULARS INVITING YOUR CUSTOMERS OR CLIENTS TO COME AND WAIT ON HIS PLEASURE, AND WHEN THEY CHOSE TO COME JUST TO PUT YOUR BUSINESS BEFORE THEM? NO, YOU WOULD SAY, `RIDICULOUS.' DIVESTING OUR MINDS OF ALL CONVENTIONALITIES AND TRADITIONALISMS, WHAT WOULD THE LANGUAGE MEAN? "GO YE!" TO WHOM? "TO EVERY CREATURE." WHERE AM I TO GET AT THEM? WHERE THEY ARE. "EVERY CREATURE." THERE IS THE EXTENT OF YOUR COMMISSION. SEEK THEM OUT; RUN AFTER THEM, WHEREVER YOU CAN GET AT THEM. "EVERY CREATURE "--WHEREVER YOU FIND A CREATURE THAT HAS A SOUL--THERE GO AND PREACH MY GOSPEL TO HIM. IF I UNDERSTAND IT, THAT IS THE MEANING AND THE SPIRIT OF THE COMMISSION.

AND THEN AGAIN, TO PAUL HE SAYS, "UNTO WHOM NOW I SEND THEE, TO OPEN THEIR EYES, AND TO TURN THEM FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT, AND FROM THE POWER OF SATAN UNTO GOD." THEY ARE ASLEEP--GO AND WAKE THEM UP. THEY DO NOT SEE THEIR DANGER. IF THEY DID, THERE WOULD BE NO NECESSITY FOR YOU TO RUN AFTER THEM. THEY ARE PREOCCUPIED. OPEN THEIR EYES, AND TURN THEM ROUND BY YOUR DESPERATE EARNESTNESS AND MORAL SUASION AND MORAL FORCE; OH! IT MAKES ME TREMBLE TO THINK WHAT A GREAT DEAL ONE MAN CAN DO FOR ANOTHER! "TURN THEM FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT, AND FROM THE POWER OF SATAN UNTO GOD." HOW DID PAUL UNDERSTAND IT? HE SAYS, "WE PERSUADE MEN." DO NOT REST CONTENT WITH JUST PUTTING IT BEFORE THEM, GIVING THEM GENTLE INVITATIONS, AND THEN LEAVING THEM ALONE. HE RAN AFTER THEM, POOR THINGS, AND PULLED THEM OUT OF THE FIRE. TAKE THE BANDAGE OFF THEIR EYES WHICH SATAN HAS BOUND ROUND THEM; KNOCK AND HAMMER AND BURN IN, WITH THE FIRE OF THE HOLY GHOST, YOUR WORDS INTO THEIR POOR, HARDENED, DARKENED HEARTS, UNTIL THEY BEGIN TO REALIZE THAT THEY ARE IN DANGER; THAT THERE

IS SOMETHING AMISS. GO AFTER THEM. IF I UNDERSTAND IT, THAT IS THE SPIRIT OF THE APOSTLES AND OF THE EARLY CHRISTIANS; FOR WE READ THAT WHEN THEY WERE SCATTERED BY PERSECUTION, THEY "WENT EVERYWHERE, PREACHING THE WORD." THE LAITY, THE NEW CONVERTS, THE YOUNG BABES IN CHRIST. IT DOES NOT MEAN ALWAYS IN SET DISCOURSES, AND PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, BUT THEY WENT AFTER MEN AND WOMEN, LIKE ANCIENT ISRAEL--"EVERY MAN AFTER HIS MAN," TO TRY AND WIN HIM FOR CHRIST.

SOME PEOPLE SEEM TO THINK THAT THE APOSTLES LAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF ALL THE CHURCHES. THEY ARE QUITE MISTAKEN. CHURCHES SPRANG UP WHERE THE APOSTLES HAD NEVER BEEN. THE APOSTLES WENT TO VISIT AND ORGANIZE THEM AFTER THEY HAD SPRUNG UP, AS THE RESULT OF THE WORK OF THE EARLY LAYMEN AND WOMEN GOING EVERYWHERE AND PREACHING THE WORD. OH! MAY THE LORD SHOWER UPON US IN THIS DAY THE SAME SPIRIT! WE SHOULD BUILD CHURCHES AND CHAPELS; WE SHOULD INVITE THE PEOPLE TO THEM; BUT DO YOU THINK IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THESE TWO COMMISSIONS, AND WITH MANY OTHERS, THAT WE SHOULD REST IN THIS, WHEN THREE PARTS OF THE POPULATION UTTERLY IGNORE OUR INVITATIONS AND TAKE NO NOTICE WHATEVER OF OUR BUILDINGS AND OF OUR SERVICES? THEY WILL NOT COME TO US. THAT IS AN ESTABLISHED FACT. WHAT IS TO BE DONE? THEY HAVE SOULS. YOU PROFESS TO BELIEVE THAT AS MUCH AS I DO, AND THAT THEY MUST LIVE FOR EVER. WHERE ARE THEY GOING? WHAT IS TO BE DONE? JESUS CHRIST SAYS, 'GO AFTER THEM.' WHEN ALL THE CIVIL METHODS HAVE FAILED; WHEN THE GENTEEL INVITATIONS HAVE FAILED; WHEN ONE MAN SAYS THAT HE HAS MARRIED A WIFE, AND ANOTHER THAT HE HAS BOUGHT A YOKE OF OXEN, AND ANOTHER THAT HE HAS BOUGHT A PIECE OF LAND--THEN DOES THE MASTER OF THE FEAST SAY, 'THE UNGRATEFUL WRETCHES, LET THEM ALONE?' "No." HE SAYS, "GO OUT INTO THE HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES, AND COMPEL THEM TO COME IN, THAT MY HOUSE MAY BE FILLED." I WILL HAVE GUESTS, AND IF YOU CAN'T GET THEM IN BY CIVIL MEASURES, USE MILITARY MEASURES. GO AND COMPEL THEM TO COME IN. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE WANT MORE OF THIS DETERMINED AGGRESSIVE SPIRIT. THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE RIGHT WITH GOD THIS AFTERNOON--YOU WANT MORE OF THIS SPIRIT TO THRUST THE TRUTH UPON THE ATTENTION OF YOUR FELLOW MEN.

OH! PEOPLE SAY, YOU MUST BE VERY CAREFUL, VERY JUDICIOUS. YOU MUST NOT THRUST RELIGION DOWN PEOPLE'S THROATS. THEN, I SAY, YOU WILL NEVER GET IT DOWN. WHAT! AM I TO WAIT TILL AN UNCONVERTED, GODLESS MAN WANTS TO BE SAVED BEFORE I TRY TO SAVE HIM? HE WILL NEVER WANT TO BE SAVED TILL THE DEATH-RATTLE IS IN HIS THROAT. WHAT! AM I TO LET MY UNCONVERTED FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES DRIFT DOWN QUIETLY TO DAMNATION, AND NEVER TELL THEM ABOUT THEIR SOULS, UNTIL THEY SAY, 'IF YOU PLEASE, I WANT YOU TO PREACH TO ME?' IS THIS ANYTHING LIKE THE SPIRIT OF EARLY CHRISTIANITY? NO. VERILY WE MUST MAKE THEM LOOK--TEAR THE BANDAGES OFF, OPEN THEIR EYES, MAKE THEM BEAR IT, AND IF THEY RUN AWAY FROM YOU IN ONE PLACE, MEET THEM IN ANOTHER, AND LET THEM HAVE NO PEACE UNTIL THEY SUBMIT TO GOD AND GET THEIR SOULS SAVED. THIS IS WHAT CHRISTIANITY OUGHT TO BE DOING IN THIS LAND, AND THERE ARE PLENTY

OF CHRISTIANS TO DO IT. WHY, WE MIGHT GIVE THE WORLD SUCH A TIME OF IT THAT THEY WOULD GET SAVED IN VERY SELF DEFENCE, IF WE WERE ONLY UP AND DOING, AND DETERMINED THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE NO PEACE IN THEIR SINS. WHERE IS OUR ZEAL FOR THE LORD? WE TALK OF OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS, BUT I WOULD, WE WERE ALL LIKE DAVID. RIVERS OF WATER RAN DOWN HIS EYES BECAUSE MEN KEPT NOT THE LAW OF HIS GOD. BUT YOU SAY, 'WE CANNOT ALL HOLD SERVICES.' PERHAPS NOT.

GO AS YOU LIKE. GO AS QUIETLY AND SOFTLY AS THE MORNING DEW. HAVE MEETINGS LIKE THE FRIENDS IF YOU LIKE. ONLY DO IT. DON'T LET YOUR RELATIVES, AND FRIENDS, AND ACQUAINTANCES DIE, AND THEIR BLOOD BE FOUND ON YOUR SKIRTS!!!

I SHALL NEVER FORGET THE AGONY DEPICTED ON THE FACE OF A YOUNG LADY WHO ONCE CAME TO SEE ME. MY HEART WENT OUT TO HER IN PITY. SHE TOLD ME HER STORY. SHE SAID, I HAD A PROUD, UNGODLY FATHER, AND THE LORD CONVERTED ME THREE YEARS BEFORE HIS DEATH, AND, FROM THE VERY DAY OF MY CONVERSION, I FELT I OUGHT TO TALK TO HIM, AND PLEAD, AND PRAY WITH HIM ABOUT HIS SOUL, BUT I COULD NOT MUSTER UP COURAGE. I KEPT INTENDING TO DO IT, AND INTENDING TO DO IT, UNTIL HE WAS TAKEN ILL. IT WAS A SUDDEN AND SERIOUS ILLNESS. HE LOST HIS MIND, AND DIED UNSAVED,' AND SHE SAID, 'I HAVE NEVER SMILED SINCE, AND I THINK I NEVER SHALL ANY MORE.' DON'T BE LIKE THAT. DO IT QUIETLY, IF YOU LIKE; PRIVATELY, IF YOU LIKE; BUT DO IT, AND DO IT AS IF YOU FELT THE VALUE OF THEIR SOULS, AND AS IF YOU INTENDED TO SAVE THEM, IF BY ANY POSSIBLE MEANS IN YOUR POWER IT COULD BE DONE.

I HAD BEEN SPEAKING IN A TOWN, IN THE WEST OF ENGLAND, ON THE SUBJECT OF RESPONSIBILITY OF CHRISTIANS FOR THE SALVATION OF SOULS. THE GENTLEMEN WITH WHOM I WAS STAYING HAD WINCED A BIT UNDER THE TRUTH, AND INSTEAD OF TAKING IT TO HEART IN LOVE, AND MAKING IT THE MEANS OF DRAWING HIM NEARER TO GOD, AND ENABLING HIM TO SERVE HIM BETTER, HE SAID, 'I THOUGHT YOU WERE RATHER HARD ON US THIS MORNING.' I SAID, 'DID YOU? I SHOULD BE VERY SORRY TO BE HARDER ON ANYBODY THAN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WOULD BE.' HE SAID, 'YOU CAN PUSH THINGS TO EXTREMES, YOU KNOW. YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT SEEKING SOULS, AND MAKING SACRIFICES. NOW, YOU ARE AWARE THAT WE BUILD THE CHAPELS AND CHURCHES, AND PAY THE MINISTERS, AND IF THE PEOPLE WON'T BE SAVED, WE CAN'T HELP IT.' (I THINK HE HAD GIVEN PRETTY LARGELY TO A CHAPEL IN THE TOWN.) I SAID, IT IS VERY HEARTLESS AND UNGRATEFUL OF THE PEOPLE, I GRANT; BUT, MY DEAR SIR, YOU WOULD NOT REASON THUS IN ANY TEMPORAL MATTER. SUPPOSE A PLAGUE WERE TO BREAK OUT IN LONDON, AND SUPPOSE THAT THE BOARD OF HEALTH WERE TO MEET AND TO APPROPRIATE ALL THE HOSPITALS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS THEY COULD GET TO THE TREATMENT OF THOSE DISEASED, AND SUPPOSE THEY WERE TO ISSUE PROCLAMATIONS TO SAY THAT WHOEVER WOULD COME TO THESE BUILDINGS SHOULD BE TREATED FREE OF COST, AND EVERY CARE AND KINDNESS BESTOWED ON THEM, AND, MOREOVER, THAT THE TREATMENT WOULD CERTAINLY CURE THEM; BUT, SUPPOSING THE PEOPLE WERE SO BLIND TO THEIR OWN INTERESTS, SO INDIFFERENT AND BESOTTED THAT THEY REFUSED TO

COME, AND CONSEQUENTLY, THE PLAGUE WAS INCREASING AND THOUSANDS DYING, WHAT WOULD YOU IN THE PROVINCES SAY? WOULD YOU SAY, 'WELL, THE BOARD OF HEALTH HAVE DONE WHAT THEY COULD, AND IF THE PEOPLE WILL NOT GO TO BE HEALED, THEY DESERVE TO PERISH; LET THEM ALONE?' NO, YOU WOULD SAY, 'IT IS CERTAINLY VERY FOOLISH AND WICKED OF THE PEOPLE, BUT THESE MEN ARE IN A SUPERIOR POSITION. THEY UNDERSTAND THE MATTER. THEY KNOW AND ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES. WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE THEY GOING TO DO? LET THE WHOLE LAND BE DEPOPULATED!' NO! IF THE PEOPLE WILL NOT COME TO THEM, THEY MUST GO TO THE PEOPLE, AND FORCE UPON THEM THE MEANS OF HEALTH, AND INSIST THAT PROPER MEASURES SHOULD BE USED FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF THE 'PLAGUE.' IT NEEDED NO APPLICATION. HE UNDERSTOOD IT, AND I BELIEVE, BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, HE WAS ENABLED TO SEE HIS MISTAKE, TO TAKE IT HOME, AND SET TO WORK TO DO SOMETHING FOR PERISHING SOULS.

MEN ARE PREOCCUPIED, AND IT IS FOR US TO GO AND FORCE IT UPON THEIR ATTENTION. REMEMBER, YOU CAN DO IT. THERE IS SOME ONE SOUL THAT YOU HAVE MORE INFLUENCE WITH THAN ANY OTHER PERSON ON EARTH--SOME SOUL OR SOULS. ARE YOU DOING ALL YOU CAN FOR THEIR SALVATION? YOUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND ACQUAINTANCES ARE TO BE RESCUED. THANK GOD! WE ARE RESCUING THE POOR PEOPLE ALL OVER THE LAND BY THOUSANDS. THERE THEY ARE, TO BE LOOKED AT, AND TALKED WITH, AND QUESTIONED--PEOPLE RESCUED FROM THE DEPTHS OF SIN, DEGRADATION, AND WOE--SAVED FROM THE WORST FORMS OF CRIME AND INFAMY; AND, IF HE CAN DO THAT, HE CAN HAVE YOUR GENTEEL FRIENDS, IF ONLY YOU WILL GO TO THEM DESPERATELY AND DETERMINEDLY. TAKE THEM LOVINGLY BY THE BUTTON-HOLE, AND SAY, 'MY DEAR FRIEND, I NEVER SPOKE TO YOU CLOSELY, CAREFULLY, AND PRAYERFULLY ABOUT YOUR SOUL.' LET THEM SEE THE TEARS IN YOUR EYES; OR, IF YOU CANNOT WEEP, LET THEM HEAR THE TEARS IN YOUR VOICE, AND LET THEM REALIZE THAT YOU FEEL THEIR DANGER, AND ARE IN DISTRESS FOR THEM. GOD WILL GIVE HIS HOLY SPIRIT, AND THEY WILL BE SAVED.

I WAS GOING TO NOTE THAT BOTH TEXTS IMPLY OPPOSITION FOR, HE ADDS, "LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE WORLD." AS MUCH AS IF HE HAD SAID, 'YOU WILL HAVE NEED OF MY PRESENCE. SUCH AGGRESSIVE, DETERMINED WARFARE AS THIS WILL RAISE ALL EARTH AND HELL AGAINST YOU;' AND THEN HE SAYS TO PAUL, "I WILL BE WITH THEE, DELIVERING THEE FROM THE PEOPLE AND THE GENTILES UNTO WHOM I SEND THEE." WHY WOULD THEY NEED THIS? BECAUSE THE GENTILES WOULD SOON BE UP IN ARMS AGAINST HIM, AND INDEED THEY WERE.

OPPOSITION! IT IS A BAD SIGN FOR THE CHRISTIANITY OF THIS DAY THAT IT PROVOKES SO LITTLE OPPOSITION. IF THERE WERE NO OTHER EVIDENCE OF IT BEING WRONG, I SHOULD KNOW IT FROM THAT. WHEN THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD CAN JOG ALONG COMFORTABLY TOGETHER, YOU MAY BE SURE THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG. THE WORLD HAS NOT ALTERED. ITS SPIRIT IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS IT EVER WAS, AND IF CHRISTIANS WERE EQUALLY FAITHFUL AND DEVOTED TO THE LORD, AND SEPARATED FROM THE WORLD, LIVING SO THAT THEIR LIVES WERE A REPROOF TO ALL

UNGDLINESS, THE WORLD WOULD HATE THEM AS MUCH AS EVER IT DID. IT IS THE CHURCH THAT HAS ALTERED, NOT THE WORLD. YOU SAY, `WE SHOULD BE GETTING INTO ENDLESS TURMOIL.' YES; "I CAME NOT TO BRING PEACE ON THE EARTH, BUT A SWORD." THERE WOULD BE UPROAR. YES; AND THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES ARE FULL OF STORIES OF UPROARS. ONE UPROAR WAS SO GREAT THAT THE CHIEF CAPTAIN HAD TO GET PAUL OVER THE SHOULDERS OF THE PEOPLE, LEST HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN TORN IN PIECES. `WHAT A COMMOTION!' YOU SAY. YES; AND, BLESS GOD, IF WE HAD THE LIKE NOW WE SHOULD HAVE THOUSANDS OF SINNERS SAVED.

'BUT,' YOU SAY, `I SEE WHAT A VERY UNDIGNIFIED POSITION THIS WOULD BRING THE GOSPEL INTO.' THAT DEPENDS ON WHAT SORT OF DIGNITY YOU MEAN. YOU SAY, `WE SHOULD ALWAYS BE GETTING INTO COLLISION WITH THE POWERS THAT BE, AND WITH THE WORLD, AND WHAT VERY UNPLEASANT CONSEQUENCES WOULD RESULT.' YES, DEAR FRIENDS, THERE ALWAYS HAVE BEEN UNPLEASANT CONSEQUENCES TO THE FLESH, WHEN PEOPLE WERE FOLLOWING GOD AND DOING HIS WILL. `BUT,' YOU SAY, `WOULDN'T IT BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE DIGNITY OF THE GOSPEL.' IT DEPENDS FROM WHAT STANDPOINT YOU LOOK AT IT. IT DEPENDS UPON WHAT REALLY CONSTITUTES THE DIGNITY OF THE GOSPEL. WHAT DOES CONSTITUTE THE DIGNITY OF THE GOSPEL? IS IT HUMAN DIGNITY, OR IS IT DIVINE? IS IT EARTHLY, OR IS IT HEAVENLY DIGNITY? IT WAS A VERY UNDIGNIFIED THING, LOOKED AT HUMANLY, TO DIE ON A CROSS BETWEEN TWO THIEVES. THAT WAS THE MOST UNDIGNIFIED THING EVER DONE IN THIS WORLD, AND YET, LOOKED AT ON MORAL AND SPIRITUAL GROUNDS, IT WAS THE GRANDEST SPECTACLE THAT EVER EARTH OR HEAVEN GAZED UPON, AND METHINKS THAT THE INHABITANTS OF HEAVEN STOOD STILL AND LOOKED OVER THE BATTLEMENTS AT THAT GLORIOUS, ILLUSTRIOUS SUFFERER, AS HE HUNG THERE BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH. THE PHARISEES, I KNOW, SPAT UPON THE HUMBLED SUFFERER, AND WAGGED THEIR HEADS AND SAID, "HE SAVED OTHERS, HIMSELF HE CANNOT SAVE." AH! BUT HE WAS INTENT ON SAVING OTHERS. THAT WAS THE DIGNITY OF ALMIGHTY STRENGTH ALLYING ITSELF WITH HUMAN WEAKNESS, IN ORDER TO RAISE IT. IT WAS THE DIGNITY OF ETERNAL WISDOM SHROUDING ITSELF IN HUMAN IGNORANCE, IN ORDER TO ENLIGHTEN IT. IT WAS THE DIGNITY OF EVERLASTING, UNQUENCHABLE LOVE, BARING ITS BOSOM TO SUFFER IN THE STEAD OF ITS REBELLIOUS CREATURE--MAN. AH! IT WAS INCARNATE GOD STANDING IN THE PLACE OF CONDEMNED, APOSTATE MAN--THE DIGNITY OF LOVE! LOVE! LOVE!

OH, PRECIOUS SAVIOUR! SAVE US FROM MALIGNING THY GOSPEL AND THY NAME BY CLOTHING IT WITH OUR PALTRY NOTIONS OF EARTHLY DIGNITY, AND FORGETTING THE DIGNITY WHICH CROWNED THY SACRED BROW AS THOU DIDST HANG UPON THE CROSS! THAT IS THE DIGNITY FOR US, AND IT WILL NEVER SUFFER BY ANY GENTLEMAN HERE CARRYING THE GOSPEL INTO THE BACK SLUMS OR ALLEYS OF ANY TOWN OR CITY IN WHICH BE LIVES. THAT DIGNITY WILL NEVER SUFFER BY ANY EMPLOYER TALKING LOVINGLY TO HIS SERVANT MAID OR ERRAND BOY, AND LOOKING INTO HIS EYES WITH TEARS OF SYMPATHY AND LOVE AND TRYING TO BRING HIS SOUL TO JESUS. THAT DIGNITY WILL NEVER SUFFER EVEN THOUGH YOU SHOULD HAVE TO BE DRAGGED THROUGH THE STREETS WITH A HOWLING MOB AT YOUR HEELS, LIKE JESUS CHRIST, IF YOU HAVE GONE

INTO THOSE STREETS FOR THE SOULS OF YOUR FELLOW MEN AND THE GLORY OF GOD. THOUGH YOU SHOULD BE TIED TO A STAKE, AS WERE THE MARTYRS OF OLD, AND SURROUNDED BY LAUGHING AND TAUNTING FIENDS AND THEIR HOWLING FOLLOWERS--THAT WILL BE A DIGNITY WHICH SHALL BE CROWNED IN HEAVEN, CROWNED WITH EVERLASTING GLORY. IF I UNDERSTAND IT, THAT IS THE DIGNITY OF THE GOSPEL--THE DIGNITY OF LOVE. I DO NOT ENVY, I DO NOT COVET ANY OTHER. I DESIRE NO OTHER, -- GOD IS MY WITNESS--THAN THE DIGNITY OF LOVE.

OH, FRIENDS! WILL YOU GET THIS BAPTISM OF LOVE! THEN YOU WILL, LIKE THE APOSTLES, BE WILLING TO PUSH YOUR LIMBS INTO A BASKET, AND SO BE LET DOWN BY THE WALL, IF NEED BE, OR SUFFER SHIPWRECK, HUNGER, PERIL, NAKEDNESS, FIRE, OR SWORD, OR EVEN GO TO THE BLOCK ITSELF, IF THEREBY YOU MAY EXTEND HIS KINGDOM AND WIN SOULS FOR WHOM HE SHED HIS BLOOD. THE LORD FILL US WITH THIS LOVE AND BAPTIZE US WITH THIS FIRE, AND THEN THE GOSPEL WILL ARISE AND BECOME GLORIOUS IN THE EARTH, AND MEN WILL BELIEVE IN US, AND IN IT. THEY WILL FEEL ITS POWER, AND THEY WILL GO DOWN UNDER IT BY THOUSANDS, AND, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, THEY SHALL.

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THE GOSPEL

THE GOSPEL

“GOSPEL” LITERALLY MEANS GOOD NEWS. AS CHRISTIANS WE HAVE SOME VERY GOOD NEWS TO SHARE WITH THE WORLD! IT IS THE NEWS THAT ALL PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF GENDER, AGE, RACE OR RELIGION NEED TO HEAR. ALL PEOPLE NEED THIS GOOD NEWS! AND WE HAVE IT! BUT WHAT IS IT?

BAD NEWS

TO WORK OUT WHAT THE GOOD NEWS IS, WE NEED TO SEE WHAT THE BAD NEWS IS FIRST. IN JOHN 10 JESUS SAYS THAT THE DEVIL HAS COME TO STEAL, KILL AND DESTROY. THIS IS BAD NEWS. ALL PEOPLE HAVE SOME BAD NEWS IN THEIR LIFE. THIS BAD NEWS IS STRAIGHT FROM THE PIT OF HELL AND PEOPLE NEED TO GET OUT OF IT. THIS BAD NEWS IS CALLED “THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS.” THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS IS ANYWHERE, ANY THOUGHT OR ACTION WHERE THERE IS THIS SPIRIT OF DEATH. WHEN WE AGREE WITH THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS AND LIVE BY ITS PRINCIPLES WE SIN. THIS SIN IS WHEN WE FALL SHORT OF THE KINGDOM ORDER THAT GOD WANTS FOR US. THIS SIN HAS CONSEQUENCES, AND IT IS NOT PRETTY.

WHAT IS SIN? 1 JOHN 3:4

WHO HAS SINNED? ROMANS 3:23, 1 JOHN 1:10,

WHAT IS THE PENALTY OF SIN? ROMANS 6:23, MATTHEW 25

AS WE HAVE SEEN, WE ARE ALL SINNERS. THE PENALTY OF SIN IS ETERNAL DEATH - HELL. WE ALL NEED TO BE SAVED. SIN IS WHEN WE BREAK THE LAW OF GOD. IT'S WHEN WE GO AGAINST GOD'S CREATED ORDER.

TO ADD TO THIS, GOD IS HOLY, HOLY, HOLY. HE IS JUST AND RIGHTEOUS. HE IS OUR JUDGE. WHEN WE DIE WE WILL FACE HIM AND HE WILL JUDGE US. THE THING IS, WE ARE ALL GUILTY OF SIN AND THEREFORE NOT RIGHTEOUS ENOUGH TO SPEND ETERNITY WITH HIM.

THE BAD NEWS IS THAT ALL PEOPLE ARE SINNERS, SUCKED INTO THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS, AND DESTINE FOR HELL... THERE IS NOTHING YOU OR I CAN DO TO RESCUE OURSELVES. OUR GOOD WORKS ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH, WE ARE DEFINITELY NOT GOOD ENOUGH OR NICE ENOUGH TO BE SAVED, WE ARE SEPARATED FROM GOD BY OUR AGREEMENT WITH DARKNESS AND BY THE WAY WE SIN. WE ARE DESTINED FOR ETERNAL DEATH: HELL.

UNLESS WE ARE RESCUED...

GOOD NEWS - THE RESCUE

THE GOOD NEWS IS THIS, JESUS HAS COME TO GIVE US LIFE AND LIFE TO THE FULL! HE IS THE HERO OF THIS STORY. JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD AND THE DARKNESS CANNOT OVERCOME HIM. JESUS CAME TO EARTH, SHOWED US HIS LOVE, TAUGHT ON THE KINGDOM ORDER OF GOD, THEN DEMONSTRATED HOW WE CAN LIVE IN HIS KINGDOM. NEXT HE

DEALT WITH SIN AND IT'S ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES. JESUS, ALTHOUGH SINLESS AND PERFECT, WAS KILLED ON THE CROSS AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR OUR SIN. HE TOOK OUR PUNISHMENT, SO THAT WE MAY HAVE HIS REWARD. JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD THREE DAYS LATER SHOWING HE HAD CONQUERED SIN, DEATH AND HELL. THE WRATH OF GOD WAS SATISFIED, SIN WAS PUNISHED. SIN WAS DEALT WITH ONCE AND FOR ALL. JESUS IS THE HERO, HE IS THE GOOD NEWS!

HOW DO YOU GET RESCUED?

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT IDEAS FLOATING AROUND IN THE WORLD THESE DAYS ON HOW YOU CAN BE SAVED. THE MOST COMMON IS THAT BY "BEING A GOOD PERSON" WE CAN GET TO HEAVEN. IT'S AN IDEA THAT SAYS THAT I CAN GO TO HEAVEN IF I DO GOOD WORKS, BE NICE TO PEOPLE, OR COMPLETE CERTAIN TASKS. THESE IDEAS ARE TOTALLY FALSE. WE CAN NOT EARN, WORK, OR PRAY OUR WAY TO HEAVEN. WE CAN ONLY BE RESCUED BY REPENTING AND BELIEVING.

JESUS, OUR HERO, WAS VERY CLEAR ABOUT HOW WE CAN BE SAVED. THE FIRST TIME HE IS RECORDED PREACHING HE SAYS, "REPENT AND BELIEVE!" THESE ARE THE TWO STEPS WE MUST TAKE TO BE SAVED. (CHECK OUT MARK 1:14-15)

REPENT. IN THE NEW TESTAMENT "REPENT" LITERALLY MEANS TO CHANGE YOUR MIND. IF IT WAS USED IN A MILITARY SETTING IT MEANT THAT THE GROUP OF SOLDIERS MARCHING ONE WAY WOULD TURN AROUND AND START MARCHING THE OTHER WAY.

WHEN WE REPENT, WE TURN AWAY FROM EVERYTHING THAT IS COUNTER TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD. WE TURN AWAY FROM SIN, SELFISHNESS, SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS, WE DISAGREE WITH IT AND TURN OUR BACKS ON IT. WE SAY WE NO LONGER WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS ANYMORE. WE TURN TO GOD AND AGREE WITH HIM, AND CHOOSE TO OBEY HIM. WE CHANGE OUR MIND SO THAT WE SUBMIT TO JESUS AND HIS KINGDOM ORDER.

BELIEVE. WE ARE THEN TO BELIEVE IN JESUS. IN HIS DEATH, RESURRECTION, AND TEACHING. WE ARE TO BELIEVE THIS IN OUR HEARTS. THIS WILL REQUIRE FAITH, BUT IT IS A DECISION THAT WE MUST MAKE.

MANY PEOPLE THINK THAT WE NEED TO REPENT AND BELIEVE TO MAKE GOD CHANGE HIS MIND FROM PUNISHING US TO SAVING US. BUT IN REALITY GOD IS BUSTING TO SAVE US, HE HAS ALREADY DONE WHAT HE NEEDS TO DO FOR US TO BE SAVED. JESUS DEATH AND RESURRECTION ENSURES OUR SALVATION, THATS WHY JESUS SAID "IT IS FINISHED." GOD HAS CHANGED HIS MIND, HE WANTS ALL WHO CALL UPON HIS NAME TO BE SAVED. GOD DOESN'T NEED TO CHANGE HIS MIND. WE DO. IF WE WANT TO BE RESCUED WE NEED TO REPENT AND BELIEVE.

POCKET KINGDOM

THIS GRAPHIC CLEARLY SHOWS WHAT THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS LOOKS LIKE. IT SHOWS WHAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE. AND IT SHOWS THAT

WE CAN ONLY MOVE FROM THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD THROUGH JESUS DEATH AND RESURRECTION. SEE APPENDIX FOR THIS GRAPHIC

HOW TO BE HAPPY SAVED AND FREE

MANY CHRISTIANS DO NOT REALISE THE LIFE THEY ARE ENTITLED TO. MANY CHRISTIANS ONCE THEY GIVE THEIR LIVES TO JESUS STOP RIGHT THERE AND THINK, "I AM SAVED. THATS IT." BUT IN REALITY JESUS WANTS US TO LIVE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN THE NOW NOT JUST IN HEAVEN. JESUS WANTS HIS PEOPLE HAPPY, THAT IS FULL OF JOY! HE WANTS US SAVED, THAT IS FREE FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN NOW AND FOREVER, AND HE WANTS US FREE FROM ANYTHING THAT ENTRAPS US, WHETHER IT'S DEPRESSION, ADDICTION, SIN OR HURT. SO HERE ARE SOME STEPS THAT WORK FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BE HAPPY, SAVED AND FREE.

STOP TRYING – TO BE HAPPY, SAVED AND FREE CHRISTIAN WE REALLY NEED TO STOP TRYING. PEOPLE SPEND SO MUCH TIME TRYING TO BE GOOD, TRYING TO WORK ON THEIR CHARACTER, TRYING TO WORK ON THEIR FAULTS. BUT HERES THE THING, OUR WORK WILL NEVER GET US INTO GODS GOOD BOOKS, EVEN IF WE ARE REALLY GOOD, IT SIMPLY WON'T HELP. SO, WE NEED TO STOP TRYING! (ROMANS 7, ISAIAH 64:6)

GIVE UP - ONCE WE HAVE STOPPED TRYING, AND WE HAVE REALISED THAT OUR WORKS WON'T ACTUALLY MAKE US HAPPY, SAVED OR FREE, WE NEED TO TOTALLY GIVE UP... GIVE UP ANY IDEA THAT WE ARE GOOD ON OUR OWN, THAT WE ARE MAKING LIFE WORK, AND THAT WE HAVE THE CAPACITY WITHIN OURSELVES TO BE HAPPY, SAVED AND FREE. GIVE UP OUR SIN, GIVE UP OUR ISSUES, AND GIVE UP ANYTHING THAT EVEN LOOKS LIKE IT MAY BE FROM THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS. (MARK 8:34, ROMANS 12:1-3)

GET SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT – SINCE WE CANNOT BE HAPPY, SAVED AND FREE ON OUR OWN WE NEED TO GET SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT FOR US. JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN 2,000 YEARS AGO AND SAID, "IT IS DONE!" WELL, IT IS. JESUS DID EVERYTHING NECESSARY FOR US TO BE HAPPY, SAVED AND FREE! HE DID FOR YOU! WE NEED TO ACCEPT THE REALITY THAT HE HAS DONE IT. (JOHN 19:30, ROMANS 5:8, HEBREWS 2:17)

MOVE ON – OK, IT'S DONE. WE MUST BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS DONE IT. WHEN WE SENSE OURSELVES FALLING FROM HAPPINESS, SALVATION AND FREEDOM, WE NEED TO REMEMBER TO STOP TRYING, TO GIVE UP, AND GET SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT! WE NEED TO MOVE ON, ACCEPT THAT IT IS DONE, AND CLAIM THE PROMISES OF HAPPINESS, SALVATION AND FREEDOM BY FAITH IN JESUS! (2 PETER 1:3-4, COLOSSIANS 1:13-14, HEBREWS 12:1-3)

SEE APPENDIX FOR THIS GRAPHIC

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GO FOR SOULS

THE SOUL WINNER

IT IS GOD WHO SAVES

SALVATION IS AN AWESOME GIFT FROM GOD. AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE TO REMEMBER, SALVATION IS A GIFT FROM GOD. WE DO NOT SAVE ANYONE, THAT IS GODS JOB. ALTHOUGH WE WANT TO “GO FOR SOULS” AND GET AS MANY PEOPLE SAVED AS POSSIBLE, WE MUST REMEMBER THAT SALVATION IS A GIFT FROM GOD. GOD DOES THE SAVING. LOOK UP THESE BIBLE VERSES:

ZEPHANIAH 3:17 “THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU, THE MIGHTY WARRIOR WHO SAVES. HE WILL TAKE GREAT DELIGHT IN YOU; IN HIS LOVE HE WILL NO LONGER REBUKE YOU, BUT WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH SINGING.”

ACTS 4:12 “SALVATION IS FOUND IN NO ONE ELSE, FOR THERE IS NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN TO MANKIND BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED.”

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 “FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS IS NOT FROM YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD—NOT BY WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE CAN BOAST.”

REVELATION 7:10 “AND THEY CRIED OUT IN A LOUD VOICE: “SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD, WHO SITS ON THE THRONE, AND TO THE LAMB.”

AT THE SAME TIME LOOK AT THESE VERSES:

1 CORINTHIANS 9:22 “TO THE WEAK I BECAME WEAK, TO WIN THE WEAK. I HAVE BECOME ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE SO THAT BY ALL POSSIBLE MEANS I MIGHT SAVE SOME.”

JAMES 5:20 “REMEMBER THIS: WHOEVER TURNS A SINNER FROM THE ERROR OF THEIR WAY WILL SAVE THEM FROM DEATH AND COVER OVER A MULTITUDE OF SINS.

JUDE 22-23 “BE MERCIFUL TO THOSE WHO DOUBT; SAVE OTHERS BY SNATCHING THEM FROM THE FIRE; TO OTHERS SHOW MERCY, MIXED WITH FEAR—HATING EVEN THE CLOTHING STAINED BY CORRUPTED FLESH.”

SALVATION CLEARLY IS THE WORK OF GOD, YET THE BIBLE ALSO SHOWS US THAT WE HAVE A PART TO PLAY IN THE SALVATION OF SOULS. LETS KEEP LOOKING AT HOW...

SAVED TO SAVE

CHRISTIANS ARE SAVED TO SAVE. EVERY SINGLE CHRISTIAN IS CALLED TO EVANGELISE.

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CALLED - "COME FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN!"
BEING AN EVANGELIST IS THE IDENTITY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD. CAN YOU HEAR THE PEOPLE IN THE ROOM SAYING, "BUT ITS NOT MY PERSONALITY! ITS NOT MY GIFTING!" BUT HERE GOD PROMISES US THAT HE GIVES US THIS IDENTITY AND HE MAKES IT HAPPEN, NOT US!

COMMANDED - "GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL!"
NOT ONLY HAS GOD GOT A PLAN FOR US TO BE EVANGELISTS BUT HE HAS COMMANDED US TO EVANGELISE! HIS COMMAND HOWEVER, MAKES SENSE IN LIGHT OF OUR CALLING. GOD IS COMMANDED US TO BE WHO GOD WANTS US TO BE, AND DO WHAT HE WANTS US TO DO. HE HAS GIVEN US RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEOPLES SALVATION. WE MUST HEED HIS COMMAND!

COMPELLED - "FOR GODS LOVE COMPELS US!"
ALTHOUGH GOD CALLS US, AND COMMANDS US, HE DOES NOT LEAVE US ON OUR OWN. INSTEAD HE HAS SENT HIS HOLY SPIRIT TO COME INSIDE OF US AND MOTIVATE US TO PREACH THE GOSPEL. THIS IS NOT JUST A, "I MUST DO THIS" BUT IT IS AN, "I MUST DO THIS BECAUSE I LOVE GOD AND I LOVE YOU!" THE LOVE OF GOD IN US WILL NATURALLY COMPEL US TO PREACH THE GOSPEL.

BAPTISED IN SPIRIT

THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ESSENTIAL IF WE WANT TO BE EFFECTIVE EVANGELISTS. SADLY, MANY PEOPLE GET SCARED WHEN WE START TALKING ABOUT THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. SO HERE IS A SHORT BIBLE STUDY TO LAY YOUR FEARS AT REST.

READ THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES:

EZEKIEL 36:22-36 , 37:1-14

JOEL 2

ACTS 1-2

ACTS 18:24-19:10

WHO DID GOD PROMISE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO?

WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO TO US?

HOW DID THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT MAKE PEOPLE DIFFERENT?

THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FOR EVERYONE. YOUNG, OLD, MEN, WOMEN, EVERYONE! YOU CANNOT BE TOO OLD, NOR CAN YOU BE TOO YOUNG. IT IS FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO BE EMPOWERED TO BE THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THE FIRST EZEKIEL PASSAGE. HERE GOD SAYS THAT HE WILL PUT HIS SPIRIT IN US, AND CAUSE/MOVE US TO OBEY HIS COMMANDS. HIS LAW IS PERFECT LOVE. WHEN WE ARE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT HE WILL CAUSE/MOVE US TO LOVE PEOPLE. THIS IS ESSENTIAL IF WE WANT TO BE EFFECTIVE EVANGELISTS AS WE MUST LOVE PEOPLE. HE ALSO EMPOWERS US WITH SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

IF WE SIMPLY OBEY GOD WITHOUT BEING COMPELLED BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT THEN WE ARE IN DANGER OF EVANGELISM BECOMING A RELIGIOUS RITUAL,

OR ROUTINE. INSTEAD WE WANT EVANGELISM TO COME FROM A HEART OF LOVE!

HOW TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

SAMUEL LOGAN BRENGLE, FAMOUS SALVATION ARMY HOLINESS TEACHER GIVES US A COUPLE OF STEPS TO RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER THESE NOW AND HAVE THE LEADER OF THE GROUP LAY HANDS ON YOU TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. AS YOU ARE FILLED THEN LAY YOUR HANDS ON OTHERS SO THEY MAY BE FILLED.

CONVICT - ASK HOLY SPIRIT TO SHOW YOU YOUR SINFULNESS

REPENT - TURN AWAY FROM YOUR SINFULNESS

RENOUNCE - BREAK AWAY FROM THE BONDS OF SIN

CONSECRATE - DEDICATE EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIFE TO GOD

TESTIFY - TELL OTHERS WHAT GOD HAS DONE

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PRAYER

IT IS GOD WHO SAVES

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 “FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS IS NOT FROM YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD—NOT BY WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE CAN BOAST.”

AS WE SAID IN THE PREVIOUS LESSON, SALVATION BELONGS TO GOD. IT IS HIS WORK. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE A PART TO PLAY IN SALVATION, IT IS ENTIRELY HIS WORK. WE CAN HELP PEOPLE GET TO THE POINT WHERE THEY WILL REPENT AND BELIEVE BUT ONCE THEY DO THAT IT IS GOD WHO SAVES. THEREFORE, IT SHOULD BE NO SURPRISE THAT IF WE WANT PEOPLE TO BE SAVED THEN WE MUST PRAY AND ASK GOD TO DO HIS THING! SINCE SALVATION BELONGS TO GOD, IT ONLY MAKES SENSE THAT EVANGELISM STARTS WITH PRAYER.

WIN THE SPIRITUAL FIRST

READ ABOUT THESE PRAYER MEETINGS AND THE RESULTS THAT THEY HAD:
ACTS 1-2

ACTS 4:23-31

ACTS 16:16-34

IN EACH OF THESE PASSAGES WE SEE THAT PRAYER PRECEDED THE BOLD EVANGELISM AND THE MANY CONVERSIONS. THE SAME IS TRUE FOR US, WE MUST WIN IN THE SPIRITUAL BEFORE WE WIN IN THE NATURAL.

LOOK AT THIS PASSAGE:

2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-4 “AND EVEN IF OUR GOSPEL IS VEILED, IT IS VEILED TO THOSE WHO ARE PERISHING. THE GOD OF THIS AGE HAS BLINDED THE MINDS OF UNBELIEVERS, SO THAT THEY CANNOT SEE THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL THAT DISPLAYS THE GLORY OF CHRIST, WHO IS THE IMAGE OF GOD.”

WHO HAS BLINDED THE MINDS OF UNBELIEVERS?

IF THIS WAS IN THE NATURAL WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

IN THE NATURAL WE WOULD SIMPLY REMOVE THE BLINDFOLD. THE SAME IS TRUE FOR THE SPIRITUAL.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5

MATTHEW 16:18-19

ACTS 16:16-18

HERE WE SEE THROUGH PRAYER, AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE THAT WE CAN WIN THE BATTLE AND HELP PEOPLE SEE AND HEAR THE GOSPEL WITHOUT BEING DRAGGED DOWN.

INSPIRING STORY

READ THIS STORY ABOUT PASTOR ALBERTO PROKOPCHUK, OF THE LOS OLIVOS BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF LA PLATA, ARGENTINA. HE HAD COMPLETED THE NORMAL MINISTERS TRAINING. HOWEVER IT DID NOT INCLUDE ANY MODULES ON SPIRITUAL WARFARE. PETER WAGNER WRITES,

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“HIS MINISTRY IN LOS OLIVOS BAPTIST WAS NOT MUCH DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE OBSERVE IN SO MANY TYPICAL CHURCHES IN OUR AMERICAN CITIES; GOOD, SOLID BIBLE TEACHING MINISTRY; A RELATIVELY HIGH MORAL STANDARD; THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT MANIFESTED TO A REASONABLE DEGREE AND CHURCH MEMBERS WHO PRAY, TITHE, ATTEND SERVICES, AND WITNESS TO THEIR NEIGHBORS WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF.

ALL THIS, AND NO GROWTH.

UNDER ALBERTO’S MINISTRY, THE LOS OLIVOS CHURCH HAD BEEN STALLED AT 30 MEMBERS FOR MANY YEARS.

THEN CARLOS ANNACONDIA CAME TO LA PLATA TO CONDUCT A CRUSADE. ALBERTO AND LOS OLIVOS BAPTIST COOPERATED WITH THE CRUSADE. AS THEY ATTENDED MEETINGS NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, THEY BEGAN LEARNING ABOUT WARFARE PRAYER BY OBSERVING CARLOS ANNACONDIA. AND THEY WERE DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH THE RESULTS, NOT ONLY THE THOUSANDS WHO WERE PERSONALLY HEALED AND DELIVERED FROM EVIL SPIRITS, BUT EVEN MORE SO THE 50,000 WHO MADE PUBLIC DECISIONS TO FOLLOW CHRIST. NOTHING EVEN CLOSE TO THIS HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY SEEN IN LA PLATA.

WATCHING ANNACONDIA AND HIS TEAM CONDUCT THE CRUSADE WAS ONE THING - CARRYING THIS TYPE OF MINISTRY OVER TO A TRADITIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH WAS SOMETHING ELSE. ONE THING BAPTISTS DID KNOW HOW TO DO, HOWEVER, WAS EVANGELISE. SO THE LAY LEADERS OF LOS OLIVOS APPROACHED PASTOR ALBERTO AND SAID, “LET’S HAVE AN EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE IN OUR OWN CHURCH.”

ALBERTO WASN’T READY FOR THAT. “I DON’T HAVE THE GIFT OF EVANGELIST”, HE REPLIED. “SHOULD WE INVITE AN OUTSIDE EVANGELIST?”

“NO” HIS LEADERS SAID. “LET’S MAKE A DEAL. YOU PREACH THE CRUSADE AND WE WILL PRAY THAT GOD GIVES YOU THE GIFT OF EVANGELIST.”

ALBERTO, POSSIBLY IN A WEAK MOMENT, AGREED. THEY ORGANIZED THE CRUSADE AND HELD THE FIRST SERVICE. ALBERTO PREACHED AN EVANGELISTIC MESSAGE AND GAVE THE INVITATION. NO RESPONSE!

AS HE WAS AGONIZING TO HIMSELF OVER THIS APPARENT LACK OF POWER, ALBERTO SEEMED TO HEAR AN INNER VOICE SAYING TO HIM, “TRY IT THE WAY ANNACONDIA DOES IT!” IN SEMI-DESPERATION, HE DECIDED TO GO FOR BROKE AND GIVE IT A TRY. HE PRAYED A STRONG WARFARE PRAYER AND DIRECTLY REBUKED THE SPIRITS AS HE HAD SEEN CARLOS ANNACONDIA DO SO MANY TIMES. WHEN HE HAD BOUND THE SPIRITS WITH THE AUTHORITY THAT JESUS CHRIST HAD GIVEN HIM, HE GAVE THE INVITATION ONCE AGAIN. THIS TIME MORE THAN 15 PEOPLE SPRANG FROM THEIR SEATS AND ACTUALLY CAME RUNNING TO THE FRONT TO RECEIVE CHRIST AS THEIR SAVIOR AND LORD!

LOS OLIVOS BAPTIST CHURCH HAS GROWN FROM ITS 30 MEMBERS TO MORE THAN 900. BUT THATS NOT ALL. PROKOPUCHUCK STARTED SATELLITE CONGREGATIONS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY WITH AN ADDITIONAL 2,100 MEMBERS. HIS GOAL FOR HIS CHURCH WITH ITS SATELLITE NETWORK IS 20,000 MEMBERS BY THE YEAR 2000. NEEDLESS TO SAY ALBERTO HAS BEEN “DOING IT LIKE ANNA CONDIA” EVER SINCE.⁸

PRAYING WITH EXPECTANCY

MANY PEOPLE PRAY ALMOST OUT OF SYMPATHY. IT IS AS THOUGH THEIR PRAYER IS MORE OF A NICE THOUGHT RATHER THAN A POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE FORM OF COMMUNICATING WITH A LIVING GOD! WHEN WE FORGET THAT GOD WANTS TO ANSWER OUR PRAYERS, AND WHEN WE DOUBT THAT GOD CAN AND WANTS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, OUR PRAYERS TURN AWAY FROM EXPECTANCY AND TOWARDS SIMPLE SENTIMENT.

TO CORRECT THIS WE NEED TO PRAY WITH EXPECTANCY. WE NEED TO PRAY WITH FAITH. WE NEED TO PRAY WITH BOLDNESS. WE NEED TO EXPECT GOD TO ANSWER OUR PRAYERS. LOOK AT THESE VERSES:

MARK 11:24 “THEREFORE I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR IN PRAYER, BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED IT, AND IT WILL BE YOURS.”

MATTHEW 7:7-8 “ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU; SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK AND THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU. FOR EVERYONE WHO ASKS RECEIVES; THE ONE WHO SEEKS FINDS; AND TO THE ONE WHO KNOCKS, THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED.”

MATTHEW 19:26 “JESUS LOOKED AT THEM AND SAID, “WITH MAN THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.”

AS CHRISTIANS ENGAGED IN EVANGELISM, OUR FIRST TOOL IS PRAYER. WE WANT TO RELY ON GOD TO SAVE, HEAL AND SET FREE. WE WILL OFFER PRAYER TO WHOEVER WANTS IT, AND WE WILL PRAY AS THOUGH GOD WILL ANSWER!

HOW TO PRAY FOR HEALING, PEACE, JOY

WATCH THE VIDEO TO SEE HOW TO PRAY FOR THESE SPECIFIC OUTCOMES.

CHECK OUT OTHER CHAPTERS FOR:

HOW TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

HOW TO CAST OUT DEMONS

BIBLICAL PRAYERS FOR SALVATION

⁸ This story was taken from Peter Wagner’s book, “Warfare Prayer” page 37. And was written in 1992.

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CONVERSATION

HOW TO TURN A CONVERSATION TO SPIRITUAL THINGS

AS EVANGELISTS WE WILL BE SPENDING LOTS OF TIME TALKING TO PEOPLE THAT WE KNOW AND ALSO TO STRANGERS. WHEN EVANGELISING IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE LEARN HOW TO DO THIS NATURALLY, AND LOVINGLY.

ONCE WE GET CONFIDENT TALKING TO PEOPLE, THE NEXT STEP IS TO LEARN HOW TO TURN A NORMAL CONVERSATION INTO A SPIRITUAL ONE. MANY PEOPLE WANT TO EVANGELISE BUT CAN'T SEEM TO FIND A WAY TO TURN THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND STRANGERS INTO A SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION ABOUT JESUS, SIN, AND SALVATION. HERE ARE A 3 STEPS AND 5 TIPS ON HOW TO TURN A CONVERSATION INTO A SPIRITUAL ONE.

3 STEPS TO TURNING A CONVERSATION

BE NATURAL: THIS IS NATURAL! ALL WE ARE DOING IS SHARING GOOD NEWS WITH PEOPLE AS WE CAN, SO BE AUTHENTIC.

LISTEN: WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS RELATE CHRIST TO THEIR LIFE, AND IN PARTICULAR TO WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT. LISTEN TO HEAR THEIR NEEDS, STORIES, AND SUBJECTS THAT THEY LIKE TALKING ABOUT.

CONNECT:

CONNECT CHRIST TO THEIR STORIES. IF SOMEONE IS TALKING ABOUT A GHOST, YOU COULD START BY SHARING YOUR OWN SUPERNATURAL STORIES. JUST SHARE A SIMILAR STORY THAT YOU HAVE THAT IS DIFFERENT BECAUSE OF CHRIST.

CONNECT CHRIST TO THEIR SUBJECTS. IF THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT SPORT, TELL THEM ABOUT A SPORTS STAR WHO IS A CHRISTIAN, SAY SOMETHING LIKE, "DID YOU KNOW THAT ____ IS A CHRISTIAN?" FIND CONNECTIONS IN THEIR SUBJECT WITH CHRIST.

CONNECT CHRIST TO THEIR NEEDS. THIS IS THE EASIEST. IF SOMEONE IS SICK, TELL THEM HOW JESUS HEALS. IF THEY ARE ADDICTED, TELL THEM JESUS SETS PEOPLE FREE. WHAT NEEDS DO THEY HAVE THAT JESUS CAN TAKE CARE OF? THEN SIMPLY TELL THEM WHAT GOD CAN DO.

5 TIPS TO REMEMBER

- 1. SHARE TESTIMONIES,** STORIES ARE GREAT AND MAKE PEOPLE THINK, "IF IT WORKED FOR THEM IT MAY WORK FOR ME..."
- 2. FIND CHRISTIAN LINKS.** RESEARCH THEIR SUBJECTS/HOBBIES/INTERESTS AND FIND WHERE CHRIST/CHRISTIANS/ETC LINK. SHARE THESE LINKS NEXT TIME YOU CHAT TO THEM.
- 3. FIND OUT ABOUT CHRISTIAN CELEBRITIES.** THERE ARE HEAPS OF CHRISTIAN BANDS, SPORT STARS, MOVIES STARS, ETC THAT PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO CONNECT WITH. BY CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH THESE OTHER CHRISTIAN PEOPLE SIMPLY SHOWS THEM THAT CHRISTIANS DON'T ALL LOOK LIKE NED FLANDERS...

4. DON'T OVER DO IT. PEOPLE WILL GET TIRED OF YOU IF YOU KEEP TRYING TO PUSH THE CONVERSATION A CERTAIN WAY. IF YOU CONNECT WELL THEY WONT EVEN NOTICE YOU'VE DONE IT AND THE CONVERSATION WILL NATURALLY KEEP FLOWING. IF YOU'RE CLUTCHING AT STRAWS THEY COULD BECOME AGITATED AND WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU.

5. DON'T TAKE OVER. WE'RE HAVING A CONVERSATION NOT A SERMON SO ALLOW THEM TO CHAT. YOU'LL BE SURPRISED, THEY WILL HAVE QUESTIONS, THEY WILL MAKE STATEMENTS AND TELL YOU WHAT THEY REALLY THINK IF YOU LET THEM. LET THEM! BECAUSE THEN YOU CAN GO DEEPER AND FIND EVEN MORE WAYS TO CONNECT CHRIST WITH THEM.

HOW TO SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY

SHARING YOUR TESTIMONY IS THE EASIEST WAY TO TALK TO PEOPLE ABOUT GOD. MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LEAD TO THE LORD BECAUSE THEY HEARD SOMEONES STORY. TESTIMONIES ARE POWERFUL AS THEY ARE NOT BASED ON YOUR GREAT IDEAS, RATHER THEY ARE BASED ON EXPERIENCES THAT PEOPLE CANNOT QUESTION. THESE STORIES SHOW PEOPLE WHAT GOD CAN DO, AND GIVE THEM HOPE THAT PERHAPS GOD COULD DO THE SAME FOR THEM.

HERE IS THE BASIC OUTLINE OF WHAT A TESTIMONY LOOKS LIKE:

- 1) WHAT YOUR LIFE WAS LIKE (KINGDOM OF DARKNESS)
- 2) WHAT GOD DID
- 3) WHAT LIFE IS LIKE NOW/HOW LIFE IS DIFFERENT (KINGDOM OF LIGHT)

WHAT YOUR LIFE WAS LIKE

HERE IS WHERE YOU TELL PEOPLE WHAT YOUR LIFE WAS LIKE BEFORE CHRIST. WERE YOU DEPRESSED, HOPELESS, SICK, FILLED WITH BITTERNESS, AIMLESSLY WALKING THROUGH LIFE, HAD NO BELIEF... THIS HELPS IDENTIFY PEOPLE WITH WHERE YOU USE TO BE. THE PEOPLE YOU ARE SPEAKING TO MAY BE IN THE SAME PLACE.

WHAT GOD DID

TOO MANY PEOPLE TELL THEIR STORY SAYING WHAT THEY DID, FOR EXAMPLE, "I WENT TO CHURCH..." OR "I RESPONDED AT THE ALTAR CALL." THESE ARE PART OF THE STORY AND MUST BE TOLD, BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO GIVE GOD THE CREDIT! TESTIMONIES ARE NOT SELF-HELP TOOLS, THEY ARE A STORIES THAT TELL WHAT GOD DID. WHAT DID GOD DO IN/FOR YOU? JESUS MUST BE THE HERO OF THE STORY.

WHAT LIFE IS LIKE NOW/HOW LIFE IS DIFFERENT

WHAT HAS GOD CHANGED IN YOUR LIFE? HERE YOU CAN TELL PEOPLE ABOUT THE PEACE, JOY, FREEDOM OR WHATEVER YOUR STORY IS. BUT THIS IS THE GOOD STUFF THAT PEOPLE NEED TO HEAR. GOD MAKES MY LIFE BETTER!

USING THE LAW IN EVANGELISM

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD A STREET PREACHER TELLING PEOPLE THEY ARE GOING TO HELL? IT DOESN'T SEEM TO CATCH PEOPLES ATTENTION OR TELL PEOPLE OF GODS GRACE MUCH. HOWEVER, THIS IS LARGELY DUE TO THE WAY THEY PREACH THIS, RATHER THAN THE MESSAGE ITSELF.

CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING VIDEOS FROM WAY OF THE MASTER:

THE GOOD TEST CARTOON

[HTTP://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=TCSUKIHJEVO](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCSUKIHJEVO)

SEAL BEACH KID

[HTTP://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=UMN3ICN90IY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMN3ICN90IY)

GANG MEMBERS

[HTTP://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=cVco8T-R8KU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVco8T-R8KU)

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

DO NOT BE JUDGMENTAL - THIS IS A BIG TURN OFF. YOU ARE NO BETTER THAN THEM. REMEMBER WE HAVE ALL SINNED. WE ARE ALL IN NEED OF THE SAME SAVIOR! THEREFORE LET AND GET.

LET GOD TELL THEM THEY ARE A SINNER - SIMPLY SHARE WHAT GODS LAWS SAYS, THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL CONVICT THEM OF THEIR OWN SIN. ALLOW GOD TO TELL THEM THEY ARE A SINNER.

GET THEM TO SAY WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. THIS WAY YOU CANNOT BE ACCUSED OF BEING JUDGMENTAL. THEY TOLD YOU THEY ARE A SINNER. THERE IS NO ESCAPE NOW!

HAVE FUN BUT DON'T FORGET ETERNITY IS ON THE LINE - WE WANT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS WITH ALL PEOPLE, AND WE WANT TO HAVE FUN DOING SO. BUT DO NOT EVER ALLOW FUN TO MAKE THE GOSPEL SEEM JUST LIKE A JOKE. THAT MEANS DO NOT FORGET THE GOSPEL IS SERIOUS AND IMPORTANT. WHILE HAVING FUN, LAUGHING AND GIMMICKS ARE VALID WAYS OF SHARING HE GOSPEL, DO NOT ALLOW THE ACTUAL GOSPEL TO BECOME THE JOKE.

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS - THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT TELLING PEOPLE THEY ARE DIRTY ROTTEN SINNERS. THIS IS ABOUT GETTING PEOPLE TO A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN SEE THEIR NEED OF A SAVIOR. THIS IS GOOD NEWS, PEOPLE NEED TO HEAR GOOD NEWS!

USING THE POCKET KINGDOM

THE POCKET KINGDOM IS A FANTASTIC RESOURCE THAT WILL EMPOWER YOU TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS. IT IS VERY EASY TO USE, ESPECIALLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH YOUR TESTIMONY. HERE IS HOW YOU CAN USE IT.

STEP 1: LISTEN TO THEIR STORY AND IDENTIFY WHERE THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS IS IN THEIR STORY/LIFE.

STEP 2: SHOW THEM HOW THEIR VIEWS/ACTIONS/FEELINGS/PRINCIPLES OF POWER OF OPERATION ARE FROM THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS.

STEP 3: SHARE THE GOOD NEWS! TELL THEM THAT THERE IS ANOTHER WAY OF LIVING. THERE IS A KINGDOM OF LIGHT. THERE IS A HERO NAMED JESUS WHO WILL RESCUE THEM IF THEY CALL ON HIS NAME!

STEP 5: GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD. THAT IS, TO REPENT AND BELIEVE. PRAY WITH THEM ON THE SPOT.

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CARING

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO CARE

NAME SOME OF THE NICEST PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN IN YOUR LIFE. WHAT DID THEY DO FOR YOU? HOW DID THEY MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF?

THE CHANCES ARE THAT THESE PEOPLE DID NOT JUST SPEND MONEY ON YOU, BUT THEY CARED ABOUT YOU. SOME OF THEM MAY HAVE BEEN POOR, BUT THAT DOESN'T STOP PEOPLE FROM CARING. CARING CAN HAPPEN IN A HUGE AMOUNT OF WAYS AND WILL LARGELY DEPEND ON YOUR PERSONALITY, SKILLS, GIFTS, AND PASSIONS.

USING THE RESOURCES WE HAVE

“COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT” IS A SYSTEM OF HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES. IT IS NOT JUST A BAND-AID SOLUTION, AS IT TEACHES PEOPLE HOW TO FIND THE RESOURCES THEY NEED. IN OUR CASE WE WANT TO USE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MODEL IN EVANGELISM. THIS MOVES AWAY FROM A PROGRAMMED WELFARE SYSTEM OF CARE AND FOCUSES OUR ATTENTION ON RELATIONSHIPS AND LONG TERM HELP.

FOR EXAMPLE, SAY WE BUMP INTO A MOTHER WHO NEEDS FOOD TO FEED THEIR KIDS. THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MODEL LOOKS AT WHAT RESOURCES THE MOTHER ALREADY HAS, AND AT WHAT RESOURCES WE HAVE. SAY SHE ENJOYS COOKING BUT HAS NO MONEY. PERHAPS WE KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS MONEY, BUT DOESN'T LIKE COOKING. WE COULD SET THESE TWO PEOPLE UP SO THAT THEY WORK TOGETHER, IN RETURN FOR THE MOTHER'S COOKING SERVICES SHE GETS TO EAT TOO...

THIS EXAMPLE IS NOT IMPORTANT, BUT IT SHOWS THAT WE ALL HAVE RESOURCES. WE HAVE MONEY, TIME, SKILLS, PASSIONS, FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND OTHER NETWORKS. WHEN WE ARE CARING FOR PEOPLE IN OUR CORPS AND IN OUTREACH SETTINGS, WE WANT TO USE THE RESOURCES THAT YOU HAVE.

RESOURCES I HAVE

BELOW ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF RESOURCES THAT WE MAY HAVE. IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO WRITE DOWN EVERY RESOURCE YOU HAVE AS YOU WOULD NOT REMEMBER EVERYTHING. WHAT THIS LIST DOES THOUGH IS SHOW YOU WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN YOU ARE CARING FOR PEOPLE. JOT DOWN SOME OF YOUR ANSWERS.

CHARACTER RESOURCES

WE ALL HAVE THIS TYPE OF RESOURCE. THIS IS SIMPLY YOU, IT'S WHO YOU ARE, EVERYTHING THAT MAKES UP WHAT MAKES YOU YOU. YOU ARE A RESOURCE TO HELPING PEOPLE IF YOU DO NOT REALISE IT. WHAT ARE SOME GOOD THINGS ABOUT YOUR PERSONALITY THAT COULD HELP PEOPLE? ARE YOU PATIENT? ARE YOU A GOOD LISTENER? WHAT EXPERIENCES DO YOU HAVE? WHAT HOBBIES AND INTERESTS DO YOU HAVE? WHAT SKILLS DO YOU HAVE?

POSSESSION RESOURCES

POSSESSIONS CAN BE VERY HANDY TOO. WE MAY NOT ALL HAVE LOTS OF MONEY TO SHARE BUT WE MAY HAVE POSSESSIONS WE CAN GIVE AWAY, SHARE OR LEND. WHAT POSSESSIONS DO YOU HAVE? DO YOU HAVE A HOME? A CAR? A VEGGIE PATCH? A COLLECTION OF... A BACK YARD A...?

TIME RESOURCES

WHAT YOU DO WITH YOUR TIME IS A RESOURCE. BOTH SPARE TIME, AND TIME YOU HAVE PLANNED. YOUR TIME DOING THINGS MAY ACTUALLY HELP SOMEONE ELSE OUT. (E.G IF YOU GO SHOPPING MAYBE YOU COULD PICK SOMETHING UP.) WHAT TIME DO YOU HAVE SPARE? WHAT DO YOU DO WITH ALL YOUR TIME? WHERE DO YOU GO WITH YOUR TIME?

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

AS CHRISTIANS WE HAVE SPIRITUAL RESOURCES. WE ARE TOLD IN EPHESIANS 1 THAT WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED BY GOD "WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN CHRIST JESUS!" WHAT IS YOUR TESTIMONY? WHAT SPIRITUAL GIFTS DO YOU HAVE? MOST IMPORTANTLY, WHAT CAN GOD DO IN THIS SITUATION?

NETWORK RESOURCES

WE HAVE JUST LOOKED AT WHAT YOU HAVE TO OFFER. BUT NOW WE LOOK AT NETWORKS OF PEOPLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE RESOURCES TOO. WHAT ARE THE ORGANISATIONS YOU KNOW, HAVE HEARD ABOUT, KNOW SOMEONE IN? WHAT PEOPLE DO YOU KNOW? WHAT ARE THEIR RESOURCES?

AS YOU CAN SEE THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS WE HAVE THAT WE DIDN'T EVEN REALISE WERE RESOURCES. IMAGINE YOU HAD BEEN IN A TSUNAMI SOME YEARS BACK, AND ANOTHER TSUNAMI HIT. YOUR RESOURCE WOULD BE THAT YOU KNOW WHAT ITS LIKE, WHAT HAPPENS PSYCHOLOGICALLY, EMOTIONALLY, PHYSICALLY. MAYBE YOUR RESOURCE IS YOUR FIGHT WITH CENTRELINK, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE SYSTEM... ETC

THERE ARE MANY THINGS YOU HAVE BUT WOULD NOT EVEN THINK YOU HAD. THE TRICK IS TO USE OUR RESOURCES SO WE CAN CARE FOR PEOPLE.

MOCK SCENARIOS

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IN EACH OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES:

YOU MEET SOMEONE WHO NEEDS FOOD

YOU MEET SOMEONE WHO NEEDS FURNITURE

YOU MEET SOMEONE WHO HAS LOTS OF KIDS AND IS WORN OUT

YOU MEET SOMEONE WHO IS SICK

YOU MEET SOMEONE...

GOING THE EXTRA MILE

IN ORDER TO CARE FOR PEOPLE WE MAY NEED TO GO THE EXTRA MILE. PEOPLE GET PART OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE BY THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIFE. IF WE HAVE TESTIFIED THAT GOD HAS REMOVED OUR HEART OF GOSSIP, THEN WE MUST MAKE SURE THAT WE DO NOT GOSSIP! IF WE SAY GOD WANTS TO HELP PEOPLE, THEN WE MUST SHOW THAT HE CARES BY US HELPING OUT.

REFLECT ON THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE:

MATTHEW 5:38-6:4

FOLLOW UP

OFTEN WE WILL SEE PEOPLE GIVE THEIR HEARTS TO THE LORD. HOWEVER THAT IS NOT THE END. THEY NOW NEED TO LEARN TO WALK WITH GOD. IF WE FOLLOW THIS SIMPLE PLAN WE SHOULD RETAIN A LOT MORE PEOPLE.

CALL - THE NEXT DAY TO SEE HOW THEY ARE

CATCH UP - THE FOLLOWING WEEK TO ENCOURAGE, PRAY AND INVITE

CELL GROUP - GET THEM INVOLVED IN A iLIVE GROUP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THIS GIVES THEM MORE FRIENDS AND PEOPLE TO TALK TO, AND BY DOING SO CAN TAKE A BURDEN OFF YOUR SHOULDERS

CELEBRATION - LETS INVITE THEM TO WORSHIP WITH US!

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POWER EVANGELISM

BIBLE: MARK 16:15-20, LUKE 10:1-20, THE BOOK OF ACTS

THE RUN DOWN: THIS IS THE TYPE OF EVANGELISM WHERE YOU BE LIKE JESUS! YOU SIMPLY SEE A PROBLEM, HAVE COMPASSION THEN MIRACULOUSLY DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! JESUS DID THIS ALL THE TIME, HE HEALED PEOPLE AND SET THEM FREE FROM DEMONIC STRONGHOLDS.

WHY: BECAUSE GOD WANTS PEOPLE TO BE FREE, HEALTHY AND SAVED. HE WANTS TO SHOW PEOPLE HOW MUCH HE LOVES THEM. AND BECAUSE MIRACLES SHOWS GOD CONQUERS EVERYTHING AND MOST OF ALL IT GLORIFIES GOD!

How to: YOU CAN DO THIS ANYWHERE ANYTIME. 1) IT SIMPLY CALLS FOR YOU TO SEE/LISTEN TO PEOPLE AND SEE HOW THEY'RE STRUGGLING. 2) THEN HAVE COMPASSION ON THEM. (THIS COMES FROM GOD, IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT ASK FOR IT!) 3) THEN TELL PEOPLE SOME GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS. THIS MIGHT MEAN HEALING, FREEDOM, ANOTHER MIRACLE AND OF COURSE SALVATION. 4) THEN YOU SIMPLY PRAY FOR THEM. THIS IS WHERE GOD CONFIRMS THE MESSAGE YOU JUST PREACHED BY DOING A MIRACLE! 5) CALL THEM TO FOLLOW JESUS.

THE WAY YOU PRAY IS EASY TOO.

1) BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL ANSWER YOUR PRAYER.

2) SYMPTOM HERE GO AWAY IN JESUS NAME. IN JESUS NAME NAME BE HEALED/FREED ETC.

3) GET THEM TO TEST IT OUT.

4) PRAISE JESUS FOR DOING HIS THING!

TESTIMONY: ONE DAY A LADY CAME INTO OUR CORPS FOR A FOOD VOUCHER. HOWEVER SHE HAD TO LEAVE EARLY BECAUSE SHE HAD A DOCTORS APPOINTMENT FOR HER BAD BACK. SO I TOLD HER ABOUT MY GOD, THE GOD WHO HEALS. I THEN OFFERED TO PRAY FOR HER. SHE ACCEPTED. I PRAYED, THEN SHE TESTED OUT HER BACK! SHE WAS SO EXCITED AND AMAZED THAT GOD HEALED HER BACK STRAIGHT AWAY! SHE THEN TOLD US THAT SHE WAS GOING BACK TO CHURCH BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO KNOW GOD BETTER!

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PRAISE EVANGELISM

BIBLE: JOHN 1:43-51

THE RUN DOWN: TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT JESUS.

WHY: BECAUSE FRIENDS DON'T LET THEIR FRIENDS GO TO HELL WITHOUT A FIGHT.

How to: Be a good friend and let them know you are a Christian as soon as you can. The longer you leave it, the harder it gets. There are no real steps on how to do relational evangelism, instead it's about attitude. You need to want your friends to be saved. It's an attitude that says, Jesus is great I want my friends to know about Him! If you have this attitude you will naturally share Jesus with them and will have the attitude of "see for yourself!" It's not just about getting them to believe something, it's about getting them to meet Jesus. You can do this in a couple of ways:

LIFESTYLE: THEY MAY MEET JESUS THROUGH YOU BY YOUR AMAZING HOLINESS THAT THEY COULD NEVER ACHIEVE IN THEIR OWN. AT THE SAME TIME DO NOT FORGET YOU NEED TO TELL THEM ABOUT JESUS TOO. ITS BOTH, NOT ONE OR THE OTHER.

INVITATION: YOU CAN INVITE THEM TO CHURCH, CELL GROUP, OR TO A PRAYER TIME WHERE YOU WILL INTRODUCE THEM TO JESUS.

OFFER: SOMETIMES YOUR FRIENDS MAY NEED A MIRACLE AND YOU KNOW JESUS CAN COME THROUGH WITH THE GOODS SO YOU OFFER TO PRAY FOR THEM.

LAW: SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO LET YOUR FRIENDS KNOW THAT THEIR SIN IS LEADING THEM TO HELL AND THAT JESUS HATES THAT. TELL THEM HOW JESUS WANTS THEM TO BE SAVED, BUT THEY GOTTA MAKE THE CALL FOR THEMSELVES!

TESTIMONY: TELL THEM ABOUT JESUS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR YOU.

APOLOGETICS: THIS IS WHEN YOU ANSWER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE FAITH LIKE ATHEISM, CREATIONISM – SCIENCE DEBATES, ETC.

TESTIMONY: I WAS WORKING IN THE CITY AND WOULD OFTEN CHAT TO MY FRIEND AFTER WORK AS HE TOOK OVER MY SHIFT OR VICE VERSA. I TOLD HIM ABOUT JESUS, I TESTIFIED ABOUT WHAT JESUS DID TO ME, I ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FAITH THAT HE HAD, I INVITED HIM TO CHURCH AND WHEN I OFFERED HIM PRAYER IN A TIME OF NEED HE GAVE HIS LIFE TO THE LORD! HALLELUJAH! THIS TOOK 2 YEARS! DON'T GIVE UP!

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RELATIONAL EVANGELISM

BIBLE: JOHN 1:43-51

THE RUN DOWN: TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT JESUS.

WHY: BECAUSE FRIENDS DON'T LET THEIR FRIENDS GO TO HELL WITHOUT A FIGHT.

How to: BE A GOOD FRIEND AND LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN AS SOON YOU CAN. THE LONGER YOU LEAVE IT, THE HARDER IT GETS. THERE ARE NO REAL STEPS ON HOW TO DO RELATIONAL EVANGELISM, INSTEAD IT'S ABOUT ATTITUDE. YOU NEED TO WANT YOUR FRIENDS TO BE SAVED. ITS AN ATTITUDE THAT SAYS, JESUS IS GREAT I WANT MY FRIENDS TO KNOW ABOUT HIM! IF YOU HAVE THIS ATTITUDE YOU WILL NATURALLY SHARE JESUS WITH THEM AND WILL HAVE THE ATTITUDE OF "SEE FOR YOURSELF!" IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT GETTING THEM TO BELIEVE SOMETHING, ITS ABOUT GETTING THEM TO MEET JESUS. YOU CAN DO THIS IN A COUPLE OF WAYS:

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LAW EVANGELISM

BIBLE: JOHN 4:1-26, MARK 10:17-27

THE RUN DOWN: USING THE LAW OF GOD (10 COMMANDMENTS) TO BRING CONVICTION TO A PROUD PERSON SO THEY SEE THEIR NEED OF SALVATION.

WHY: THIS METHOD IS ESSENTIAL BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF PROUD PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO DO NOT RECOGNISE THEIR OWN SINFULNESS AND THEREFORE THE NEED OF A SAVIOUR.

HOW TO: WE BORROW THIS FROM THE GUYS AT LIVING WATERS BECAUSE THEY DO SUCH A GREAT JOB AND THEY LOVE SHARING THEIR STUFF. BUT THE BASIC GIST IS WE GET PEOPLE TO ADMIT TO THEIR OWN SINFULNESS.

1) ASK SOMEONE IF THEY WILL DO THE GOOD TEST WITH YOU. YOU MAY ASK SOMETHING LIKE: "DO YOU THINK YOU ARE A GOOD PERSON?"

2) GO THROUGH SOME OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS AND ASK, "HAVE YOU EVER..." FOR EXAMPLE, LIED. "HAVE YOU EVER LIED?" GO THROUGH A COUPLE OF THE COMMANDMENTS LIKE, "HAVE YOU EVER STOLEN?"

3) AFTER EACH ONE ASK, "WHAT DO WE CALL A PERSON WHO ____?" E.G. WHAT DO WE CALL A PERSON WHO LIES? THE ANSWER BEING A LIAR. OR A PERSON WHO STEALS IS CALLED A THIEF.

4) THEN AFTER THEY HAVE ANSWERS A FEW OF THESE SAY SOMETHING LIKE THIS INCORPORATING THEIR ANSWERS. "YOU HAVE JUST TOLD ME YOU ARE A LIAR, THIEF, BLASPHEMER WHO COMMITS ADULTERY IN YOUR HEART. WHEN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT COMES DO YOU THINK GOD WILL FIND YOU GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY OF BREAKING HIS LAW? WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU WILL SPEND ETERNITY?" THE CONVICTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME POWERFULLY BECAUSE THEY ARE ADMITTING THEIR OWN SINFULNESS.

5) THEN TELL THEM THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION SO THEY CAN BE SAVED!

TESTIMONY: ONE TIME A YOUNG BOY CAME IN TO A PRAYER MEETING. I ASKED HIM IF WE WANTED TO PRAY BUT HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO. I THEN DID THE GOOD TEST WITH HIM. ONCE WE GOT TO THE END I ASKED, "DO YOU THINK GOD WILL FIND YOU GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY?" HE QUIETLY REPLIED "GUILTY," SO I CONTINUED. "WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU WILL SPEND ETERNITY?" HE STARTED CRYING AND SAID HELL. I THEN GAVE HIM THE GOOD NEWS THAT JESUS DIED TO TAKE AWAY HIS SINS! THE NEXT WEEK THIS BOY WHO WAS A BULLY, CAME AND TOLD ME HOW HE HAS A WHOLE GROUP OF NEW FRIENDS BECAUSE JESUS CHANGED HIS LIFE! HALLELUJAH!

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HOW TO LEAD OTHERS TO CHRIST

STEP 1 – FIND A SINNER. FIND PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT REPENTED FROM SINS AND DOES NOT BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST YET.

STEP 2 – TELL THEM ABOUT JESUS. TELL THEM ABOUT HOW HE DIED ON THE CROSS, AND ROSE AGAIN THREE DAYS LATER TO SAVE THEM. YOU MAY WANT TO TELL THEM ABOUT WHAT HE HAS DONE IN YOUR LIFE, IN OTHER PEOPLE’S LIVES, AND WHAT HE PROMISES TO DO IN THEIR LIVES IF THEY CHOOSE TO FOLLOW HIM. TELL THEM THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST!

STEP 3 – GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE SAVED. NOW THAT THEY HAVE HEARD ABOUT JESUS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR YOU, AND WANTS TO DO FOR THEM, INVITE THEM TO BE SAVED. WHEN YOU DO THIS TELL THEM THEY MUST REPENT OF THEIR SIN, (TURN AWAY FROM SIN AND TURN TOWARDS JESUS) AND BELIEVE THAT JESUS RAISED FROM THE DEAD TO SAVE THE WORLD.

EVERYONE NEEDS TO REPENT AND BELIEVE. MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARRANGE FOR THE CONVERTS TO BE DISCIPLED ONCE THEY GET SAVED!

FOR MORE EXAMPLES OF HOW TO LEAD SOMEONE TO CHRIST CHECK OUT WWW.GOFORSOULS.COM

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HOW TO HEAL THE SICK

JESUS DID ALL SORTS OF FUN THINGS WHEN HEALING THE SICK. HE SPAT ON PEOPLE'S EYES, MADE THE BLIND WALK DOWN LONG FLIGHTS OF STAIRS, HE PRAYED, HE REBUKED, HE COMMANDED.

THE BOOK OF ACTS SHOWS US A BUNCH OF WAYS PEOPLE WERE HEALED. PETER COMMANDED A MAN TO BE HEALED AND HE WAS HEALED (ACTS 3). ANANIAS PLACED HANDS ON SAUL AND HE WAS HEALED (ACTS 9). WHEN HANDKERCHIEFS THAT PAUL HAD TOUCHED WERE PLACED ON PEOPLE THEY WERE HEALED (ACTS 19:11). PETER'S SHADOW FELL ON PEOPLE AND THEY WERE HEALED (ACTS 5:15).

THERE IS NO 'ONE WAY' TO HEAL THE SICK.

BUT HERE IS SOME SCRIPTURE THAT SHOULD HELP:

1. JESUS COMMANDS US TO HEAL THE SICK. (MATTHEW 10:8)
2. JESUS HAS GIVEN US THE AUTHORITY TO HEAL THE SICK. (MATTHEW 10:1)
3. WE ARE TOLD TO PRAY FOR THE SICK. (JAMES 5:13-18)
4. WE NEED FAITH TO HEAL THE SICK. (MARK 9:23)
5. SOME ARE GIVEN A SPECIAL GIFT TO HEAL THE SICK. (1 CORINTHIANS 12:9)

SO TO GET YOU STARTED, HERE ARE A FEW EXAMPLES THAT YOU CAN USE DEPENDING ON HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS YOU:

"IN JESUS' NAME, BE HEALED."
"SICKNESS BE GONE IN JESUS NAME!"
"JESUS, PLEASE HEAL ____."
"LEG, IN JESUS' NAME, GROW BACK!"
"LIFE, RETURN, IN JESUS' NAME!"

ONCE YOU HAVE SAID YOUR THING, GET THE PERSON TO TEST OUT THEIR HEALING. THIS IS AN ACT OF FAITH. REPEAT AS NECESSARY AND BE AMAZED AS PEOPLE'S FAITH GROWS AND GOD HEALS THE SICK!

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HOW TO CAST OUT DEMONS

DEMONS ARE REAL. JESUS ENCOUNTERED THEM AND HAS COMMANDED US TO CAST THEM OUT. THEREFORE WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THEM.

HOW DEMONS CAN ENTER

THE DEVIL COMES TO STEAL, KILL AND DESTROY (JOHN 10:10). DEMONS NEED A LEGAL RIGHT TO ENTER INTO A PERSON. JUST AS WE INVITE JESUS INTO OUR HEART, WE CAN ALSO INVITE DEMONS INTO OUR HEART. WE DO THIS BY AGREEING TO WHAT THEY SAY. FOR EXAMPLE, WE CAN AGREE WITH JESUS, WHICH WILL LEAD US TO LIFE, FREEDOM, AND SALVATION, OR WE CAN AGREE WITH THE DEMONIC, WHICH LEADS US TO DEATH, BONDAGE AND HELL.

SIN, HURT, CURSES, AND THE OCCULT ARE KNOWN AS WAYS THE ENEMY IS INVITED IN. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT EVERY TIME YOU SIN, OR ARE HURT YOU GET POSSESSED. HOWEVER, IF WE DISOBEY GOD AND BELIEVE THE LIES OF THE DEVIL WE ARE GIVING HIM OPPORTUNITIES TO ENSLAVE US.

WHAT DEMONS CAN DO

- THEY CAN TEMPT US TO ACT OR THINK A CERTAIN WAY (LUKE 4:1-13)
- THEY CAN CAUSE US TO ACT DIFFERENTLY (MATTHEW 8:28, MARK 9:17-18)
- THEY CAN MAKE US FEEL SICK (MAT 12:22, LUKE 13:10-12).

WHAT JESUS PROMISES US

- "I HAVE GIVEN YOU AUTHORITY TO TRAMPLE ON SNAKES AND SCORPIONS AND TO OVERCOME ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY; NOTHING WILL HARM YOU. HOWEVER, DO NOT REJOICE THAT THE SPIRITS SUBMIT TO YOU, BUT REJOICE THAT YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN." LUKE 10:19

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- **ARMOUR.** PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD. (EPHESIANS 6) THIS MEANS LIVING A HOLY LIFE, BELIEVING THE TRUTH, AND LIVING IN FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE TO JESUS CHRIST.
- **BE WISE.** IF YOU THINK SOMEONE MAY BE POSSESSED BY A DEMON SEE YOUR OFFICER, DISCIPLER, OR MENTOR AND SHARE YOUR CONCERNS. DON'T ENGAGE THE ENEMY ON YOUR OWN.
- **FIGHT.** EXERCISE THE AUTHORITY JESUS HAS GIVEN YOU. (2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5)

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FUN WARMUP'S

DO YOU EVER FIND IT HARD TO EVANGELISE TO STRANGERS? THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME FUN WARM UP EXERCISES FOR PREACHING THE GOSPEL. SOME YOU CAN DO ON YOUR OWN, OTHERS WORK BEST IN A GROUP. (BEST TIP IS TO BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT THOUGH!)

WINDOW PREACHING. OPEN A WINDOW IN YOUR HOUSE AND YELL OUT AS LOUD AS YOU CAN “JESUS SAVES!” GO FOR IT! YOU WILL SEE THAT ALL THIS NEGATIVE ENERGY, ALL THE NERVES WILL BE RELEASED, AND YOU WILL REALISE THAT IT’S REALLY NOT THAT SCARY!

DRIVE BY GOSPEL SHOTS. DO YOU DRIVE OR KNOW SOMEONE THAT DOES? AS YOU DRIVE PAST PEOPLE YELL OUT “JESUS SAVES” OR OTHER SHORT SLOGANS OUT THE WINDOW OF OUR CAR. IT’S SURPRISINGLY FUN AND BUILDS FAITH AND BOLDNESS.

GHOSTING. FIND SOMEONE WHO IS WALKING DOWN THE STREET AND JUST FOLLOW BEHIND THEM AS CLOSE AS YOU CAN. TRY NOT TO GET CAUGHT! TIME HOW LONG IT TAKES BEFORE THEY CATCH ON! LONGEST TIME WINS! ITS REALLY FUN, WHEN THEY SEE YOU JUST STOP! THIS WILL BUILD UP COURAGE AS YOU INTERACT WITH PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT WAYS WHILE HAVING SOME FUN. [WATCH A CLIP HERE TO SEE HOW TO DO IT!](#)

PRAISE. THIS WORKS BEST IN A GROUP. JUMP ON A TRAIN OR BUS AND START SINGING THOSE OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL SONGS; YOU KNOW THE ONES, THE FUN OFTEN-CORNY ONES! IN BETWEEN SONGS YOU COULD TESTIFY OR PREACH, BUT SINGING FUN SONGS CAN OFTEN TAKE YOU TO A PLACE WHERE YOU FORGET WHAT YOUR WORRIED ABOUT AND YOUR FREE TO BE SILLY!

FIRE A VOLLEY. YOU NEED AT LEAST 2 PEOPLE FOR THIS ONE. SPLIT UP ONTO EITHER SIDES OF THE ROAD AND BECK AND HOLLER BACK AND FORTH. TRY YELLING OUT, “FIRE A VOLLEY” WITH YOUR PARTNER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROAD YELLING BACK, “HALLELUJAH.” (APPARENTLY THIS CALL BEGS A DIFFERENT RESPONSE PENDING WHICH COUNTRY YOU ARE IN...) EITHER WAY JUST YELL SOMETHING TO YOUR PARTNER AND HAVE THEM REPLY FROM OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE STREET, BUILDING UP COURAGE TO HAVE FUN PREACHING ON THE STREET!

HIGH 5's. WALK DOWN THE STREET AND SEE HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL GIVE YOU A HIGH 5. AS YOU WALK PAST JUST SAY BOLDLY, “HIGH 5!” SEE HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL SLAP YOUR HAND! THIS CAN ALSO WORK WITH HUGS! BE CREATIVE, SEE WHAT YOU CAN COME UP WITH.

SMILE. STAND ON A BUSY CORNER AND SIMPLY SMILE. MAKE SURE IT’S A BIG SMILE, NOT TOO FAKE BECAUSE PEOPLE WILL REALISE. JUST STAND THERE UNTIL PEOPLE ASK YOU WHAT YOUR SMILING ABOUT, MAKE SURE THEY’RE REALLY INTERESTED THEN TELL THEM HOW YOU GOT SAVED AND HOW THEY CAN BE SAVED TOO!

APPENDIX

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APPENDIX 1 - THE BRIDGE TO LIFE - FROM NAVIGATORS CANADA

Step 1

God's Love and His plan

God created us in His own image to be His friend and to experience a full life assured of His love, abundant and eternal.

Jesus said, "...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10b)

"...we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1)



Since God planned for us to have peace and abundant life right now, why are most people not having this experience?

Step 2

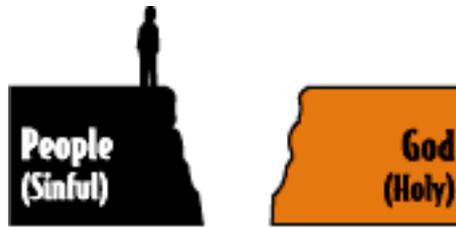
Our Problem: Separation from God

God created us in His own image to have abundant (meaningful) life. He did not make us robots to automatically love and obey him, but he gave us a will and a freedom of choice.

We chose to disobey God and go our own willful way. We still make this choice today. This results in separation from God.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

"...your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you so that he will not hear." (Isaiah 59:2)



On our own, there's no way we can attain the perfection needed to bridge the gap to God. Through the ages, individuals have tried many ways...without success.

Good works won't do it...or religion...or money...or morality...or philosophy...

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." (Proverbs 14:12)

Step 3

God's Remedy: The Cross

Jesus Christ is the only answer to this problem. He died on the cross and rose from the grave, paying the penalty for our sin and bridging the gap between God and people.

"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God..."
(1 Peter 3:18)

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ." (1 Timothy 2:5)

"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
(Romans 5:8)



Step 4
Our Response

Believing means trust and commitment - acknowledging our sinfulness, trusting Christ's forgiveness and letting Him control our life. Eternal, abundant life is a gift for us to receive.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” ([John 3:16](#))

“I tell you the truth, whoever **hears** my word and **believes** Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.” ([John 5:24](#))



Is there any reason why you shouldn't cross over to God's side and be certain of eternal life?

APPENDIX 2 - BIBLICAL PRAYERS FOR SALVATION

When we pray it is best to use the word of God! God has already declared it and He is faithful to it! So here are some Biblical ways to pray for Salvation:

1. Lord, I pray that you draw _____ to Yourself. (John 6:44)
2. I pray that _____ will seek to know You. (Acts 17:27)
3. I ask that You send someone to share the Gospel with _____. (Matt. 9:37-38)
4. Holy Spirit, please lead _____ into all truth. (John 16:13)
5. I pray that _____ hears and believes the Word for what it really is. (1 Thes. 2:13)
6. I pray that you will convict _____ of guilt in regard to sin, and righteousness and judgment. (John 16:8)
7. I pray that _____ will be gripped with godly sorrow that will lead them to repentance, to salvation, and leave them with no regrets. (2 Cor 7:10)
8. I bind the god of this age so that _____ will no longer be blind to the light of the glory of Christ. (2 Cor 4:4)
9. In Jesus name we demolish every argument and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God in _____'s life, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2 Cor 10:3-5)
10. I pray that _____ will confess Christ as Lord and grow in faith and bear fruit for Your glory. (Rom. 10:9-10)
11. I pray that _____ would put all of their trust in Christ. (John 1:12; 5:24)
12. Lord, I pray that _____ truly accepts Christ as his Savior and produces a harvest a hundred times what has been planted (Matt. 13:23).

Appendix 3 - Praying the Price

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Luke 11:1 *Lord teach us to pray*

Introduction

In 1952 Albert Einstein was asked by a Princeton doctoral student what was left in the world for original dissertation research? Einstein replied, 'Find out about prayer'.

English preacher Sidlow Baxter, when he was eightyfive years of age, said, 'I have pastored only three churches in my more than sixty years of ministry. We had revival in every one. And not one of them came as a result of my preaching. They came as a result of the membership entering into a covenant to pray until revival came. And it did come, every time' (Willhite 1988:111).

Chaplain of the United States Senate, Richard Halverson, advised that we really don't have any alternatives to prayer. He says, 'You can organise until you are exhausted. You can plan, program and subsidise all your plans. But if you fail to pray, it is a waste of time. Prayer is not optional. It is mandatory. Not to pray is to disobey God' (Bryant 1984:39).

Roy Pointer, after extensive research in Baptist churches in the United Kingdom, arrived at the conclusion that wherever there was positive growth, there was one recurring factor: they were all praying churches.

In the United States of America, at Larry Lea's Church on the Rock in Rockwall, Texas, numerical growth was from 13 people in 1980 to 11,000 people by 1988. When he was asked about such amazing growth, he said 'I didn't start a church I started a prayer meeting'. When David Shibley, the minister responsible for prayer in that church was asked the secret of the church, he said, 'The evangelistic program of our church is the daily prayer meeting. Every morning, Monday through Friday, we meet at 5.00 am to

pray. If we see the harvest of conversions fall off for more than a week, we see that as a spiritual red alert and seek the Lord' (Shibley 1985:7).

In Korea, where the church has grown from almost zero to a projected 50% of the entire population in this century alone, Pastor Paul Yonggi Cho attributes his church's conversion rate of 12,000 people per month as primarily due to ceaseless prayer. In Korea it is normal for church members to go to bed early so they can arise at 4.00 am to participate in united prayer. It is normal for them to pray all through Friday nights. It is normal to go out to prayer retreats. Cho says that any church might see this sort of phenomenal growth if they are prepared to 'pray the price,' to 'pray and obey.'

Cho was once asked by a local pastor why was it that Cho's church membership was 750,000 and his was only 3,000 when he was better educated, preached better sermons and even had a foreign wife? Cho inquired, 'How much do you pray?' The pastor said, 'Thirty minutes a day.' To which Cho replied, 'There is your answer. I pray from three to five hours per day.'

In America one survey has shown that pastors on average pray 22 minutes per day. In mainline churches, it is less than that. In Japan they pray 44 minutes a day, Korea 90 minutes a day, and China 120 minutes a day. It's not surprising that the growth rate of churches in those countries is directly proportional to the amount of time pastors are spending in prayer.

Growth a Supernatural Process

The church is a living organism. It is God's creation with Jesus Christ as its head (Colossians 1:18). From Him life flows (John 14:6). We have a responsibility to cooperate with God (1Corinthians 3:6). We know that unless the Lord builds the house we labour in vain (Psalm 127:1).

The transfer of a soul from the kingdom of darkness to that of light is a spiritual, supernatural process (Colossians 1:14). It is the Father who draws (John 6:44).

It is the Holy Spirit who convicts (John 16:8-11). He causes confession to be made (1Corinthians 12:3). He completes conversion (Titus 3:5). It is the Holy Spirit who also strengthens and empowers (Ephesians 3:16). He guides into truth (John 16:16). He gives spiritual gifts which promote unity (1 Corinthians 12:25), building up the church (1 Corinthians 14:12), thus avoiding disunity and strife which stunt growth. This is fundamental spiritual truth accepted and believed by all Christians. However, the

degree to which we are convinced that all real growth is ultimately a supernatural process and are prepared to act upon that belief, will be directly reflected in the priority that we give to corporate and personal prayer in the life of the church.

It is only when we begin to see that nothing that matters will occur except in answer to prayer that prayer will become more than an optional program for the faithful few, and instead it will become the driving force of our churches.

Obviously God wants our pastors, other leaders and His people to recognise that only He can do extraordinary things. When we accept that simple premise, we may begin to pray.

In the Bible

The battle which Joshua won, as recorded in Exodus 17:8-13, was not so dependent upon what he and his troops were doing down on the plain. It was directly dependent upon Moses' prayerful intercession from on top of a nearby hill, with the support of Aaron and Hur.

In the Old Testament, not counting the Psalms, there are 77 explicit references to prayer.

The pace quickens in the New Testament. There are 94 references alone which relate directly to Jesus and prayer. The apostles picked up this theme and practice.

So Paul says, 'Pray continually, for this is God's will for you' (1 Thessalonians 5:16).

Peter urges believers to be 'clear minded and self controlled' so that they can pray (1 Peter 4:7).

James declares that prayer is 'powerful and effective' (James 5:16).

John assures us that 'God hears and answers' (1 John 5:15).

In the book of Acts there are 36 references to the church growing. Fifty-eight percent (i.e. 21 of those instances) are within the context of prayer.

We would all love to see growth in every church in the world like it was at Pentecost and immediately thereafter. The key to what happened there is found in Acts 1:14 when it says: 'They were all joined together constantly in prayer.'

They were all joined together one mind, one purpose, one accord. That is the prerequisite for effectiveness. Then, they were all joined together constantly in prayer. The word used there means to be 'busily engaged in, to be devoted to, to persist in adhering to a thing, to intently attend to it.' And it is in the form of a present participle. It means that the practice was continued ceaselessly. The same word and part of speech is used in Acts 2:42: 'They devoted themselves... to prayer.' Over in Colossians 4:2, Paul uses the same word again in the imperative form: 'Devote yourselves to prayer.'

Most significant expansion movements of the church through its history took up that imperative.

In history

When we read the biographies of William Carey, Adoniram Judson, David Livingstone, Hudson Taylor, or whomever, the initiating thrust of the work of their lives began in prayer encounters.

About a century ago, John R. Mott led an extraordinary movement which became known as the Student Christian Movement. It was based amongst college and university students. It supplied 20,000 career missionaries in the space of thirty years. John Mott said that the source of this amazing awakening lay in united intercessory prayer. It wasn't just that these missionaries were recruited and sent out in prayer; their work was also sustained through prayer.

Hudson Taylor told a story of a missionary couple who were in charge of ten stations. They wrote to their home secretary confessing their absolute lack of progress, and they urged the secretary to find intercessors for each station. After a while, in seven of those stations, opposition melted, spiritual revival broke out and the churches grew strongly. But in three there was no change. When they returned home on their next furlough, the secretary cleared up the mystery. He had succeeded in getting intercessors for only seven of the ten stations. S. D. Gordon (1983:40) concludes, 'The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is to pray.'

Luther, Calvin, Knox, Latimer, Finney, Moody, all the 'greats of God' practised prayer and fasting to enhance ministry effectiveness.

John Wesley was so impressed by such precedents that he would not even ordain a person to ministry unless he agreed to fast at least until 4.00 pm each Wednesday and Friday.

Yonggi Cho (1984:103) says, 'Normally I teach new believers to fast for three days. Once they have become accustomed to threeday fasts, they will be able to fast for a period of seven days. Then they will move to tenday fasts. Some have even gone for forty days.'

These people seem to have latched onto something which we here in Australia hardly know anything about. We are so busy, so active. We try so hard to get something good up and running. But it doesn't seem to grow much, or permanently change many lives. Why? Is it that the ground in Australia is too hard? Compared with other times and places, this could hardly be so. For example, back in the 18th century things didn't look good.

Eighteenth century

France was working through its bloody revolution, as terroristic as any of our modern era.

America had declared its Rights of Man in 1776. Voltaire was preaching that the church was only a system of oppression for the human spirit. Karl Marx would later agree. A new morality had arisen. Amongst both sexes in all ranks of society, Christianity was held in almost universal contempt. Demonic forces seemed to have been unleashed to drive the church out of existence. In many places it was almost down and out. Preachers and people would be pelted with stones and coal in places in England if they dared to testify to Jesus Christ in public.

But even before those satanic forces collaborated to confound and confuse, it appears that the Holy Spirit had prepared His defence, like a plot out of some Peretti novel.

In the 1740s, John Erskine of Edinburgh published a pamphlet encouraging people to pray for Scotland and elsewhere. Over in America, the challenge was picked up by Jonathan Edwards, who wrote a treatise called, 'A Humble Attempt to Promote Explicit Agreement and Visible Union of God's People in Extraordinary Prayer for the Revival of Religion and the Advancement of Christ's Kingdom.'

For forty years, John Erskine orchestrated what became a Concert of Prayer through voluminous correspondence around the world. In the face of apparent social, political and moral deterioration, he persisted.

And then the Lord of the universe stepped in and took over. On Christmas day 1781, at St. Just Church in Cornwall, at 3.00 am, intercessors met to sing and pray. The heavens opened at last and they knew it. They prayed

through until 9.00 am and regathered on Christmas evening. Throughout January and February, the movement continued. By March 1782 they were praying until midnight. No significant preachers were involved just people praying and the Holy Spirit responding.

Two years later in 1784, when 83year old John Wesley visited that area, he wrote, 'This country is all on fire and the flame is spreading from village to village.'

And spread it did. The chapel which George Whitefield had built decades previously in Tottenham Court Road had to be enlarged to seat 5,000 people the largest in the world at that time. Baptist churches in North Hampton, Leicester, and the Midlands, set aside regular nights devoted to the drumbeat of prayer for revival. Methodists and Anglicans joined in.

Matthew Henry wrote, 'When God intends great mercy for His people, He first sets them praying.'

Across the country prayer meetings were networking for revival. A passion for evangelism arose. Converts were being won not through the regular services of the churches, but at the prayer meetings! Some were held at 5.00 am, some at midnight. Some preChristians were drawn by dreams and visions. Some came to scoff but were thrown to the ground under the power of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes there was noise and confusion; sometimes stillness and solemnity. But always there was that ceaseless outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Whole denominations doubled, tripled and quadrupled in the next few years. It swept out from England to Wales, Scotland, United States, Canada and to some Third World countries.

Social Impact

The social impact of reformed lives was incredible. William Wilberforce, William Pitt, Edmund Bourke, and Charles Fox, all touched by this movement, worked ceaselessly for the abolition of the slave trade in 1807.

William Buxton worked on for the emancipation of all slaves in the British Empire and saw it happen in 1834.

John Howard and Elizabeth Fry gave their lives to radically reform the prison system.

Florence Nightingale founded modern nursing.

Ashley Cooper, the seventh Earl of Shaftesbury, came to the rescue of the working poor to end their sixteenhour, sevendayaweek work grind. He worked to stop exploitation of women and children in coal mines, the suffocation of boys as sweeps in chimneys. He established public parks and gymnasia, gardens, public libraries, night schools and choral societies.

The Christian Socialist Movement, which became the British Trade Union movement, was birthed.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was formed to protect animals.

There was amazing growth in churches, and an astounding change in society came about because for forty years a man prayed and worked, seeing the establishment of thousands of similar prayer meetings, all united in calling on God for revival.

Missionary societies were established. William Carey was one who got swept up in that movement. We speak of him as the 'father of modern missions'.

The environment of his situation was that he was a member of a ministers' revival prayer group which had been meeting for two years in Northampton in 178486. It was in 1786 he shared his vision of God's desire to see the heathen won for the Lord.

He went on to establish what later became known as the Baptist Missionary Society. In 1795 the London Missionary Society was formed. In 1796 the Scottish Missionary Society was established, and later still the Church Missionary Society of the Anglicans was commenced.

Nineteenth century

The prayer movement had a tremendous impact, but waned until the middle of the 19th century. Then God started something up in Canada, and the necessity to pray was picked up in New York.

A quiet man called Jeremiah Lanphier had been appointed by the Dutch Reformed Church as a missionary to the central business district. Because the church was in decline and the life of the city was somewhat similar, he didn't know what to do. He was a layman. He called a prayer meeting in the city to be held at noon each Wednesday. Its first meeting was on the 23rd September 1857. Eventually, five other men turned up. Two weeks later, they decided to move to a daily schedule of prayer. Within six months,

10,000 men were gathering to pray and that movement spread across America.

Surprise, surprise! Within two years there were one million new believers added to the church. The movement swept out to touch England, Scotland, Wales and Ulster.

Ireland was as tough a nut to crack as any. But when news reached Ireland of what was happening in America, James McQuilkan gathered three young men to meet for prayer in the Kells schoolhouse on March 14, 1859. They prayed and prayed for revival. Within a couple of months a similar prayer meeting was launched in Belfast. By September 21, 20,000 people assembled to pray for the whole of Ireland.

It was later estimated that 100,000 converts resulted directly from these prayer movements in Ireland. It has also been estimated that in the years 1859-60, some 1,150,000 people were added to the church, wherever concerts of prayer were in operation.

Twentieth century

Many would be aware of the Welsh Revival this century. It commenced in October 1904. It was spontaneous and was characterised by simultaneous, lengthy prayer meetings. In the first two months, 70,000 people came to the Lord. In 1905 in London alone, the Wesleyan Methodists increased from their base membership of 54,785 by an additional 50,021 people.

Coming closer in time and nearer to Australia, in the Enga churches in Papua New Guinea there was a desperate spiritual state 20 years ago. To redress the situation, people there committed themselves to pray.

Prayer meetings began amongst pastors, missionaries and Bible College students. It spread out to the villages. In some villages, groups of people agreed to pray together every day until God sent new life to the church.

On 15 September 1973, without any prior indication, simultaneously, spontaneously, in village after village as pastors stood to deliver their normal Sunday morning messages, the Holy Spirit descended bringing conviction, confession, repentance and revival.

Normal work stopped as people in their thousands hurried to special meetings. Prayer groups met daily, morning and evening. Thousands of Christians were restored and thousands of pagans were converted. Whole

villages became Christian, and the church grew not only in size but in maturity.

In the Philippines in the 1980s, as a result of some people attending an international prayer conference in Korea, 200 missionaries of the Philippine Missionary Fellowship each organised prayer group meetings daily at 7.00 pm to pray for the growth of the church. They report that within a couple of years this directly resulted in the formation of 310 new churches.

Spectacular growth is occurring in Argentina. Jose Luis Vasquez saw his church explode from 600 to 4,500 with a constituency of 10,000 members in five years following a visit from Carlos Annacondia. Hector Gimenez started his church from zero in 1983. His congregation now numbers 70,000. Omar Cabrera started his church in 1972 with 15 members. There is now a combined membership of 90,000 members.

Peter Wagner, who is intensely investigating what lies behind such effective ministry, has arrived at the conclusion that powerful intercessory prayer is the chief weapon. Much of it is happening in a Pentecostal, charismatic environment. But the structure or doctrine is not the essential thing.

Walter Hollenweger, a prolific researcher into Pentecostalism said that for them, from the earliest Pentecostals onwards, it was more important to pray than to organise (1972:29).

Wherever that principle is invoked, amazing things happen. In 1982 Christians in East Germany started to form small groups of ten to twelve persons, committed to meet to pray for peace. By October 1989, 50,000 people were involved in Monday night prayer meetings. In 1990, when those praying people moved quietly into the streets, their numbers quickly swelled to 300,000 and 'the wall came tumbling down.'

In Cuba in 1990, an Assemblies of God pastor whose congregation never exceeded 100 people meeting once a week suddenly found himself conducting 12 services per day for 7,000 people. They started queuing at 2.00 am and even broke down the doors just to get into the prayer meetings.

Asked to explain these phenomena, Cuban Christians say 'it has come because we have paid the price. We have suffered for the Gospel and we have prayed for many, many years' (O'Connor 1990:79).

When a group known as the Overseas Missionary Society saw that after 25 years of work in India all they could report was 2,000 believers in 25

churches, they adopted a new strategy. In their homelands they recruited 1,000 people committed to pray for the work in India for just 15 minutes per day. Within a few years the church exploded to 73,000 members in 550 churches.

Will we 'pray the price'?

Today there is great pressure from many directions in our society to work harder, to become smarter, to produce results, or to be moved aside. The church in many western countries is in danger of absorbing this mentality into its own attitudes and practices, forgetting that in the divine human endeavour, success comes not by might nor by power but by a gracious release of God's Holy Spirit (Zechariah 4:6).

Years ago, R. A. Torrey (1974:190) said, 'We live in a day characterised by the multiplication of man's machinery and the diminution of God's power. The great cry of our day is work, work, work! Organise, organise, organise! Give us some new society! Tell us some new methods! Devise some new machinery! But the great need of our day is prayer, more prayer and better prayer.'

Friends, in the church in the west we now have the most up to date, state of the art technology available to communicate the Gospel. Yet comparatively little seems to be happening in so many countries.

In terms of the growth and mission of our churches, could it be that whilst the world has learned to communicate with robots on Mars, in sections of the church we have forgotten to communicate with the Lord of the earth?

If that is so, then our best course of action is to stand again with the company of the first disciples and, like them, return to the Head of the church Jesus Christ and say 'Lord, teach us to pray' (Luke 11:1).

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APPENDIX 3 - HOW TO BE HAPPY SAVED AND FREE

HOW TO BE HAPPY SAVED AND FREE

STOP TRYING

To be happy, saved and free Christian you really need to stop trying. People spend so much time trying to be good, trying to work on their character, trying to work on their faults. But heres the thing, your work will never get you into Gods good books, even if you are really good, it simply won't help. So, stop trying!

(Romans 7, Isaiah 64:6)

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GIVE UP

So once you have stopped trying, and you have realised that you're work won't actually get you happy, saved or free, you need to totally give up... Give up any idea that you are good on your own, that you are making life work, and that you have the capacity within yourself to be happy, saved and free. Give up your sin, give up your issues, and give up anything that even looks like it may be from the Kingdom of Darkness.

(Mark 8:34, Romans 12:1-3)

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GET SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT

Since you cannot be happy, saved and free on your own you need to get someone else to do it for you. Hmmm, who could we get? Ahh, I know, Jesus! Did you know that Jesus died and rose again 2,000 years ago and said, "IT IS DONE!" Well, it is. Jesus did everything necessary for you to be happy, saved and free! He did for you! Accept the reality that HE DID IT FOR YOU.

(John 19:30, Romans 5:8,

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MOVE ON

Ok, it's done. Believe that God has done it for you. When you sense yourself falling from happiness, salvation and freedom remember to stop trying, to give up, and get someone else to do it! Move on, accept that it is done, and claim the promises of happiness, salvation and freedom by faith in Jesus! *(2 Peter 1:3-4, Colossians 1:13-14, Hebrews 12:1-3)*

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APPENDIX 4 - POCKET KINGDOM

FROM

KINGDOM OF THIS WORLD, DARKNESS, SIN

PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION

LAW and Punishment

MY WORTH - what I have, what I do, position I hold.

VALUED - wealth, comfort, happy place.

REWARD - is based on self effort (Deserve/earn)

ACHIEVING

RELIGION

HOLIDAY - always need

PRINCIPLES OF POWER

POWER - comes from me.

SELF FOCUSED

SELF RIGHTNESS

STRENGTH

WINNING

INDEPENDENCE

PRINCIPLES OF MOTIVATION

FEELINGS - I make decisions based on how I feel

FEAR

GUILT AND SHAME AND CONDEMNATION

FORCE

MANIPULATION

WORRY

JUDGMENT - I judge others and judge myself according to others

REVENGE

PICTURE OF KINGDOM

SEEING IS BELIEVING

LOGICAL, RATIONAL (2+2=4)

THE KING - hides and manipulates, lies and deceives

DEATH AND DYING

THROUGH JESUS

THOSE WHO CALL ON
THE NAME OF THE
LORD WILL BE SAVED.

TO

KINGDOM OF THE SON/GOD, LIGHT, SPIRIT.

PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION

FREEDOM

WORTH - comes from the King

VALUED - relationship, love God, love others

BLESSING - undeserved, unmerited, unearned

RECEIVING

INTIMACY

PERMANENT REST

PRINCIPLES OF POWER

POWER - comes from the king in me

OTHERS

CREDITED WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS

WEAKNESS

LAST

INTERDEPENDENCE community

PRINCIPLES OF MOTIVATION

FAITH

LOVE ACCEPTANCE

CHOICE

NO JUDGMENT

PEACE

UNMERITED, UNENDING FORGIVENESS

PICTURE OF KINGDOM

BELIEVING IS SEEING

MYSTERY, SUPERNATURAL (2+2=18)

THE KING - is intimately known and good

LIFE - eternal life

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WELCOME LETTER

WE'RE PUMPED THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING HOSTING A GO FOR SOULS.

WILLIAM BOOTH WAS QUOTED SAYING, "GO FOR SOULS AND GO STRAIGHT FOR THE WORST!" IN AN OLD WAR CRY MAGAZINE URGING HIS TROOPS TO GET 100,000 PEOPLE SAVED IN SIX MONTHS. THIS AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM TYPIFIED THE REVIVALISTIC EARLY SALVATION ARMY.

SADLY EVANGELISM HAS SLIPPED DOWN IN PRIORITIES, TEACHING ON EVANGELISM HAS ALL BUT DISAPPEARED, AND EFFECTIVE SOUL WINNERS ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN. THE WORD 'EVANGELISM' EVOKES HORROR STORIES, GUILT AND CONDEMNING STREET PREACHERS. SOME STATISTICS SAY THAT NOT EVEN 5% OF CHRISTIANS EVANGELISE!

GO FOR SOULS IS HERE TO TAKE US BACK TO AN AGGRESSIVE REVIVALISTIC EVANGELISM WHERE WE UNDERSTAND THE HEART OF GOD FOR "ALL TO BE SAVED AND COME TO A KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH!" GO FOR SOULS IS HERE TO TEACH, EQUIP AND EMPOWER THE BODY OF CHRIST TO FULFIL THE GREAT COMMISSION BY HELPING PEOPLE GET THEIR HEART RIGHT SO THAT THE ACTION FOLLOWS.

THIS HOSTING PACK WILL GIVE YOU IDEAS OF WHAT THE CONFERENCE COULD LOOK LIKE. WE HAVE INCLUDED A LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE GFS MOVEMENT, OUR BOARD OF REFERENCE, WHAT WE DO, WHY WE DO IT, AND SOME PRACTICAL INFORMATION THAT MAY BE OF HELP TO YOU.

IF YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THE GO FOR SOULS MOVEMENT THEN PLEASE READ ON AND COMMIT TO HOSTING A GO FOR SOULS - AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE!

IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS THEN EMAIL JAMES@GOFORSOULS.COM.

GRACE,

LT. JAMES THOMPSON
DIRECTOR GO FOR SOULS

ABOUT GO FOR SOULS

THE COMMISSION

DURING 2007 AS JAMES THOMPSON WAS DRIVING HOME FROM CHURCH GOD SPOKE VERY CLEARLY. HE SAID THAT WE NEEDED TO TEACH, EQUIP AND EMPOWER THE BODY OF CHRIST TO EVANGELISE. GO FOR SOULS IS THE PRODUCT OF THIS COMMISSION. "GO FOR SOULS" COME FROM THE POPULAR QUOTE BY GENERAL WILLIAM BOOTH, FOUNDER OF THE SALVATION ARMY. HE WAS URGING HIS TROOPS TO LEAD 100,000 PEOPLE SAVED IN JUST 6 MONTHS! THIS AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM CHARACTERISED THE EARLY SALVATION ARMY.

THE CONFERENCE

THE MAIN WAY GO FOR SOULS HAS BEEN OPERATING IS THROUGH AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE. THE CONFERENCE HAS ALWAYS MEANT TO BE SIMPLE, CHEAP AND PRACTICAL. (THE AIM WAS NOT FOR A SPECTACULAR CONFERENCE, RATHER THAT PEOPLE WOULD TAKE WHAT THEY LEARNT HOME AND APPLY IT.) WE HAVE HAD A RANGE OF SPEAKERS INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS WHO HAVE TAUGHT INCLUDING CAPTAIN STEVE COURT, CAPTAIN NESAN KISTAN (AUE) CAPTAIN ROWAN CASTLE (S.A), ALEX COLEMAN, JASON GOLDEN (USA), MAJOR JACK STRICKLAND (CANADA), ANDY HARRISON FROM PLANETSHAKERS AND CADET PETER BROOKSHAW.

THE CONFERENCE TEACHES ALL TYPES OF EVANGELISM THROUGH WORKSHOPS, PRAYER AND OUTREACH. IN THE PAST WE HAVE TAUGHT TESTIMONY EVANGELISM, SERVANT EVANGELISM, POWER EVANGELISM, RELATIONAL EVANGELISM, THE GOOD TEST, PRAISE EVANGELISM, SPIRITUAL READINGS, STREET PREACHING, HOW TO GET YOUR SCHOOL SAVED, HOW TO GET YOUR FAMILY SAVED, EVANGELISM FOR INTROVERTS ETC. AS YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE USED A WIDE VARIETY OF METHODS TO STRETCH AND TEACH OTHERS TO BE EFFECTIVE SOUL WINNERS.

PERHAPS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT TO OUR TEACHING IS THE NEED FOR THE EMPOWERING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR EVANGELISM. ACTS 1:8 SAYS THAT WHEN WE THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES ON US WE WILL RECEIVE POWER TO BE WITNESSES TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH. WE FULLY BELIEVE THIS AND SEE THIS AS AN ESSENTIAL TEACHING. THE HOLY SPIRIT FILLS US WITH THE LOVE OF GOD WHICH ALSO DRIVES OUT ALL FEAR AND MOTIVATES US TO EVANGELISE. OUR PRAYER MEETINGS ARE PASSIONATE, CHARISMATIC AND TYPIFIED BY FREEDOM IN WORSHIP.

AFTER THE PRAYER MEETING WE HAVE OUTREACH WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN FRUITFUL WITH MANY DECISIONS FOR CHRIST BEING MADE. WE HAVE PREACHED AT TRAIN STATIONS, SHOPPING CENTRES, RESTAURANTS, STREETS, AND HOMES. USING DIFFERENT METHODS WE ARE TEACHING, EQUIPPING AND EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO GO FOR SOULS.



BOARD OF REFERENCE

THE BOARD OF REFERENCE ENDORSE, ENCOURAGE AND PRAY FOR GO FOR SOULS.

MAJOR STEPHEN COURT

COURT INVESTS IN SEVERAL INITIATIVES TO HELP WIN THE WORLD FOR JESUS, INCLUDING MMCCXX, A PLAN TO SEE NEW OUTPOSTS IN 2,000 CITIES IN 200 COUNTRIES IN 20 YEARS; BE A HERO CAMPAIGN TO RAISE UP 10,000 HEROES FOR CHILDREN-AT-RISK; ARMYBARMY.COM, JOURNAL OF AGGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY, ALL WHILE SEEKING AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AND TRYING TO INCITE A JESUS REVOLUTION. HE BLOGS AT ARMYBARMY.COM.

MAJOR DANIELLE STRICKLAND

CAPTAIN DANIELLE STRICKLAND PREACHES TO THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD. SHE HAS WRITTEN BOOKS ON LEADERSHIP, TRAINING, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. SHE BLOGS AT ARMYBARMYREMIX. SHE HAS STARTED INCARNATIONAL COMMUNITIES (AND A BUNCH OF CORPS/OUTPOSTS/CONGREGATIONS) AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS (LIKE THE WAR COLLEGE AND BATTLE SCHOOL). STRICKLAND IS A LEADER IN THE SALVO FIGHT FOR JUSTICE (SEE JUSTSALVOS.COM). HER LATEST BOOK IS JUST IMAGINE. DANIELLE IS THE MOTHER OF TWO.

COMMISSIONER JIM KNAGGS

COMMISSIONER JAMES KNAGGS - JAMES KNAGGS LEADS THE SALVATION ARMY'S AUSTRALIA SOUTHERN TERRITORY. IN HIS OFFICERSHIP HE HAS SEEN TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE SEEK THE LORD. THE SALVATION ARMY'S MOST ACCESSIBLE LEADER, WITH SCORES OF THOUSANDS OF TWITTER FOLLOWERS, A DAILY BLOG, AND A WEEKLY PODCAST, KNAGGS IS PASSIONATE ABOUT JESUS AND SEEING EVERYONE COME TO KNOW JESUS. TO THAT END HE IS VIGOROUSLY COMMITTED TO STARTING NEW CORPS, RAISING UP LEADERS, AND PREACHING THE GOSPEL IN AN EFFECTIVE MANNER. SINCE LEAVING AMERICA, HE HAS AUTHORED THREE BOOKS - ONE DAY, ONE THING, AND ONE ARMY. READ MORE ABOUT KNAGGS AT WIKIPEDIA.

COMMISSIONER JOE NOLAND

JOE'S MINISTRY CAN BE SUMMED UP IN THREE WORDS: CHAOS, CREATIVITY AND CONTROVERSY - THREE ELEMENTS IMPLICIT IN ANY SUCCESSFUL INNOVATIVE ENDEAVOR. THESE THREE TRUTHS HAVE BEEN MANIFEST IN HIS PIONEERING THE SALVATION ARMY EXPANSION INTO SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS, IN HIS DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE SONDAY'SCOOL CURRICULUM, IN HIS EFFECTIVE GROUND ZERO SA RESPONSE, IN HIS



RADICAL TERRITORIAL LEADERSHIP, AND IN HIS BOOKS, INCLUDING NO LIMITS TOGETHER!, A LITTLE GREATNESS, A FLIGHT MANUAL FOR PROSPECTIVE ANGELS, AND LEAN RIGHT, LOVE LEFT. YOU CAN READ UP ON COMMISSIONER NOLAND AT JOENOLAND.COM

COMMISSIONER WESLEY HARRIS

THIS MAN OF GOD HAS LED THE SALVATION ARMY IN SCOTLAND, NEW ZEALAND, AND CANADA AND BERMUDA TERRITORIES. HE IS ONE OF THE BEST SELLING LIVING SALVATIONIST AUTHORS WITH NINE POPULAR TITLES OVER HIS NAME. HE HAS INVESTED IN INNOVATED MEANS OF ADVANCING THE GOSPEL, INCLUDING WRITING WORKSHOPS, EVANGELISTIC BOOKS, A BLOG, AND INVOLVEMENT ON THE BOARDS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WAR COLLEGE AND GO FOR SOULS. READ MORE ABOUT HARRIS ON WIKIPEDIA.

LT. COLONEL EDDIE HOBGOOD

THE HOBGOODS HAVE SERVED AS CORPS OFFICERS, AND IN A RANGE OF DIVISIONAL APPOINTMENTS. EDDIE LOVES SALVATION ARMY HISTORY AND WHILE HE WHOLE-HEARTEDLY EMBRACES THE FIRE AND SPIRIT OF THE EARLY ARMY, HE IS CONSTANTLY LOOKING FOR NEW EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH AND WARFARE FOR THE ARMY OF 2010. EDDIE HAS BEEN A HUGE PROMOTER OF THE ARTS IN SALVATION ARMY MINISTRY AND HAS PRODUCED MUSICALS AND EVENTS FOR THE ARMY ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS OVERSEAS. EDDIE WITH HIS WIFE KATHY HAVE THREE CHILDREN.

LT COLONEL MIRIAM GLUYAS

MIRIAM GLUYAS GREW UP IN BALLARAT IN VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. TWO HIGHLIGHTS OF HER OFFICERSHIP HAVE BEEN STARTING A NEW CHURCH IN NEWCASTLE, WHICH GREW SIGNIFICANTLY, AND THEN SERVING AT A THRIVING MULTICULTURAL CORPS AT AUBURN FOR SIX YEARS, WORKING WITH REFUGEES, ANGLOS AND THE POOR AND MARGINALISED. MIRIAM IS PASSIONATE ABOUT, JUSTICE AND INTEGRATION, RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS, JUSTICE, LIFE TRANSFORMATION, SEEING CHURCHES BECOME HEALTHY AND GROW, RAISING UP LEADERS AND SEEING THEM "SHINE", DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION, MULTI-CULTURAL MINISTRY, AND PLANTING CHURCHES.

LT. COLONEL JANET MUNN

THE SALVATION ARMY'S APOSTLE OF FULLNESS, AMERICAN JANET MUNN HAS STARTED A FASTING MOVEMENT AND A NON-STOP PRAYER MOVEMENT IN RECENT YEARS. AS THE SALVATION ARMY'S SECRETARY FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE DEVELOPMENT AT THE EPONYMOUS INTERNATIONAL CENTRE SHE IS IMPACTING THE WORLD IN HER TEACHING AND PREACHING. JANET FINDS THE BIBLE THE MOST INVIGORATING, DISTURBING AND ENLIVENING THING SHE HAS EVER READ AND IS ENDEAVOURING TO LIVE IN LIGHT OF IT.

LT COLONEL LYNDON BUCKINGHAM

THEY HAVE SERVED IN CORPS APPOINTMENTS ON A COUPLE OF CONTINENTS AS WELL AS TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP ROLES IN NEW ZEALAND, WHERE LYNDON CURRENTLY COORDINATES SALVATION ARMY PROGRAMMES. IN EACH OF THEIR APPOINTMENTS THEY HAVE DISPLAYED A HUNGRY DESIRE TO SEE THE GREAT NEWS OF THE GOSPEL SHARED. LYNDON IS PASSIONATE ABOUT FINDING WAYS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN FULFILLING ITS MISSION, WORKING, AS COLOSSIANS 3:23 PUTS IT, FOR THE LORD. HE IS DETERMINED TO LIVE 'FULL ON FOR GOD', FAITHFUL TO THE COVENANT HE HAS MADE.

PATRICIA KING

PATRICIA KING IS A PASSIONATE, PROPHETIC PERSONALITY WHO IS THE HOST OF EXTREME PROPHETIC TELEVISION ON GOD TV. SHE HAS HAD OVER 25 YEARS OF BACKGROUND AS A CHRISTIAN MINISTER IN CONFERENCE SPEAKING, PROPHETIC SERVICE, CHURCH LEADERSHIP, AND TELEVISION AND RADIO APPEARANCES. PATRICIA IS AN AUTHOR OF BOOKS, BOOKLETS AND MANUALS AND HAS PRODUCED MANY INFORMATIVE RESOURCES ON TAPE, VIDEO, CD AND DVD. YOU WILL FIND HER TO BE SINCERE, GENUINE, GENEROUS, HONEST, AND REAL.

WHAT IS A GO FOR SOULS CONFERENCE?

A GO FOR SOULS (GFS) CONFERENCE IS A CONFERENCE THAT TEACHES, EQUIPS AND EMPOWERS CHRISTIANS TO FULFIL THE GREAT COMMISSION. THIS IS ACHIEVED THROUGH A NUMBER OF MEANS, INCLUDING PREACHING, TEACHING, PRAYER, OUTREACH AND CELEBRATION.

GFS BELIEVES THAT THE BEST EVANGELISTS ARE SPIRIT-FILLED EVANGELISTS. THE DISCIPLES KNEW JESUS, THEY TRAINED WITH HIM AND LEARNED FROM HIM, BUT THEY STILL HAD TO WAIT TO BE BAPTISED IN THE FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT! ONCE THEY WERE BAPTISED IN FIRE THEY BURST OUT INTO THE WORLD PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS. HOLY SPIRIT COMPELS US TO EVANGELISE.

THEREFORE, A GFS CONFERENCE WILL TEACH AND CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT. THEY WILL ALSO TEACH METHODS AND PRINCIPLES THAT WILL BE COUPLED WITH THE EMPOWERMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT WILL MAKE FOR A SOLID EVANGELIST.

LASTLY, A GFS CONFERENCE WILL GIVE PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT YET SAVED. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE WHEREVER THERE IS A POTENTIAL AUDIENCE. WHILST THIS IS DAUNTING, IT IS ESSENTIAL IN THE TRAINING OF AN EVANGELIST TO ACTUALLY EVANGELISE.

IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES YOU WILL FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT YOUR GFS CONFERENCE COULD LOOK LIKE. BUT WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PRAY ABOUT THIS, AS WE BELIEVE GOD WANTS TO TEACH, EQUIP, AND EMPOWER THE BODY OF CHRIST TO FULFIL THE GREAT COMMISSION!

WHAT IS ESSENTIAL TO A GFS CONFERENCE?

1. ASSOCIATED WITH US
2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO LEARN EVANGELISM
3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO DO EVANGELISM

THE CONFERENCE MUST BE ASSOCIATED WITH US AS WE ARE ALLOWING PEOPLE TO USE OUR BRAND AND BE IN UNISON WITH US. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? SIMPLY PUT, WE WANT TO KNOW IT'S ON. AT THE SAME TIME WE WOULD LOVE TO HELP WITH RESOURCES AND ESPECIALLY TO PRAY AND ENCOURAGE YOU IN WHAT YOU ARE DOING. WE WOULD ALSO LOVE TO HEAR OF WHAT WORKED AND WHAT DIDN'T SO THAT WE CAN ALL LEARN FROM EACH OTHER.

AS FOR TEACHING EVANGELISM, WE HAVE FOUND THE TEACH, DO, DEBRIEF MODEL MOST SUCCESSFUL. THEREFORE GFS IS UNIQUE BECAUSE IT IS PRACTICAL. IT IS NOT A TALKFEST, WE ACTUALLY NEED TO BE PRACTICAL AND DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST.

THESE ARE OUR ESSENTIALS IF YOU WANT TO HOST A GFS CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, HOW YOU MAKE THOSE THINGS LOOK IS TOTALLY UP TO YOU. BE CREATIVE, BE DARING, AND MOST OF ALL STEP OUT IN FAITHFUL EXPECTATION!

HOW DO I RUN A GFS CONFERENCE?

MANY PEOPLE ASK WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO RUN A CONFERENCE. SOME WOULD HAVE DONE THIS BEFORE, OTHERS WILL NOT HAVE, SO WE HAVE INCLUDED TWO LISTS HERE. THE FIRST LIST REFERS TO THE PROCESS WITH GFS HEAD QUARTERS AND THE SECOND IS IF YOU NEED SOME TIPS FOR DOING A CONFERENCE ON YOUR OWN.

THE GFS PROCESS

- STEP 1 – YOU EMAIL US ASKING FOR THE HOSTING PACK
- STEP 2 – YOU DECIDE YOU WANT TO HOST A CONFERENCE
- STEP 3 – MAKE SURE ITS OK WITH YOUR CORPS OFFICER OR DC
- STEP 4 – PLAN IT AND LET US KNOW YOU'RE DOING IT (WE'LL HELP PROMOTE IT ETC)
- STEP 5 – USE THE GFS TEAM, AS YOU NEED HELP/DIRECTION
- STEP 6 – PRAY LOTS
- STEP 7 – DO IT
- STEP 8 – SEND US A REPORT LETTING US KNOW HOW IT WENT

A MORE DETAILED PROCESS

1. PERMISSION – IF YOU NEED TO GET PERMISSION FROM YOUR CORPS OFFICER OR OFFICER IN CHARGE DO THIS FIRST. YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE IN THE LOOP AND UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON.
2. AS YOU START PLANNING LET US KNOW YOU'RE DOING IT AND WE WILL SUPPLY GRAPHICS AND POSTERS, AND OUR GFS TEAM WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU WITH ANY QUESTIONS ETC.
3. DATE – GET A DATE AND LOCK IT IN, THIS IS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE REST OF THE CONFERENCE.
4. ORGANISE THE SPEAKERS/TEACHERS. CHECK OUT OUR LIST OF SPEAKERS, AND SEARCH AROUND YOUR AREA, CORPS, DIVISION, AND TERRITORY FOR THOSE WHO EVANGELISE WELL AND CAN TEACH HOW THEY DO IT.
5. PROMOTE YOUR EVENT. WE SUGGEST POSTERS, MYSPACE, FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND WHATEVER ELSE YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH. ALSO, TRY OTHER CHURCHES, CHRISTIAN RADIO STATIONS, AND CHRISTIAN MAGAZINES.
6. ORGANISE STREET OUTREACH. THIS IS WHERE PEOPLE PUT INTO PRACTICE WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN TAUGHT. GO TO THE KEY AREAS IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD/CITY, LOOK AT WHO IS AROUND, KEEP YOUR MIND OPEN FOR IDEAS. IF YOU HAVE YOUR SPEAKERS ORGANISED

ASK THEM WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO AS WELL. (FEEL FREE TO ASK US FOR IDEAS)

7. ORGANISE THE FINAL RALLY. THE FINAL RALLY IS A SALVATION MEETING WHERE YOU WANT EVERYONE WHO COMES TO LEAVE KNOWING WHO JESUS IS. YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO INVITE PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW JESUS TO THIS. YOU MAY WANT GUEST APPEARANCES, A SPECIAL BAND, OR SOME TYPE OF ATTRACTION. ALSO, IT IS A GREAT TIME OF SENDING OUT EVERYONE TO GO HOME AND REPLICATE EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED.
8. ORGANISE YOUR SCHEDULE. ONCE YOU HAVE THE GUEST SPEAKERS ORGANISED, THE RALLY AND THE OUTREACH ORGANISED WORK OUT YOUR SCHEDULE. (WE HAVE GIVEN YOU A COPY OF WHAT WE DID.)
9. ORGANISE HOSPITALITY FOR THE PARTICIPANTS OF GO FOR SOULS. THIS IS STUFF LIKE DOOR GREETERS, SOUND DESK, DRINKS AND SNACKS, AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT WILL MAKE PEOPLE FEEL WELCOME AT THE CONFERENCE.
10. WORK OUT HOW YOU WILL DISCIPLE CONVERTS. (LOOK AT THE FOLLOW UP DOCUMENT) MAKE SURE YOU HAVE CLEAR PLANS OF HOW EVERYTHING IS GOING TO WORK. WILL YOU HAVE A NEW CHRISTIAN CLASS IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS? WILL THE EVANGELISTS FOLLOW UP THE CONVERTS? WHO DOES WHAT?
11. PRAYER – 24/7 PRAYER LEADING UP IS A GOOD WAY TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS READY! DO IT FOR A DAY, 3 DAYS OR WEEK IN THE LEAD UP.
12. DO IT! GO FOR SOULS!
13. SEND US A REPORT LETTING US KNOW HOW IT WENT, THAT WAY WE CAN ENCOURAGE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOU, AND WE CAN ALL LEARN FROM WHAT WENT WELL AND WHAT DIDN'T.

THE SCHEDULE

WHAT YOUR SCHEDULE LOOKS LIKE IS UP TO YOU AND YOUR TEAM. HOWEVER THIS IS WHAT THE TYPICAL SCHEDULE HAS LOOKED LIKE FOR US THE PAST FEW YEARS. WE FIND THAT THIS ENABLES US TO TEACH, EQUIP AND EMPOWER THE BODY OF CHRIST TO FULFIL THE GREAT COMMISSION. YOU ARE UNDER NO COMPULSION TO DO THE SAME.

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:30-9:30 OPENING RALLY (WORSHIP AND SERMON)

SATURDAY

8:30-9AM PRAYER MEETING

9-10:30AM SECOND RALLY (WORSHIP AND SERMON)

11 – 12PM WORKSHOP STREAM 1

12-1PM LUNCH (BYO OR BUY ELSEWHERE)

1-2 PM WORKSHOP STREAM 2

2 – 3PM PRAYER MEETING

3-5PM OUTREACH

7:30PM HOLY GHOST PARTY

THE SCHEDULE EXPLAINED

THE SERMONS ARE IMPORTANT TO TEACH PEOPLE THE URGENCY, THE CALL, AND THE COMMAND OF EVANGELISM. FURTHERMORE TO TEACH THAT EVANGELISM COMES FROM A LOVE OF GOD AND PEOPLE. (HOLINESS)

THE WORKSHOPS ARE ALSO IMPORTANT. IN THE WORKSHOPS PEOPLE ARE TAUGHT PRACTICALLY HOW TO EVANGELISE. WE WANT THEM TO BE ABLE TO GO HOME AND PUT INTO PRACTICE WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNT. THE WORKSHOPS HAVE BEEN SPLIT IN TWO TO STREAMS.

1. TAKING OPPORTUNITIES. THIS DEALS WITH EVERY DAY EVANGELISM LIKE RELATIONAL EVANGELISM. IN THE PAST WE HAVE HAD WORKSHOPS ON HOW TO GET YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY SAVED, HOW TO GET YOUR SCHOOL SAVED, AND HOW TO SHARE CHRIST IN SOCIAL WELFARE SETTINGS.

2. CREATING OPPORTUNITIES. THIS FOCUSES ON GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO LEAD PEOPLE TO CHRIST, FOR EXAMPLE STREET EVANGELISM. THE BASIC IDEA WE HAVE HAD FOR THIS SECOND WORKSHOP IS TO HAVE A LOOK AROUND AND SEE THE MOST FULL ON 'OUT THERE/EXTREME' EVANGELISM GOING AROUND AND DO THAT. FOR EXAMPLE WE HAVE HAD WORKSHOPS ON PROPHETIC EVANGELISM, STREET PREACHING, POWER EVANGELISM, AND PRAISE EVANGELISM/OPEN AIR TRAIN MEETINGS.

THE PRAYER MEETING IS IMPORTANT AT GETTING TO PEOPLES HEART. WE FOCUS ON GETTING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT TO EMPOWER OUR MINISTRY AND THEN WE PRAY FOR THE SALVATION OF THOSE WE ARE ABOUT TO EVANGELISE.

THE OUTREACH IS ESSENTIAL TO GO FOR SOULS. GO FOR SOULS IS NOT A TALK-FEST! IF WE TALK THE TALK WE MUST WALK THE WALK. THE OUTREACH IS A GREAT PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO LEARN HOW TO EVANGELISE AND HOW TO PUT INTO PRACTICE WHAT THEY HAVE JUST LEARNT IN THE WORKSHOPS.

WE WOULD STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THAT EVERYTHING YOU DO IN THE OUTREACH CAN BE REPLICATED BY THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE ONCE THEY GO HOME. FOR EXAMPLE DON'T SPEND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ON SOMETHING ATTRACTIVE, THE AIM IS TO TEACH, EQUIP AND EMPOWER THE BODY OF CHRIST, IT WILL BE NO GOOD IF THE PEOPLE CAN'T DO WHAT THEY HAVE JUST BEEN TAUGHT...

THE CLOSING RALLY HAS BEEN BOTH EVANGELISTIC AND SENDING OUT ORIENTATED.

IDEAS FOR CONFERENCE

SERMONS:

SERMONS ARE A GREAT TIME TO IMPACT PEOPLE'S HEARTS. FOR PEOPLE TO BE EFFECTIVE SOUL WINNERS THE HOLY SPIRIT MUST DO A WORK IN THEIR HEART. THEIR MOTIVES FOR EVANGELISM MUST COME OUT OF THE LOVE OF GOD.

- . **HOLINESS**
- . **PASSION FOR THE LOST**
- . **OVERCOMING FEAR**
- . **SIGNS AND WONDERS**
- . **COMPELLED BY LOVE**

WORKSHOPS

TAKING OPPORTUNITIES

- . **GETTING YOUR FAMILY SAVED**
- . **GETTING YOUR FRIENDS SAVED**
- . **GETTING YOUR SCHOOL SAVED**
- . **GETTING YOUR WORKPLACE SAVED**
- . **RELATIONAL EVANGELISM**
- . **SOCIAL SERVICES/WELFARE EVANGELISM**
- . **PRAYER EVANGELISM**

MAKING OPPORTUNITIES

- . **PROPHETIC EVANGELISM (SPIRITUAL READINGS, DREAM INTERPRETATION ETC)**
- . **POWER EVANGELISM (SIGNS AND WONDERS, HEALING, DELIVERANCE, ETC)**
- . **OPEN AIR/PRAISE EVANGELISM (ON STREETS, IN TRAINS, BUSES, MALLS, ETC)**
- . **USING THE LAW IN EVANGELISM, (GOOD TEST ESPECIALLY)**
- . **STREET PREACHING**
- . **SERVANT EVANGELISM**

OUTREACH IDEAS

- . **OUTREACH IDEAS SHOULD COME FROM THE MAKING OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP**
- . **PROPHETIC EVANGELISM (SPIRITUAL READINGS, DREAM INTERPRETATION ETC)**
 - **SET UP STALLS,**
 - **CARRY SIGNS AROUND MALLS "FREE SPIRITUAL READINGS"**
 - **COLD CALL, JUST GIVE WORDS TO PEOPLE**
- . **POWER EVANGELISM (SIGNS AND WONDERS, HEALING, DELIVERANCE, ETC)**
 - **GO TO HOSPITALS/CLINICS ETC**

- PREACH ON THE STREET
 - CARRY SIGNS AROUND MALLS ETC “FREE HEALING/FREE CURSE BREAKING” ETC
 - OPEN AIR/PRAISE EVANGELISM
 - SING, TESTIFY, SING, TESTIFY, SING, PREACH, SING, FISH (ON STREETS, IN TRAINS, BUSES, MALLS, ETC)
 - USING THE LAW IN EVANGELISM, (GOOD TEST ESPECIALLY)
 - DO THE GOOD TEST ONE ON ONE (WWW.WAYOFTHEMASTER.COM)
 - OPEN AIR PREACHING
 - STREET PREACHING
 - SERVANT EVANGELISM
- CHECK OUT THE HUNDREDS OF IDEAS @ WWW.SERVANTEVANGELISM.COM

TEACHERS/SPEAKERS

TEACHERS AND SPEAKERS ARE VERY IMPORTANT FOR GFS CONFERENCES. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO WILL HELP YOUR PEOPLE ENCOUNTER GOD IN A WAY THAT WILL CHANGE THEIR HEARTS AND EMPOWER THEM TO BE EVANGELISTS. THEREFORE, WE WANT TO GET THIS RIGHT. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF OPTIONS FOR TEACHERS/SPEAKERS.

GUESTS: WE HAVE A NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND SPEAKERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE WILLING TO PREACH AT GFS CONFERENCES. IF YOU WOULD LIKE HELP FINDING A SPECIAL GUEST THEN WE CAN HELP. YOU WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT FOR THEM.

COSTS

WE LIKE TO KEEP THE COSTS AS LOW AS POSSIBLE FOR EVERYONE CONCERNED. THEREFORE THERE ARE VERY FEW EXPENSES, THEY ARE:

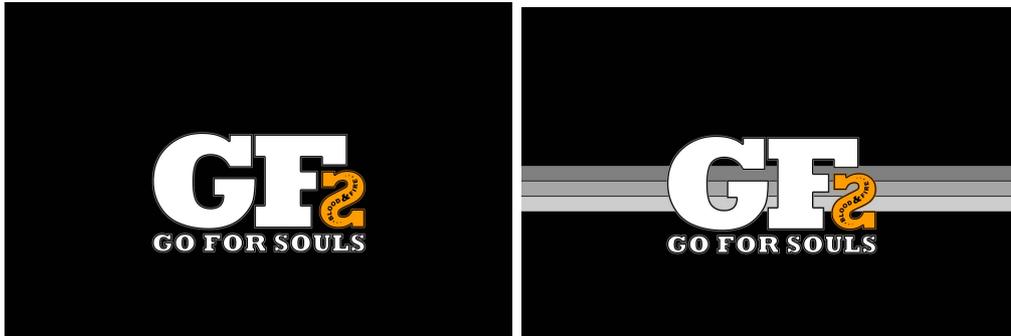
- GUEST SPEAKERS TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION (IF YOU ARE GETTING A GUEST)
- PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL LIKE THE PRINTING OF FLYERS ETC (GRAPHICS ARE PROVIDED BY GFS)
- OUTREACH MATERIALS. (BIBLES, TRACTS, AND SO FORTH.)

IF COST IS GOING TO PREVENT YOU FROM HOSTING A GFS CONFERENCE THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING GFS TO FUNDRAISE FOR YOUR EVENT. IF THIS IS THE CASE PLEASE EMAIL INFO@GOFORSOULS.COM



PROMOTIONS

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS THAT YOU CAN PROMOTE THE CONFERENCE. WE HAVE USED A NUMBER OF MEDIUMS TO PROMOTE THE CONFERENCE; THESE INCLUDE FACEBOOK, TWITTER, MYSPACE, RADIO, AND POSTERS. WE CAN PROVIDE A NUMBER OF GRAPHICS, LOGOS, AND POSTERS THAT YOU CAN CUSTOMISE SO THAT YOUR CONFERENCE CAN BE AS INFLUENTIAL AS POSSIBLE.



(ALSO AVAILABLE IN WHITE/BLUE)



