

Activate Series

Part 6

"Go" ing Heart

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Talk about the last weeks.

Soft Heart (Rock, Seed, Water)

Servant Heart (Towels, Washing feet)

Holy Heart (Fishing pole, speed limit)

Seeking Heart (Man in the desert)

Persevering Heart (Mother Theresa, Achieving men)

What was Jesus' instruction to the church?

His first and last instructions.

Matthew 4:19

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19 And He said to them, Come after Me [as disciples—letting Me be your Guide], follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men!

Acts 1:8

Amplified Bible (AMP)

8 But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses

His great commission.

Matthew 28:19

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19 Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Mark 16:15

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15 And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach *and* publish openly the good news (the Gospel) to every creature [of the whole human race].

TO BRING PEOPLE INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS IS THUS THE MAJOR INSTRUCTION OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST HAS GIVEN TO HIS CHURCH. READ IN CONTEXT WE WILL SEE THAT THIS INSTRUCTION IS TO ALL BELIEVERS AND NOT JUST A SELECT FEW. ALL OF US ARE TO MAKE DISCIPLES, WHICH IN THE GREEK LITERALLY MEANS TO ENROLL AS A LEARNER OR PUPIL.

We can thus conclude that the church is a body UNDER ORDERS by Christ to share the gospel with the whole world. The Apostle Paul understood this commission, which is why he said:

1 Corinthians 9:16

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16 For if I [merely] preach the Gospel, that gives me no reason to boast, for I feel compelled of necessity to do it. Woe is me if I do not preach the glad tidings (the Gospel)!

How can we make this a practical reality?

Realize that we don't do it ourselves.

MOST PEOPLE DREAD AND FEAR THE IDEA OF "GOING OUT WITNESSING". WE'VE ALL BEEN HARASSED BY THE JEHOVAH WITNESS, AND WE KNOW HOW BADLY PEOPLE DREAD SEEING THEM COMING. WE'VE HEARD THE HORROR STORIES ABOUT CONFRONTATIONS ON THE STREET, SO INVARIABLY WE NEVER GO. WE THINK THAT PEOPLE WILL BE TURNED OFF IF WE WITNESS TO THEM. THE TRUTH IS THAT THE WORLD IS ALREADY TURNED OFF. THE GOSPEL DOESN'T TURN ANYBODY OFF. IF YOU PRESENT IT WRONG YOU MIGHT TURN THEM OFF, BUT PEOPLE ARE READY TO HEAR. IF WE GIVE THE GOSPEL IN LOVE WE MIGHT JUST TURN THEM ON!

THE UNFORTUNATE TRUTH IS THAT IT IS THE CHRISTIANS WHO ARE TURNED OFF. WE ARE AFRAID OF DAMAGING OUR FRAGILE SELF-WORTH. THIS NEED FOR SELF-WORTH IS ONE OF THE DEEPEST NEEDS IN MAN. MAN WILL GO TO ANY LENGTH TO PRESERVE SELF-WORTH OR SELF-ESTEEM. FEW PEOPLE EVER CONQUER THIS SNARE, AND THIS LEADS TO A FEAR OF REJECTION. THIS IS PROBABLY THE MOST COMMON CONSTRAINT IN WITNESSING.

Proverbs 29:25

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25 The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever leans on, trusts in, *and* puts his confidence in the Lord is safe *and* set on high.

WILL GOD KEEP US SAFE WHEN WITNESSING? WELL, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT JESUS SAID:

Matthew 28:18-20

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18 Jesus approached and, breaking the silence, said to them, All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.

19 Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you all the days (perpetually, uniformly, and on every occasion), to the [very] close *and* consummation of the age. *Amen (so let it be).*

Mark 16:20

Amplified Bible (AMP)

20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord kept working with them and confirming the message by the attesting signs *and* miracles that closely accompanied [it]. *Amen (so be it).*

From these verses we can see that:

- Jesus has legally taken back all authority that was sold to satan by Adam.
- He has transferred that authority to us.
- As we go in His authority, He goes with us. We don't have to do this with our ability, but in the strength of the greater One who indwells, empowers and goes with us.

As we build an intimate relationship with the Lord, the love and compassion of God will motivate our actions. THROUGH INTIMACY, A BIBLICAL SELF-WORTH IS ESTABLISHED IN THE LORD JESUS. A STRONG SENSE OF BIBLICAL SELF-WORTH

HAS NO FEAR OF MAN. IF THIS IS WHAT I AM, I NEVER FEEL AWKWARD TRYING TO DO. When Jesus is the center of your life you can't help but talk about Him. It will be natural, joyful and fruitful.

The Holy Spirit works with the Word. Sharing the message of the cross is what the Spirit works with to bring a person to salvation. By speaking the Word of God we give someone the opportunity to believe. When we share what Jesus did at the cross, the Holy Spirit can convict their hearts and bring them to salvation. In doing so, the burden to produce is on the Holy Spirit leaving us with only the burden to proclaim.

Recognize satan's tactics.

Imagine if their enemies could deceive a Country's Defense Force into believing that war was too dangerous and that the fighting should be left to the generals. If that ever happened, the county would become an easy target for the enemy. However, that is exactly what satan has done in the church of Jesus Christ. He has convinced the church that the ministry work is to be done by the paid clergy. Therefore, the members of the body of Christ are leaving the work to the trained ecclesiastical generals and have gone off on vacation.

2 Corinthians 2:11

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11 To keep Satan from getting the advantage over us; for we are not ignorant of his wiles *and* intentions.

The most common constraint about witnessing is fear of man.

Proverbs 29:25

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25 The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever leans on, trusts in, *and* puts his confidence in the Lord is safe *and* set on high.

We have seen satan's strategy, and are now making sure all the members are properly trained and informed. As we become God's mobilized army, satan's plans will be thwarted.

Matthew 16:18

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18 And I tell you, you are Peter [Greek, *Petros*—a large piece of rock], and on this rock [Greek, *petra*—a huge rock like Gibraltar] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades (the powers of the infernal region) shall not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it].

When is a person assured of lasting salvation?

Some may ask why the people we visit need a full gospel presentation. They may ask, "Is the person not saved during the altar call?"; or, "Is he not saved when the Pastor prays with him?"; or, "Is he saved when a Fishers of Men Trainer presents the Gospel to him?" The truth is that his salvation will only last if he UNDERSTANDS the Gospel! Then the seed of the Word has fallen on good soil (the heart) and will take root to produce a harvest.

Matthew 13:19

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19 [a] While anyone is hearing the Word of the kingdom and does not grasp *and* comprehend it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the roadside.

Matthew 13:23

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23 As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the Word and grasps *and* comprehends it; he

indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundred times as much as was sown, in another sixty times as much, and in another thirty.

Let's see how this is accomplished.

- The seed that must be sown is the Word of God.

1 Peter 1:23

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23 You have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the *ever* living and lasting Word of God.

- The seed is sown by a trained gospel worker speaking the Word of God.

Acts 11:14

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14 He will give *and* explain to you a message by means of which you and all your household [as well] will be saved [from eternal death].

- The seed is accepted and the person acts on it.

Romans 10:8-9

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8 But what does it say? The Word (God's message in Christ) is near you, on your lips and in your heart; that is, the Word (the message, the basis and object) of faith which we preach,

9 Because if you acknowledge *and* confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

WHAT PART DOES GOD PLAY IN SALVATION?

SALVATION IS A WORK OF THE GODHEAD IN THE LIVES OF MEN AND CANNOT BE PRODUCED MERELY BY MAN'S PERSUASION.

Psalm 3:8

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8 Salvation belongs to the Lord; May Your blessing be upon Your people. *Selah* [pause, and calmly think of that]!

Jonah 2:9c

Amplified Bible (AMP)

Salvation *and* deliverance belong to the Lord!

GOD IS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS SALVATION AND IS THUS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GIVE SALVATION. SO LET'S SEE WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROCESS.

John 6:44

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44 No one is able to come to Me unless the Father Who sent Me attracts *and* draws him *and* gives him the desire to come to Me, and [then] I will raise him up [from the dead] at the last day.

John 12:32

Amplified Bible (AMP)

32 And I, if *and* when I am lifted up from the earth [on the cross], will draw *and* attract all men [Gentiles as well as Jews] to Myself.

1 Corinthians 6:11

Amplified Bible (AMP)

11 And such some of you were [once]. But you were washed clean (purified by a complete atonement for sin and made free from the guilt of sin), and you were consecrated (set apart, hallowed), and you were justified [pronounced righteous, by trusting] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the [Holy] Spirit of our God.

SALVATION IS SO IMPORTANT THAT THE WHOLE GODHEAD IS INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS. THIS MEANS THAT THE SOUL WINNER MUST CONSTANTLY PRAY FOR THE LOST THAT GOD KNOWS HE WILL SOON BE WITNESSING TO, FOR SALVATION IS FROM THE LORD.

What part does man play in their salvation?

People can only be saved as satan is bound and man is released from the devil's bondage of blindness.

2 Corinthians 4:4

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4 For the god of this world has blinded the unbelievers' minds [that they should not discern the truth], preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (the Messiah), Who is the Image *and* Likeness of God.

1 Corinthians 2:14

Amplified Bible (AMP)

14 But the natural, nonspiritual man does not accept *or* welcome *or* admit into his heart the gifts *and* teachings *and* revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with

them] because they are spiritually discerned *and* estimated *and* appreciated.

Then the evangelist can be used by God to speak His faith producing words, so that the person can understand, believe and receive the gift of Eternal Life.

Acts 11:14

Amplified Bible (AMP)

14 He will give *and* explain to you a message by means of which you and all your household [as well] will be saved [from eternal death].

Witnessing merely by human persuasiveness is witnessing in the flesh and does not produce results. We need to witness in the spirit under the anointing of God, WHICH IS ACCOMPLISHED BY MUCH PRAYER AND STUDY.

2 Corinthians 3:4-6

Amplified Bible (AMP)

4 Such is the reliance *and* confidence that we have through Christ toward *and* with reference to God.

5 Not that we are fit (qualified and sufficient in ability) of ourselves to form personal judgments *or* to claim *or* count anything as coming from us, but our power *and* ability *and* sufficiency are from God.

6 [It is He] Who has qualified us [making us to be fit and worthy and sufficient] as ministers *and* dispensers of a new covenant [of salvation through Christ], not [ministers] of the letter (of legally written code) but of the Spirit; for the code [of the Law] kills, but the [Holy] Spirit makes alive.

Satan will try and come up with every argument and excuse why they should not be saved. You, under the anointing of God need to persuade them otherwise.

Luke 14:23

Amplified Bible (AMP)

23 Then the master said to the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges and urge *and* constrain [them] to yield *and* come in, so that my house may be filled.

Luke 14:23 (NASB) "And the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'"

23 (Moffatt) "...and press people to come in..."

23 (TCNT) "...and make people come in..."

23 (Knox) "...and give them no choice but to come in..."

23 (Berkeley) "...and force them to come in..."

This sounds like very strong persuasion under the anointing of God. We must not let the devil have them. We will not in Jesus name. Amen!