

Evangelism and Missions

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Lesson One

Introduction

Our Great Commission

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of fathers to children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. (Malachi 4:5, 6)

Ye father, provoke not your children to wrath but bring them up in the nature and admonition of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)

The hearts of the fathers must first be turn for the children and time invested in them in order for their hearts to be turn their fathers. We have too many homes that have no fathers and the reasons are many. [Alcoholics, death, divorce, drug addiction, jail, prison,] or just work alcoholic's father that tries to make it up with things. If we don't invest in the next generation who will? This all has to start at home before we take out to the street or to the city or even where that we may think that it may work.

All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matt. 28:18 – 20)

The *key word* here is (**teaching all nations**) now it not just the house of Israel like in (Ma. 10:6) but all nations, kindred, tongue, and people. (Rev. 5:9)

And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be damned. (condemned) and these signs shall follow them that believe; In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (Mark 16:15- 18) John 1:12 tells us; “as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name:”

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *My* Father hath sent Me, even so send I you. And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. (John 20: 21 – 23) are you willing to for give your brother 70 x 7 a day for something that he has done to you or are you going to keep that thing over his head until it eats at you where you can no longer take it or carry it. How long is long enough for you. Or do you just say I'll forgive but I won't forget. Why don't you do what the father ask of you and just forgive? (Matt.5:23 – 26)

This the 3rd time that Jesus showed Himself to His disciples, after that, He was risen from the dead. So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He said unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas,

lovest thou Me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. (John 21:15 – 17)

What we have to realities is that in all of our churches we are going to have three levels of people there all the time. (30/60/ those coming into the 100 fold) Our job is going to feed them the word of God at the same time so that they may grow. The babes, the young men, and the elders are there to eat. I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. I write into, fathers, because ye have known Him *that is* from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wick one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.

(1 John 2:12 – 13)

We need to pray for wisdom from the Father so he can give us the right words for His people. We have to remember that He is the husband and we are servant in the vineyard of the Lord. “For whosoever shall call upon the name of he Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and glad tidings of good things! (Is 52:7) (Romans 10:13 – 15)

A distinction between an evangelist and a missionary has be made to known how they should function in the church today.

Evangelist: [from Greek *euaggelistēs*, a messenger of good tiding].

An order of men in the primitive church distinct from apostle, prophets, pastor, and teachers. (Eph. 4:11) Their name implied that their special function was to announce the glad tidings of the gospel to those before ignorant of them, and as they were not pastor of particular churches, they were able to go place to place preaching to those who as yet were without the Christian pale. Philip, who was the means of converting and baptizing the Ethiopian eunuch, was an evangelist (Acts 21:8), and we find him successively at Jerusalem (Acts 6:5), in Samaria (Acts 8:5), on the road between Jerusalem and Gaza (Acts 8:26), in the cities north of Ashdod (Acts 8:40), and finally at Caesarea (Acts 8:40; 21:8). Timothy was commanded by Paul to do the work of an evangelist (2 Tim. 4:5). At a later date the name was given to the writers of the four gospels. (Davis Dictionary of the Bible, page 234)

Evangel: (i-van'jel) *n.*

The Christian gospel

The message of redemption through Jesus Christ;

One of the four Gospels of the New Testament.

Any good news or glad tiding.

(Funk & Wagnall New International Dictionary of the English Language, page 439)

Evangel: (i-van'jel), *n.*

Gospel.

Any of the four Gospels.

A doctrine taken as a guide or regarded as of prime importance.

Good new or tidings.

(Random House Webster's College Dictionary page 452)

Evangelist: (i-van'jə-list) *n*

1. One of the four writers of the New Testament Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John.

2. An itinerant or missionary preacher; a revivalist.

3. In the Mormon Church, a patriarch.

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2. Missionary zeal, purpose, or activity.

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Three things that an Evangelist does not do;

1. Teach doctrine
2. Teach theology
3. Set the house in order

Mission: (mish'ən), n

1. The act of sending or the state of being sent, as on some errand.
 2. The sending forth of men with authority to preach or spread the gospel; authority so given by God or the church.
 3. The business or service on which one is sent.
 4. That which one is or feels destined to accomplish; the destined or chosen end of one's efforts.
 5. An effort to spread, or the work of spreading religious teaching.
 6. A single field or locality covered by missionary work; the body of missionaries there established; a missionary station; also, any educational, religious, or welfare center for the underprivileged in a city.
 7. *Eccl.* A regularly organized church and congregation not having the status of a parish in canon law; a quasi- parish.
 8. The office of a foreign ambassador or envoy.
 - 9 The persons sent on any errand or service.
 10. *Mil.* A definite task assigned to an individual or unit of the armed services.
 11. *Aeron.* A flight operation of a single aircraft or formation.
- (Funk & Wagnall New International Dictionary of the English Language page 814)

Mission: (mish'ən), n.

1. A group or committee of people sent to a foreign country to conduct negotiations, establish relations, provide technical assistance, or the like.
 2. A specific task that a person or a group of persons is sent to perform.
 3. A permanent diplomatic establishment abroad; embassy.
 4. A group of people sent by a church to carry on religious work, especially evangelization in foreign lands, and often to establish school, hospitals, etc.
 5. The place of work of such persons, or the territory of their responsibility.
 6. A military operation.
 7. An aerospace operation designed to carry out the goals of a specific program.
 8. An allotted or self-imposed duty or task; calling; *one's mission in life*.
 9. A place for evangelical and philanthropic work especially in a poor urban area.
 10. A series of special religious service for increasing religious devotion and for conversion.
 11. A church or region with a nonresident minister or priest. - *adj.*
 12. Of pertaining to a mission.
 13. a style of U. S. furniture built in the early 20th century
- (Random House Webster's College Dictionary page 839)

Lesson Two

Mission

Our Great Mission

All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matt. 28:18 – 20) The nations are waiting for someone to come who has answered the call. The one that is not afraid to step out, out roll up their sleeve and get to work. But in many cases we don't even have to go outside of our own city to reach the nations, they have come to us. Look around and see for the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest. (Matt. 9:37, 38) As you can see their here all we need to do is go out, cast the sickle and reap the harvest.

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Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *My* Father hath sent Me, even so send I you. And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained. (John 20:21 – 23) The give of forgiveness is the greatest gift that any person can ever get. The love and blood of Jesus, and cross made it all possible. No matter what that person has done there is forgiveness of sin for them at the cross. That is the message of redemption for all mankind. Our mission shall always start in our home church, and then we can send it out.

Local missions: children, youth, teens, young single adults, young married couples, married couples, senior couples, widows, retire, subtend addiction helps programs, street outreach, jail ministry, nursing homes, hospital, home inbounds, children's day care, school, and Bible college.

These are some of the programs that may be available to use for our community. Our field is ready for the taking all we need is the game plan, and if we ask God for it He will give it to us. Smith Wigglesworth said, "The Acts of the Apostles was written because the Apostles acted!" Now it's our turn for us to go and do so that the next generation will have something to write about. They are waiting for someone to show them the way. They really are not a lost generation, only one needing some to take them by the hand with love and say this is the way come and see. But we have to be willing to use all the modern technology without changing the message. Whatever work in the past is not working today so change that update this is the new day, renew your mind, your spirit your game plan when it comes to the youth because we have lost too many all really.

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Missionary (mish'ə ner'ē)

1. A person sent propagate religion or to do education or Charitable work in some place where is church has no self supporting local organization; hence, one who spread any new system or doctrine.
2. A person sent on a mission; a messenger; ambassador. - *Adj.* Pertaining to missions.
(Funk & Wagnall New International Dictionary of the English Language page 815)

Missionary (mish'ə ner'ē)

1. A person sent by a church into an area to carry on religious or humanitarian work.
2. A person who attempts to persuade or converts others.
3. Pertaining to religious missions.
4. Characteristic of a missionary.
(Random House Webster's College Dictionary page 839)

David Livingstone, Charles Spurgeon, John Bunyan, Martin Luther, Samuel Morris, John Wesley, Mother Teresa, T. L. Osborn, and Corrie ten Boom; these are some of the heroes that went into the world and shared the gospel. Each of them in their own way were used or are used by God to impact the place that they were sent to. Every one of them had to pray and ask God what and how to do where ever they were going. They all depended on the guide of the Holy Spirit to lead them. If we are going to shake the nations then it will take the power of the Holy Spirit to guide us and teach how to do it, and get the job done. Only then will we bring renewing spirit of God into that land and shake the people by the power of God with signs and wonders like in the days of the Apostles. That is what that are looking for, the real thing because people are so tired of religion and the religious games that we have been having week after week with no results.

Today we are looking for the nations to be shaken by the power of God, so “How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, **except they be sent?** As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and glad tidings of good things! (Is 52:7) (Romans 10:14 & 15) Only by the anointing of a living God. Only by faith of God. Only by knowing God and having confidence that no matter what happens He is able.

So then FAITH *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Ro. 10:17)

A missionary shall have a plan not only for a sermon, but also for a short, a mid, and a long term plan; this should include all the humanitarian work their organization has in mind. This means that [he/she/they] must survey the area where the work is about to take place, considering the need, then developing a strategy for the need.

Igniting your passion for the lost means that you might want to start by preaching to few people at a time. Remember that Jesus told Peter to feed my lamb (30 fold) and two times feed my (60 & 100 fold) sheep's. Now it is our turn to do like wise to feed his lamb and his sheep's. But also to fulfill it, feed the hungry, take in the stranger, clothe the naked, visit the sick, and go to the one in prison; if you have done it to the less of them you have done it unto Me: (Matt. 25: 34 – 40) This shall be the passion of every believer that has a passion for souls. Evangelism and Missions are not just programs but of the church but, should be a vital part of the vision of the church. It was also a mandate of the primitive church to go out and witness to the lost. Go to the world and make disciples in all the nations. (Ma.28:19)

Mission strategy for the different age group will be important because every one of them is not reached the same way. Don't allow the failures of other to control you or bring fear to you. Know who you are in Christ and what He has called you to do and go for it. Work your plan, one day at a time. And before you know it the place where you have been planted it will be your home, land, city, and your possession. Listen to this promise from God. “I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of Me, and I shall give thee the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the utter most part of the earth *for* thy possession.” (Psalms 2:7 – 9) The purpose for God is to provide everything we need for the work that He has called us to do. “Truth in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.” (Psalms 37: 3&7)

The ways of the Lord are far above our ways and many times they may not make sense to us but they don't have to it's just God ways. Listen to what God told Joshua, Moses My servant is dead; now arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, unto the land which I give them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that I have given unto you. (Joshua 1:2 – 3) And that is the promise from God, every place you put your foot is your.

Lesson Three

JESUS

Jesus came for one reason: To seek and to save that which was lost. That was the communication God and men. (Ma.18:6 & Luke 19:10) Redemption is a 3 fold package. He did not come to the earth just to be beaten with those stripes in order to pay the price for healing. Of course, healing is involved in salvation. Salvation in its fullest sense covers all of our needs – physical, mental, emotional, financial, material, social, and spiritual. But basically Jesus came to die on the cross of Calvary so that the world might be born again and be saved. “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prisons to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God: to all that mourn; to appoint them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for the mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.” (Isaiah 61: 1 – 3 & Luke 4:18 – 19)

God saw that man could never save himself. It is impossible for a man to go to heaven in a physical body. He has to have his spirit reborn. He must take on the nature of God on the inside and he must keep that spirit on the inside stronger than the one on the outside, stronger than the house of flesh he lives in. (Soul winner book page 13)

You must be born again of water and of the spirit. (John 3:5)

Some people believe in their church or pastor or denomination. Some believe what their parent or their grandparent believed that is going to help them out but, it is about having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. (Soul winner book page 7) God is not the God of programs; He is the God of people. When we try to program, organize, and manage the Holy Spirit in a box and will not allow the Spirit to flow we never really open up to real worship and praise to the Spirit of God. John said; He came unto His own and His own received Him not. But to as many as received Him to them give He power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: (John 1:11-12) KJV

Salvation is about giving out the whole package; it's just not some program or outreach on a weekend to promote your church. It is about changing lives, telling people about the goodness of God, the sweet tender, compassion of the Lord, mercy, and love that never gets stale, and how He is always thinking about you and providing for you. That the Jesus you know, the Jesus you love, the Jesus you guarantee can change any life no matter what is going on if they are willing to give it to Him.

That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:15)

Jesus was the most effective evangelist of all. At age 12 He knew his mission in life. Jesus said how is it that ye sought Me? Know ye not that I'm about My Father's business? (Luke 2:49) He had to wait 18 years to come to full age to start His ministry, but in the mean time, He increased in wisdom and stature, and in the favor of God and man. (Ma.4:12 & Luke 2:52) Jesus starts His ministry at 30 years (Num. 4:30)

This means that we all must have our time of training for the job that we have been called to do. It is a time of equipping, praying, fasting, and depositing the word in you. The business that we are about is that we are to TEACH & PREACH the gospel of the kingdom, heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. This is our great commission not our great suggestion. As the body of Christ we are to be manifesting these gifts in our churches with power and authority. Understand that Jesus dealt with man on the cross, so when He said; “It is finish” then He cry out, Father into your hands I commend My spirit and gave up the ghost, the work of redemption for man was done. (John 19:30 and 1 Corinthians 12:4)

That which was started in the garden eastward in Eden (Gen.2:7) was completed in a garden called Gethsemane. (Ma.26:36) The garden (Eden) was turn into a tomb and the new tomb of Joseph of Arimathaea was turn into a garden. (Ma.27:57) Jesus saith unto her, woman, why weepst thou? Whom seekest thou? She, supposing Him to be the gardener saith unto Him, Sir, if thou have borne Him hence, tell me where thou hast laid Him, and I will take Him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto Him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not for I have not yet ascended to My Father: (John 20:15 – 17a)

The power of the blood of Jesus is the only thing that can change you or me and make us a new creation, the called out ones. My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. (John 4:34) Jesus said in John 17:4 “I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.” This was before He ever went to the cross. He counted His mission has done. He never gave place to the devil.

The one thing that we need to learn from the Lord is that discipline is tough. But it will allow us to make the right decision. Each day you must choose the pain of discipline or the pain of regrets. But in life, short term pain is often the only path to long term gain. In the heat of battle it is too late to prepare. Either you are ready for the challenges of life or you will be haunted by the “what ifs,” “if only,” and “I should’ve” that accompany the failures to be prepared. That’s the pain of regret. One source defines regret as “An intelligent and emotional dislike for personal past acts and behaviors.” It’s painful to look back at our choices through the lens of regret and feel the weight of our failures. If we have discipline in the Lord and clarity of hindsight, and strives to honor the Lord, life don’t need to be marked by regret, rather be wise and God honoring. In this same manner we must be willing to be like Jesus and not give place to the devil in our lives in any way form or fashion. We must remember that if we give him an inch he will take a mile because he has NO respect for you. What we need to learn to do is keep him under our feet all the time. That was what the apostles Paul said in 1Corinthians 15:55 – 56; “O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength is the law.” That the pain of discipline to keep the flesh under subjection at all time, don’t allow the that old snake to come in with the same old question if you are the son of God then do this, because sure as the sun come up every morning you are going to fall. Your answer should always be it is written. Discipline allows you to go into the secret place of the most High and His Word be a lamp to your feet and a light to your path, Thy words have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee. It will allow you to make the right choices and you will say teach me O Lord, the ways of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. (Psalms 91:1 & 119:11 & 33 & 105)

Eight major reasons Jesus came to earth.

1. Matt. 1:21; to save us from our sins.
2. Matt. 18:11; for the Son of man come to save that which was lost.
3. Luke 10:56; for the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.
4. Luke 19:10; for the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.
5. John 3:16; for whosoever believeth in Him not perish but have everlasting life.
6. John 3:17; not to condemn the world but to save it.
7. John 10:10; that ye might have life and life more abundantly
8. 1 John 3:8; for this purpose was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Remember that our great commission is not the great suggestion.

Five things the commission gives us.

1. Matt. 28:18 – 20 Authority
2. Mark 16:15 – 20 Signs/Wonders
3. Luke 24:46 – 48 The Message
4. John 20:21 – 23 Anointing
5. Acts 1:8..... Power

Jesus said that we are

1. Matt. 4:19 ... to be fishers of men
2. Matt. 5:13 ... the salt of the earth
3. Matt. 5:14 ... the light of the world
4. Matt. 5:15 ... don't cover your light
5. Matt. 10:27 ... to proclaim it from the house tops
6. Matt. 10:32 ... to confess Jesus before man
7. Matt. 22:9 ... to go invite anyone you find
8. Matt. 28:19 ... to go make disciples
9. Luke 14:23 ... to compel to come in
10. Luke 15:4 ... to leave the 99, go for the lost one
11. Luke 24:47 ... to preach to all nations
12. John 15:27 ... to go testify
13. Acts 1:8 ... to be witnesses
14. Acts 26:17 ... to turn them from darkness to light
15. 2 Cor. 5:11... to persuade all men
16. 2 Cor. 5:20... to be Ambassadors for Christ
17. Col. 4:5 ... to make the most of every opportunity
18. 2 Tim.4:12... always ready to preach
19. 1 Peter2:9 ... priest proclaiming Jesus
20. Jude 23 ... ready to snatch them from the fire

Lesson Four

JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES

Jesus came to John to be baptized of him in Jordan, but John forbid him saying, I need to be baptized of thee and you come to me? Jesus answering said unto him, suffer it to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. When Jesus came out of the water the heavens were opened and they saw the spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him and a voice from heaven saying, this is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. (Matt. 3:13 – 17) “After this Jesus was led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, and when He had fasted for 40 days and 40 nights, He hungered.” (Matt. 4:1 – 10 and Luke 4:1 – 13) The devil comes to tempt Him in all three parts that he tempts everyone of us, in the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. (1John 2:16) Don’t you know that we are going to be tested in the same areas by the same devil and we have the same power to overcome him just like Jesus did? Question is “If you are the Son of God?” then doing the following;

1st Are you hungry? Will you eat his meat? his doctrine, his teaching, his food, his knowledge, after all that what he got Eve to do in the garden and then Adam, and then they found themselves naked. No! No! No! I love the answer that Jesus gave him; man shall not live by bread alone, but by every WORD OF GOD. Knowledge we all like it but it be the knowledge of the Lord. Lust of the flesh.

2nd Cast yourself down? This means that you are not worthy; you take all your value away from yourself, you think that you are unrighteous, so you work to find favor in the eye of God when He has already given it to you, [wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved. Ephesians 1:6b] man see thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Lust of eyes.

3rd Will you worship me? This is what it’s all about. Worship! The devil went to be worship too and he will do what ever it takes to get the job done. He’ll make it so pretty, look so real, sound so good, promise you the moon, and at the end nothing. Because he really got nothing that he can give you. But Jesus, but God, but the Holy Spirit has all power for God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. (John4:24) Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve. (Matt. 4: 1 – 11 & Luke 4:1 – 12) Pride of life. “And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he depart from Him for a season.” (Luke 4:13)

Jesus after this started to preach, and to say repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. He started to call out His disciples; the first was Simon Peter and Andrew, and then James and John. Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men. And immediately these men left their nets, boats, and father to follow Jesus. (Matt. 4: 17 – 22)

The names of the 12 disciples are Simon Peter, Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, John his brother, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus, Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. (Ma. 10: 2 – 4)

These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commended them by saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils, freely you received, and freely give. (Ma.10: 5 – 8) As we read in chapter 10 of Matthew we can see the commission that was given to the disciples. We have to love the Lord and His calling more than anything, even more than life. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first. (Ma.19:29 – 30) John the Baptist was in prison sent two of his disciples to Jesus and asked him if, He was the One or do we look for another? Jesus answered him and said the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are clean, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be offended in me. (Ma.11: 1 – 6)

The gospel was never exclusive just to the house of Israel, everyone that heard it and received it the kingdom was for them. Salvation was first for the house of Israel, that's why the woman from Canaan (Greek, Syrophenician) came out asking for healing for her daughter and the disciples came and besought him. (Ma.15:21 & Mk.7:24) He answered them to send her away for He was sent to the house of ISRAEL, then she come and worshipped him and said help! His answer still was I'm sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel and it is not meet, to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs. She said, Truth, Lord: but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table. This is the kind of faith that moves Jesus. (Ma. 15:22 – 28) There are others examples of His grace and mercy before the cross. The faith of many moved Jesus that were not of the house of Israel. My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and **to finish his work**. (John 4:34). This is what Jesus told his disciple as they tried to get him to eat at Jacob's well, in Samaria in a city called Sychar, and as He sat there the Samaritan woman was being transformed. When we drink from the living fountain, we are transformed into true worshippers of the Father. This Samaritan woman reaped a harvest in that city because of the word that she testified, many also believed because of His words. (John 4: 1 – 41)

The Old Testament is full of women that were used by God. Woman like Deborah the Prophetess (Judges 4-5), Naomi and Ruth, (Ruth 1-4) and Esther who became queen and saved her people. (Esther 1-10). If we are going to show one as an example at the closing of the Old Testament would have to be this Samaritan woman at the well that turned her city by saying, come see a man which told me all things that I ever did, is not this the Christ? (John 4:29) What God is looking for is willing hearts full of faith that is willing to go where ever He will sends us. Jesus saith unto him, "I am the and Me, should have known My Father also: and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him. If ye shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it. (John 14:6 & 7 & 14)

You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me: (John 15:16 & 26) Then Jesus was ready to bring it all to it the end: "I have glorified Thee on earth: **I have finished the work** which Thou gavest Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was." (John 17:4 & 5) "**It is finish**": this was His cry on the cross. (John 19:30)

Go, preach, teach, baptize, and make disciples, this takes time, it will NOT happen overnight. The question to you is how much time are you willing to invest in your future for the kingdom of God? We have the power, but are we willing to use it? The Holy Spirit is in you and with you, as long as you make deposits in your heart, soul, mind, and body, the spirit of the Lord will bring it out in its due season. As we invest our time in God by allowing Him to deposit all of Himself in us no matter what it takes or how long.

We are the disciple of Christ on the earth today and now it's our time to go and transform the world by the power of God and the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. We have been anointed to win souls for the kingdom of God, to rescue those that are perishing, to warn the wicked of their ways, to be fishers of men, (Ma.4:19) to be the salt and light on the earth, (Ma. 5:13 & 14) to proclaim the gospel from the housetop, (Ma. 24:17) to confess Jesus to all men, to go out into the highway and hedges (byways) and compel them to come in, (Luke 14:23) to be witness in all the nations, "Therefore if every man be in Christ he is a new creature: old things **are passed away**; "behold, all things are become new. To bring forth ministry, the message, and the word of reconciliation to all men," (2 Corinthians 5:17 – 19) to be the priest proclaiming Jesus preaching with love, understanding, compassion, mercy, and grace, and truth, to be the ambassadors of Christ.

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in My word, *then* are ye My disciple indeed; And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:31 – 32) You are a new creation in Christ Jesus and if the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed (John 8:36) Your freedom will come with a great price because it will cost you everything. Are you willing to give it all up for greater good? How thirsty are you? Are you willing to go to the well, call on Jesus and dip, and drink? In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living waters. (John 7:37 – 38) The Word of God will fill us every day when we come to Jesus in the cool of the day to seek His face and talk to Him and get direction for our life. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust. (Psalms 91:1 – 2) But we have to abide in Him and His word abides in us then we can ask and He will give it to us in the name of Jesus. (John 15:7)

This water is the Holy Spirit living on the inside of us which give us the power for all we need. (John 8:39) Now we see that in John chapter two there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee and there Jesus turned the water into wine. He told His mother "woman what have I to do with thee? Mine hour have not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants whatsoever He saith unto you, do it. There were six water pots of stone, after the manner of purifying of the Jews, containing two to three firkins apiece. (about 20-30 gallons) Jesus said, fill the water pots with water and they filled them up to the brim. Then He told them to draw out now, and bear it to the governor of the feast, and they did. Living water here is turned into living wine; the Word is turned into Spirit by the power of God in your spirit, soul, heart, and mind. This is what it means to be His disciples today follow Him where ever He leads you. The steps of a good man are order the Lord. And he delighteth in his ways. (Psalms 37:23)

Lesson Five

Peter Commissions

After an all night fishing trip they caught nothing, Jesus told them to cast your nets on the right side of the ship, and you shall find. That catch was a big one of about 153 different kinds of fish. This was the 3rd time that Jesus has shewed himself to his disciples, after the resurrection. (John 21:1 – 14) Peter was same man that told Jesus that I will go to prison or to death for you and then deny him three times. (Luke 22:33-34, 61)

Now, **Jesus asked Peter a question that had him thinking do you love me? Yes! Than Feed my lambs. Peter, Do you love me? Yes! Feed my sheep, for the third time the Lord asked Peter, Do you love me? Lord, you know all things and you know that I love you, than Peter, Feed my sheep. (He asked this two times)**

(John 21:15-17) When you were young you gird yourself and you walk where you would; but when you are old you are going to be led. This spake the Lord signifying by what death he should glorify God. Then Peter asked about John and Jesus answered unto him, if I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou Me. (John 21:22)

For 40 days he shewed himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, and speaking things that pertain to the kingdom of God: then he told them to go to Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father, which you have heard of me. For John baptized you with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, in Judaea, in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. They returned to Jerusalem, to the upper room and there were the disciples, with the women, Mary the mother of Jesus and his brethren. The number of names together was about an hundred and twenty. [120 = end of flesh] (Acts 1: 2 – 15)

After the Holy Ghost came on Peter he was transformed and filled of new wine, he spoke with power and authority to the ones in Jerusalem, for we are not drunken as you suppose, seeing that it is but the third hour of the day. He went on to tell about Joel, Jesus of Nazareth, the resurrection of Christ, and the promise of the Father and of the Holy Ghost. Peter said to them repent, and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ. Three thousand souls were added to the church. (Acts 2:14 – 41)

Peter was transformed long before this in Matthew 16:16 when he answered Jesus and told Him; “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus told Simon Peter that flesh and blood had not revealed this to you but the Father which is in heaven; and to you I will give the keys to the kingdom and whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven: and whatever you loose on earth shall be loose in heaven. All believers had all things in common, sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men. (Acts 2: 44 – 45) Peter became the spokesman for the disciples. Acts 2:14

Peter and John prayed for the lame man at the gate Beautiful in Acts 3:1-11 (@40yrs old Acts 4:22)

Peter and John addressed the people at Jerusalem Acts 3:12 – 4:1

Peter and John were imprisoned in Acts 4:2 – 22

Peter dealt with Ananias and Sapphira over the land sold. (Acts 5:1-11)

By Peter’s shadow the sick were healed when they were brought to the streets. (Acts 5:15)

In Acts 6:1-8; The disciples had to fill the need for deacons in the church so they set qualification for the seven men that they were about to pick by the Holy Ghost. Stephen, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: whom they set before the Apostles, and when they had laid hands on them the word of the Lord increased and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly. A great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. Stephen, full of faith and power did great wonders and miracles among the people.

In Acts 7:54-60; We see Stephen, one of the deacons full of the Holy Ghost declare the gospel. When they heard the Word of God they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him their teeth. For this they would take him and stone him, and he sees the glory of God as he is being stoned to death. A young man name Saul would hold the coats of those that were stoning Stephen that day. (Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only. And some of the men of Cyprus, Cyrene, which when they were come to Antioch spake to the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus. And a great number believed, and turned to the Lord.) (Acts 11:19 – 21)

In Acts 8:5; Philip goes down to the city of Samaria and preaches Christ to them. The people with in one accord gave heed unto the things that Philip spoke, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voices came out of many that were possessed: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. Many believed and were baptized both men and women. Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ. (Acts 8:5 – 14) Next Philip is led by the spirit to go to Gaza to the man of Ethiopia the eunuch, And the word was declared to him and was both saved and baptized. Than Philip was caught away in the spirit, and he was found at Azotus preaching in all the cities till he came to Caesarea. (Acts 8: 26 – 40)

The conversion of Saul (Acts 9:1 – 31) He journeyed near Damascus and suddenly a light shined around him from heaven; and he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? This was the beginning of Saul /Paul life in Christ. A disciple name Ananias at Damascus in the street called Straight, prayed for Paul to get his sight back, because he is a chosen vessel unto Me to bear my name to the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: (verse 18; immediately the scale fell from his eyes and he was fill with the Holy Ghost) “By His stripe we are healed. By whose stripes you were healed.” [Is.53:5-9 and 1 Peter 2:24]

In Acts 9:32 Peter passed throughout all that area and came to Lydda, there found a certain man sick of palsy named Æneas, Jesus Christ makes you whole; arise and make your bed and he did immediately. And all that dwelt in Lydda and Saron saw him, and turn to the Lord.

In Acts 9:36 – 43 while in Joppa Peter minister, signs and wonders follows and many believed in the Lord. (Dorcas is rise from the dead)

Lesson Six

Peter Calling

A man from Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of an Italian band, a devout man, and one that feared God with his entire house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always. Had a vision about the ninth hour the angel of the Lord told him to send men to Joppa and given instruction about how to get in touch with one called Simon Peter. At noon time Simon Peter went up about the sixth hour (12 noon) the housetop to pray and became very hungry, would have eaten; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, the heavens opened, a great sheet knit at the four corners with all manners of four footed beasts of the earth, and wild beast, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. Then there came a voice telling Peter to rise up, kill, and eat. But Peter saying not so, Lord; for I never eaten anything common or unclean. Telling God that he will never eat common or unclean thing; well may I tell you that we will not tell God what we will or will not do! Because this was the case with Peter. But he found out different, when he was told to shut up and eat. While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him behold three men seek thee. (Acts 10: 1 – 19) Arise and get thee down and go with them. For I have sent them. (Acts 10:20) Peter enters Caesarea and Cornelius, called together his kinsmen and friends. Peter met him; Cornelius fell at his feet and worshiped him. Peter took him up saying, stand up I am a man also. As they talked together how that it was unlawful for a Jew to keep company with one of another nation; but that God had showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. (Acts 10: 22 – 28)

Peter gets up and starts on the quest of his life; it was not long before Cornelius was telling Peter about his vision and Peter was telling him about his mid day trance and how the Lord told him to raise and eat. Peter's calling was not just to the house of Israel but also to the Gentiles now called the church. As Peter open his mouth said that God is no respecter of persons: as he preached the word unto the people and testify that it is He (Jesus) who was ordained of God to be the Judge of the quick and the dead. And while Peter spoke the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. (Acts 10: 34 – 44) And they were also baptized in water them that received the Holy Ghost. And he commanded them to be baptized in the named of the Lord. (Acts 10:47 – 48)

When Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they **that were of the circumcision contented** with him, saying, thou wentest into the uncircumcised and how he eat with them. But **Peter rehearsed** the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying, from Joppa to the trance, to the house of Cornelius, accompanied by six brethren, and how when he was preaching the Holy Ghost fell on them, forasmuch then as God gave them the gift as He did unto us, who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? They held their peace and glorified God, say God hath also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. (Acts 11:1 – 18)

The word was getting out because of the persecution that arose and the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed and turned unto the Lord. (Acts 11:21)

Barnabas departs to Tarsus to seek for Saul. (Paul) Acts 11:25

And the disciples were called Christian first in Antioch. (Acts 11:26)

Three questions to be answered: a) To whom was Peter called?

b) How were they affected?

c) Did they affect others?

Lesson Seven

Paul's Calling and Paul's 1st Journey

Paul with letters to Damascus to the synagogues, if he would find any whether they were of **the way**, whether they would be men or women, they would be bound to Jerusalem. As he journeyed near Damascus; he had an encounter with the Lord. He heard a voice saying Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? Who are you, Lord? I am Jesus whom you persecutest: it is hard to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said Lord what will you have me do? Arise go, to the city, Damascus and it shall be told what to do. The men that journey with him stood speechless, heard the voice but saw no man. Saul went to Damascus was there three days without sight and neither did eat nor drink. (Acts 9:2-9)

A disciple name Ananias at Damascus in the street called Straight, prayed for Paul to get his sight back, because he is a chosen vessel unto Me to bear my name to the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: (immediately the scale fell from his eyes and he was fill with the Holy Ghost and baptized) Acts 10:10 – 18

As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said Separate Me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereto I have called them, when they had fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. (Acts 13: 2, 3)

So being sent by the Holy Ghost, departed from Antioch unto Seleucia; and thence they sailed to Cyprus to Salamis then Paphos then they went to Perga in Pamphylia.

(At this point John Mark returns to Jerusalem, Acts 13:13)

They departed from Perga and went to Antioch in Pisidia.

Then left Antioch for Iconium then they fled to the cities of Derbe and Lystra than they return to Iconium and to Antioch. (Acts 14:1 – 6)

When they had ordained elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

After that they passed through to Pisidia, then to Pamphylia, when they had preached a word in Perga, they went on down to Attalia, then sail back to Antioch from which the work had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which was accomplished. (Acts 14:24 – 27)

In Acts 15 after the trip was over a problem come up over those that had been saved that had not been circumcised. And a certain man who taught the Jews said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved. Paul and Barnabas had to bring the matter to apostles and the elders in Jerusalem about this question. The major matter between the council at Jerusalem which was over circumcise and uncircumcised. This was no small dissension and disputation with them. They declared all things that God had done with the in Antioch and in other places. But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed in the need for them to be circumcised to keep the law of Moses. The apostles came together to consider this matter. And after much disputing Peter rose up, and said to them, men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God made a choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of

the gospel, and believe. And God knoweth the hearts, and bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, as he did us. He put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Now why tempt you God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciple, which neither our father nor we were able to bear?

But we believe through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they. The multitude kept silence and gave audience to Paul and Barnabas, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them. After this James answered, how God at first visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. To this agree the word of the prophets; after this I will return and build the tabernacle of David and build up the ruins thereof and he rehearses the rest of the story of the work of the Lord until they turn to God. Wherefore my sentence is that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: but we write to them;

The final decree of the council was: **that they abstain from pollution meats offered to idols, and from blood, from things strangled, and from fornication:** from which if you keep yourself you shall do well. So Paul and Barnabas were dismissed and came to Antioch and when they had gathered the multitude together they delivered the epistle. (Acts 15: 29 – 32)

Getting ready for their 2nd trip from Antioch;
Paul and Barnabas contented over John Mark going with them,
because Paul though it not good to take him.
This contention was so sharp that they departed one from the other:
Barnabas taking John Mark
Paul took Silas.
Barnabas and John Mark went to Cyprus;
Paul and Silas went from Antioch to Syria and Cilicia confirming the churches.
(Acts 15: 36 – 41)

Three questions to be answer: a) To whom was Paul called?
b) How were they affected?
c) Did they affect others?

Lesson Eight

Paul's 2nd Journey

Paul and Silas come to Derbe and Lystra and find a certain disciple named Timotheus (Timothy), the son of a Jewess and a Greek father. Paul took him and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew that his father was a Greek. As they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and the elders which were at Jerusalem. So were the churches established in the faith, and increase in number daily. (Acts 16: 1 – 5)

Now when they gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia they were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach in Asia, after they came to Mysia they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. They passing by Mysia came down to Troas. In a night vision a man from Macedonia stood and prayed saying, come and help us. (Acts 16:9)

They went to Macedonia assuredly that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them. Leaving Troas we came straight to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis. From Neapolis we headed for Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, *and* a colony: (Acts 16:12)

A certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshiped God and was baptized, and her household; come to my house and abide there and she constrained us. (Acts 16:15)

A damsel with a spirit of divination follow Paul and Silas and cried, these are the men of the most high God, which show us the way of salvation, and she did so many days. This grieved Paul in a way that he turn and commanded the spirit to come out of her in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and he spirit did. When her master saw that their gain was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and brought them to the market place unto the rulers, to the magistrates, saying these men being Jews do exceedingly trouble our city, teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive or observe, being Romans. The multitude rose up together against them: the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded them to beat them. When they had laid many stripes on them, they cast into prison. The jailor told to keep them safe. Who receiving this charge put them in the inner prison. Paul and Silas are imprisoned for casting out the spirit of divination from a damsel. The jailer made their feet fast in the stocks. (Acts 16: 16 – 24)

At midnight Paul and Silas they start to prayed and sing praises to God, the prisoners heard them and suddenly there was an earthquake that shook the foundation of the prison, immediately all the doors were opened and every band were loosed. The keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword to kill himself, supposing all the prisoner have fled. But Paul cried out do yourself no harm for we are all here. The jailer called for a light, went in to check and fell at Paul and Silas feet, brought them out, and ask what must I do to be saved? Paul answer him believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved, and your house. They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house.

The jailer took Paul & Silas wash their stripes; and they were baptized, he and his entire house. When it was day the magistrate told the sergeant to let Paul and Silas go, he said not so being we are Romans, cast us into prison; now they thrust us out privily? Paul asked for the magistrates to come, and let them out and desired them to depart out of the city. They went out and enter the house of Lydia. (Acts 16:25 – 40)

Now they departed from Philippi and went to Amphipolis and then to Apollonia then came to Thessalonica, to the synagogue to preach Christ suffering, and risen again from the dead and this Jesus whom I preach is Christ. And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women no a few. (Acts 17:1 – 4)

But the Jews that believed not moved with envy took to them certain lewd (wicked) fellows of the baser sort, and gather a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring out the people. When they found them not, (Paul and Silas) they drew Jason and certain brethren to the rulers of the city, crying they have turned the world upside down are come here also; Whom Jason have received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus. And they trouble the people and the ruler of the city, when they heard these things. And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go. (Acts 17:6 – 9)

The brethren sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. (Acts 17:10)
They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Then Paul was move to Athens by sea. (Acts 17:15)

AFTER Silas and Timothy was told to joint Paul. (Acts 17:15)

In Athens Paul gives the speech to people who had no Jewish or Biblical background at all, Paul adopted a completely different approach from his earlier works. However, it was comparable with the way he had addressed the pagans in Lystra, on Mars Hill about the Unknown God; he began from the more or less Greek view of God as creator, benefactor, and presence within the universe. He went on to speak of the human search for God, who is ‘not far from each one of us,’ a statement which he supported by quotation from the Greek poet. Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman name Damaris, and others with them. (Acts 17:16 – 34)

Next Paul left for Athens;

After that Paul depart for Corinth;

Then Paul and Silas departed from Corinth to Syria, and

They came to Ephesus; then he sail from Ephesus to Caesarea,

They saluted the church and he went down to Jerusalem after,

They returned to Antioch. (Acts 18: 1 – 22)

Three questions to be answer: a) To whom was Paul and Silas called on this trip?

b) How were they affected?

c) Did they affect others?

Lesson Nine

Paul's 3rd Journey

On this third trip was more of a pastor's ministry center on two main places, Ephesus and Corinth. This Journey Paul departed from Antioch and went all over the country of Galatia and Phrygia strengthening all the disciples. (Then to Ephesus and to Corinth.)

A certain Jew named Apollos, born in Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus, was instructed in the ways of the Lord, being fervent in the spirit, and that only knew of John's baptism, and began to speak boldly in the synagogue: when he is heard by Aquila and Priscilla, they took him in and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. The disciples there received him through grace, showing publicly by the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ. (Acts 18: 23 – 28)

While Apollos is at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coast came to Ephesus: finding Apollos and certain disciples said to them, have you heard of the Holy Ghost since you believed? So when they tell him that they have not, Paul began to tell them about the Holy Ghost and when Paul had lain hands upon them they spake with tongues and prophesied. The men were about twelve. (Acts 19: 1 – 7)

They went into the synagogue, and spoke boldly for three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. This work continued by the space of two years; so that all that dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, **both Jew and Greeks**. And the God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul; from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them the evil spirit went out of them. The story of the 7 sons of Sceva and the vagabond Jew which had the evil spirit that prevailed over them. Many believed and came, confessed, and showed their deeds. The word of God grew mightily and prevailed. (Acts 19: 8 – 20)

Paul purpose in the Spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, after I have been there, I must go to Rome. (Acts 19:21)

Paul's visit and ministry to Ephesus was so successful that two main stays of religious life were soon in danger of collapse. One of them was magicians and sorcerers. Many became Christians and burnt their books. The silversmith of the city found their trade in small replicas of the temple of Artemis for the pilgrims began to decline, which led Demetrius and some others to start a riot against the Christians of the city. But a townclerk appeased the people at Ephesus, and when he spoken and he dismissed the assembly.

From Corinth, to Thessalonica, to Philippi, to Troas, and on to Assos.

By land Paul and his companions departed Assos to Milylene, then from Milylene on to Chios, and the next day on to Samos.

they departed Samos and tarried at Trogyllium the next day came to Miletus.

From Miletus Paul set sail to Coos, from there to Rhode and the next day to Patara.

From Patara finding a ship they set sail over to Phoenicia and to Tyre,

we came to Ptolemais and the next day we departed for Caesarea,

After those days we took up our carriage and went up to Jerusalem. (Acts 20:1 - 21:15)

Three questions to be answer: a) To whom was Paul called?

b) How were they affected?

c) Did they affect others?

Lesson Ten

Paul's Rome Journey

In Acts 21 we see Paul again contenting with the Jews in Jerusalem at the temple about the law of Moses of circumcision. Wanting to kill Paul for being an Egyptian (Acts 22:38) and teaching the Gentiles the word of God and not walk after the customs. (Acts 21:21)

Now Paul tried to remind them what the Apostles wrote as touching the Gentiles that believed; that they observe no such thing, save only keep themselves from things offered to idols, and from blood, and from thing strangled, and from fornication. (Acts 15:29) but the people were moved and they took Paul out of the temple and had him arrested. Now Paul has to defend himself before the people. The people did not want to hear him so the chief captain commanded him to be taken to the castle to be examined by scourging. Paul asked the centurion that stood by is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman & uncondemned? (Acts 22:25)

When Paul declared that he was born free, the chief captain was afraid; after he knew that Paul was a Roman, he had held him bound. On the morrow, because he was accused of the Jews, the chief captain had Paul loose and commanded the chief priest and all their council to appear and had Paul brought down, and set before them. (Acts 22:27 – 30)

Paul, earnestly watching the council, said Men and brethren, I have lived in good conscience before God until this day, and the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite Paul on the mouth. Then Paul said, God should smite you, you white wall: because you sit there to judge me after the law, and commanded me to be smitten contrary to the law? And they that stood by said Insult you God's high priest? For it is written that you should not speak evil of the ruler of the people. (Acts 23: 1-5) Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisee, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, a son of a Pharisee of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. And when he had said so there arose a dissension between the Sadducees and the Pharisee: and the multitude was divided.

Paul knew at this point that he would be going to Rome to make his case before Caesar. The following night the Lord stood by him and said you will be a witness for me in Jerusalem and so you must bear witness also at Rome. (Acts 23:11)

Paul was taken to Caesarea because of the plot to kill him, and then a letter was written by Claudius Lysias to Governor Felix about the plot. Paul now gets a defense before Felix and Paul's hearing gets to put off for two years. After two years Porcius Festus comes into Felix room and he shows the Jews pleasure, let them have a hearing and leave Paul in bound. (Acts 24:1 – 27) Now Festus and King Agrippa hear about Paul's case, they both would like know about it, so they call in the council and Paul and the grievous complaints against Paul which could not be proved. Paul answered for himself, neither against the law of the Jews, against the temple, nor against Caesar.

The question was asked have I offended any thing at all. But Festus, willing to do the Jews a pleasure answered Paul and said, wilt you go up to Jerusalem, and there be judge of these things before me? Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews I have done no wrong, as thou very well knowest. For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal to Caesar. Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, hast thou appeal unto Caesar? Unto Caesar shall thou go. After these things King Agrippa and Bernice came to Caesarea to salute Festus. When Festus tells King Agrippa about Paul, King Agrippa tells Festus that he would like to hear this man for himself. The next morning Paul is brought in with the chief captains and the principle men of the city, at Festus commandment. Paul was permitted to speak before King Agrippa and to answer for himself. After Paul finish King Agrippa told Paul, almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian and than told Festus had he not appeal to Caesar he would had been at liberty. (Acts 25:9 to 26:32)

Paul's trip to Rome started at Caesarea then to Sidon from there to Myra. From Myra they sailed against Cnidus then sail over to Salmone. Then came to a place called The Fair Havens, the city of Lasea. After Lasea they sail for the island called Melita. (Malta) Next departed from Melita to Syracuse and from there to Rhegium. Then from Rhegium to Puteoli to Forum of Appius than to Three Tavern. From Three Tavern finally to Rome.

Three questions to be answered: a) To whom was Paul called?
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c) Did they affect others?

Lesson Eleven

Being a Soul winner

You must share Jesus with others if they are to come to know Him personally. You do it with love, understanding, and compassion. Their churches have traditions, but tradition has never saved anyone, in fact it has kept many people out of the Kingdom of God. When the church gets involved in other things besides sharing Jesus Christ it will lose focus on what the main vision is, and that is to win the lost. Where there is no vision, the people perish: (Prov. 29:18) Write the vision, and make it plain upon the tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith. (Habakkuk 2:2 – 4) So let's not lose our vision for the lost. Many people don't make the effort to speak about the Lord because they are prisoner to fear. You can't understand people until you understand their fears, and they come from their insincerity and they don't know the power of the Holy Spirit to testify of Jesus Christ. Intimidation is another factor for people not to tell about Jesus. The word of God tells us that there is a harvest, that God, Him self has promise a result of His word that will not returned void. "So shall my word be that go forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Is. 55:11)

Jesus, taught the 12 disciples telling them to go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Ma.10:6). Remember that it was not just the Jews that heard the word while Jesus was teaching but also the Greeks, Romans, and many from other lands as well. Even though Jesus told his disciples to go only to the house of Israel other people were receiving faith. Every time Jesus would teach, faith would move upon them and something happen. For example: The Centurion's Servant, The Syrophenician's Daughter, Blind Bartimaeus, and The Woman of Samaria these are just a few miracles that Jesus did outside of the house of Israel BEFORE the cross, and before the Holy Ghost was given. After the cross, the Holy Ghost was given to Stephen, Philip, Paul, Barnabas, Silas, and others after they heard the gospel. They started to preach the word at different cities of Phenice, Cyprus, and in Antioch, preaching the Lord Jesus Christ.

What about today? The mission has not changed; Jesus still wants you to be a soul winner. He does not want you to be so busy that you don't have the time to tell someone about Him; or go to someone's house that is in need and minister to them. God wants you to demonstrate the same kind of love and compassion that Jesus demonstrated. Remember that we are here to bring forward the good news of what God has done for us and for them in Christ Jesus. It is all about Him and not about us. Jesus is above all, "That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved". (John 3:15 – 17) This is our message. We must understand that some may reject Jesus, but, there are those

who will accept Him, when we preach Jesus and tell them about His love, mercy, grace, saving power, and the difference that He will make in their life. When we tell people that of the victory they can have in Christ that will make the difference. That's why we make the effort to preach the gospel. For those that are going to be saved.

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make proof of thy ministry. (2 Timothy 4:5) The purpose of this class is to instruct the ones that are going out to plant the seed of the word of God in the city, in the highways, or the hedges, or a crusade; we need to call to attention one thing and that is, that the ministry of an evangelist is to put into function the others ministries that are in the church and in the body of Christ. The believers should plant the good seed of the Word of their testimony. In the same manner it should be shown with love and perseverance toward the person that you are reaching.

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest. (Matthew 9:38) You must understand that you are the voice of God and the kingdom of heaven. This means that there is NO place for pessimism or negativism of the word. When you preach the word do it like John the Baptize who come preaching "prepare you the way of the Lord, make his path straight." (Luke 3:4) (John 3: 3 – 6) Jesus told Nicodemus, Expect a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Jesus then told him Expect he is born of water and of the Spirit; he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which born of flesh is flesh; and that is born of the Spirit is spirit. Than Jesus explain to Nicodemus that the only way to eternal life and everlasting life was through Him. (Jesus) the good new is that God sent not His Son to condemn the world but to save it. Man have been saved already all they have to do is accept it. It is up to us to tell them. Sow the seed, the harvest is waiting to be reaped.

The characteristic of the message is important to use that the Lord use to reach the people. You must center the message on Jesus. Don't use the legalism and religious expression on which we have been victims. Remember to reach people at the level that they are at. Never address them about the way they look, or the place they go to church, how they worship, or who they worship that is the work of the Holy Spirit. Love them, they don't care how much you know, they care how much you love them. So your message should be Christ center, gentle, meek, and restoration. A gentle and meek message has the possibilities to win souls for Christ more than an arrogant one. We must keep in mind that the mine message of the gospel is about the restoration of man spirit, soul, and body. Jesus has come the restore everything back to the Father between man and God. Jesus said that he came to seek and to save that which was lost, and that was the communication between God and man from the garden to now. The message now is to tell the people that when God restores, He improves, add, multiplies, our blessing so that formal state is going to be better than the first. "The word that I speak they are Spirit and they are life." (John 6:63) The people need to hear words of life and hope. It takes the same amount of energy to speak bad things or good things but the results are very different. If we invest the time to speak positive and about Christ in this manner we will have better results to the gospel.

Lesson Twelve

How you can be a soul winner

Reaching the lost is the reason why Jesus came to earth. It was the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord that change our lives.

For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. (Ma.18:11 & Lu.19:10)

For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. (Luke 9:56)

Time changes, methods change, but the gospel does not change. The gospel is not weak, sick, or inadequate. There is no shortage of power from the Holy Spirit to communicate the Gospel. There is all power in Jesus name. All you need to be an effective witness is the name of Jesus. When you open your mouth and mention to people that Name and the fact that Jesus loves them, the Spirit of God starts working on the inside of you because your spirit and that Name comes together and start working together. God's presence is there when that Name is spoken. Then why aren't more sinners being saved? It surely can't be for the lack of churches, Christian radio, and Christian T.V. programs. And it is not for the lack of special meetings or even the lack of powerful preaching in the church. WE MUST GO OUT to the highways and the byways and reap the harvest and THEN we can bring them to the house of God.

In Matthew 13 there are parables of the Sower; Tares; Pearls.

The field is the body of the man, his soul is his treasure, and the word was God's seed.

The seas are the nations, kindred, tongues, and people.

Ten characteristics of how Jesus witnessed.

1. Jesus loved sinners John 3:15 – 16
2. Jesus was tender 2 Tim. 2: 3
3. Jesus thought of others John 3:17
4. Jesus was led by the Spirit Luke 4:1
5. Jesus sought men's soul Acts 1:1
6. Jesus spoke with authority Matt. 7:28 – 29
7. Jesus was natural Matt. 3:13 – 15
8. Jesus used common language Matt. 5:1 – 7:29
9. Jesus was prepared at all times Matt. 8:2
10. Jesus regarded no case as hopeless John 4:2

Be ready to talk to a person one on one and this will get you ready for the groups and then for the masses. The thing that may work for others may not work for you.

You need to find what may be comfortable for you, and the best way you can express yourself.

Jesus and NicodemusJohn 3

1. Went to the heart of the matter/never compromised
2. Took initiative/challenged his intellect
3. Aroused his curiosity
4. Gradually explain the Gospel
5. Compliments and rebukes Nicodemus
6. Repeats the truth..... tells them
7. Jesus gave His personal testimony

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman John 4

1. Approached her on common ground
2. Aroused her curiosity
3. Tapped into her desire for eternal life
4. Revealed sin but did not condemn
5. Refused to argue intellect or religion/Spiritual
6. Reveal HimselfChrist Jesus

Nicodemus didn't become a believer immediately.....

Nicodemus was intellect... his final appearance is in John 19:39 – 40

Jesus witnessed in spite of cultural differences; or unfavorable conditions/circumstances.

Here are basic steps for everyone to use.

Preparation

1. Go prayed up
2. Bring your Bible
3. Don't wait for a feeling
4. Don't go alone
5. Bring what you'll need
6. Avoid bad breath
7. Avoid bad body odor
8. Dress accordingly
9. Go with a plan
10. Go in faith expecting

Approach

11. Jesus emphasized the important of tactics
12. Your attitude is very important
13. Various ways of approach....
 - a) common ground approach
 - b) honest commendation approach
 - c) direct approach
 - d) good deed approach
 - e) tract
14. Don't choose someone too much your senior
15. Don't wait for the "fish" to make the contact
16. Never ask are you a Christian?

17. Be complimentary
18. Use a conversational “runway” Nice day
19. Don’t used a conversational “runway” oh God
20. Don’t talk too much
21. Avoid religious jargon
22. Avoid romance
23. Don’t concentrate on putting down their religion
24. Don’t win your argument and lose the convert
25. Avoid spiritual snobbery
26. Don’t jump all over the Bible
27. Don’t accept religious brush offs
28. Don’t pretend to have all the answers
29. Don’t interrupt prospect or allow yourself to be interrupted
30. Don’t waste hours on dogs or pigs
31. Don’t get side tract by little issues

Closing the conversation

32. Don’t go by appearance.....
33. Go for the spirit not the soul
34. Swing your sickle
35. Assume they are ready to pray
36. Don’t be afraid of “no”.....
37. Don’t be afraid to pray even after a no
38. Don’t force green fruit
39. Never ask how do you feel?
40. Don’t fail to follow up

The Romans Road plan of Salvation seven scriptures are:

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Romans 6:23b | Heaven is a free gift |
| Romans 3: 23 | All have sinned |
| Romans 6:23a..... | The wages/ Penalty of sin |
| Romans 5:8 | Christ paid our penalty |
| Conclusion: | |
| Romans 10:9 | Confess |
| Romans 10:10 | Believe |
| Romans 10:13 | Shall be Saved |

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