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OPERATION: THE 777 LOVE REACH

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John 15:16 - 17 KJV

THE PROPHETIC WORD

The Spirit of the Lord revealed that we be aware of the present season of distraction from Kingdom priorities to hinder the end of the year harvest. There has been a “prayed for” brooding of the Spirit over the lost and hurting that have awakened them to their need of a Saviour. Satan wants to get the church distracted with others things so that we miss God’s directives in gathering the harvest. Easy Pickings! Easy Pickings! Easy Pickings just be sensitive to the moment! For some it’s their last chance so this is an urgent time they could miss His eternity! Sound the alarm don’t get distracted, don’t be too busy, don’t major on the minors and above all stay seeking the lost conscious... It’s reaping time!!! It's increase time! Don’t be consumed with celebration but stay focused on the liberation of lost.

Objective: This outreach campaign is designed to provide the encouragement and equipping of the membership for effective evangelism. Launching this campaign will help define the ministry as a ministry of compassion not being all about money, but about winning people to Christ, helping them to achieve and to overcome life’s deficits.

REACHING ...... REFRESHING .... RELATING.... RESTORING

777 Outreach Scope:

700 members...70 members ....your number
7 weeks of purpose ... filled with prayer and deliberate outreach efforts
7 Power of Love Weekends.... Special emphasis on each weekend service
7 witness encounters … challenge members to share their testimony and invite friends, family, coworkers to church service … the goal can be one person each week or the share their testimony to at least seven people each week....

Launch Date: November 11, 2018

Power of Love Weekends.... these are regular weekend Worship services that focus on sharing the love of Jesus with family, friends, coworkers and acquaintances. There will not be a targeted pull for these visitors to do anything but to enjoy the services and the resources we have to help them. Each week there can be a different free download message of faith and inspiration.
THE PERSPECTIVES

It has been proven over the years that the most effective church growth method is the power of its membership to get actively involved in creating a warm atmosphere and inviting their family, friends and acquaintances to experience your church culture. When everyone understands their responsibility within the various campaigns and commit to their responsibility, impact can take place.

The media component of the campaign is equally important as it helps create a positive community image that the membership can build upon when inviting others to the church. We live in a society that is impacted by a diversity of electronic media elements. Using these elements within the scope of outreach and communicating a positive warm message to those outside of the church is extremely important. It has been proven that many present church members were first introduced to the church through the television media, but only came to visit when invited by someone they knew.

The follow up component of any campaign is critical for its success and must be modified as needed and monitored. In a secular sense the follow up team is considered to be “the closers” of the sales deal. This is the element that requires our most intensive and sensitive touch. If our follow up appears to be too mechanical is will be rejected and if it is too passive it will not be effective. We must be aggressive and sensitive that is the product of a compassionate heart which knows that Jesus is the answer to all of life challenges and he desires to affectionately help others.

Operation Reach Promotional Tools:

1) Television Program Invitations
2) Witnessing Video - Message of Hope (social media or website)
3) Phone Blasts 10 mile radius, Membership, Visitors
   a) b) c)
4) Eblasts - Send Friday of each power of Love weekend
   a) b) c)
5) Invitational Cards – Distributed To General Membership
6) Radio Spots Social Media Campaign
7) Church News Clip Begin Sunday
8) Operation Reach Commitment Card
9) Pastoral Announcements and Motivation in Service – Launch Emphasis

The L.I.F.E. KIT .... ONLINE KIT

This is to be distributed to everyone who attends on the Power of Love Sunday services. The Kit Card could be an access to online Spiritual resources... audio message.... daily confession...
Personal Witnessing Encounter Strategy:

1) Identify the Prospects
2) Intercede for the Prospects
3) Inform the Prospects
4) Invite the Prospects
5) Influence the Prospects
6) Interact with the Prospects
7) Increase due to the Prospects

The Witness Encounter Impact Training

Following these simple but effective steps in reaching out to those who are prospects for our Power of Love Weekends which will yield an incredible harvest of souls on those days.

1. You must begin to release your faith for the compassion of Jesus to flow from your heart which will set the stage for the move of God.

2. You must begin to pray for sensitivity to the Holy Spirit’s leading and pray for those around you who are seeking a better life.

3. You must build genuine caring respectful relationships with Kingdom prospects. These relationships should exemplify integrity and legitimate concern for the well-being of others.

4. Sincerely share the goodness of God in your life and extend an invitation to the church website message and the church. Give them an invitation card which has the important information about the church. You simply want to share in a few moments why your church is such a special place to you, how you have learned more about God’s plan for your life and what God has done for you.

5. You must not be pushy or rude, but simply lovingly share your testimony of the goodness of God and extend an invitation. If the person says yes, establish a time and service and if at all possible sit with them in the service.

6. You must not be offended if anyone refuses your invitation, just simply show through your consistent kindness and concern that you sincerely care about them. Share CDs, tracts, Facebook Services and books with them as situations arise. People need time to make decisions and our role is to help them make the decision and not to intimidate or embarrass them into a decision.

7. You must praise God for your part in the process and know that you are the tool that God must use in the earth to rescue the lost from their lost state. The Bible teaches that one person
plants the seed, another will come along and water the seed and then God will give the increase. No effort in lifestyle evangelism is without results at some point in time.

Well, it's time to get busy! Like Jesus said the harvest is ripe and plenteous! We are in for one of the most exciting times of fulfillment as you work with the Holy Spirit in touching others.

Difference Maker Tool Kit

Thank you for being a vessel in the hand of God. We are in a position in our generation to make a significant difference in the lives of those we come in contact with! Let's make a difference!

Enclosed in your Difference Maker Tool Kit are:

1. Your Power of Love Invitation Cards should you run out of cards you may get extra cards from the ushers at your location.

2. Your Power of Love Prayer Card that has the template of intercessory prayers that should be prayed for those prospects, for the services and the workers

3. Your Power of Love Commitment Card to assist you accounting for those you have invited and are planning to bring to church on a Power of Love Weekend. This should be turned in each week.

Let's work together and make great things happen!
# 2018 Calendar of Events
## The Love Reach Campaign

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**Phone Blast To Slouthful Members – Saturday**

Hello, this is Pastor _______ thank you for taking my call. We are only days away from a special weekend of services called the Power of Love weekend. I’m excited about the new attitude and atmosphere in our church, old members are returning, new members are joining at a record pace and we are all committing ourselves to a new era of strengthening and teaching life’s skills for fruitful living. It’s a casual dress day in service, no need to buy anything new or dress up. Everybody is doing their best to bring somebody with them to service. A friend, a relative, a co-worker someone to share the 120 minute worship experience. Pastor __________(spouses name) and I have asked all our members to be in one of the many services. I hope to see you, the Praise & Worship is exceptional, and after this week of prayer we are expecting something exceptional. I want to see you in service, you will leave feeling good about yourself and your future. Have a blessed day and I will see you at the Light.

**PHONE SCRIPT - CHURCH FAMILY**

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Dear God, thank You for the compassion of Jesus that keeps my heart sensitive to Your will for my life and my family. Father, we call forth more laborers who will intercede with the Holy Spirit and passion so that You are free to get involved in our affairs. I thank You Father that every offended member who left their set place will return in the name of Jesus. We declare they come to themselves and they are free of pride, shame and embarrassment. Lord, we come against the forces of darkness and all satanic orchestration that keeps men, women, boys and girls blinded to the Gospel. We cast off every blindfold of confusion and deception declaring the light of the glorious Gospel is shining on them. We thank You for the salvation of our family, friends, associates, co-workers and neighbors. So we declare people come from the North, from the East, from the West and from the South!!! Holy Spirit have Your way, bring conviction through the Word and a compassion for the world among Your people. We call for the supernatural ....the exceptional and ...the extraordinary so that the sick and sufferings are healed in Jesus name. Holy Spirit have Your way in my life ...I yield myself as a willing vessel to minister to this generation to the glory of God. I declare my steps are ordered by You Lord and those that I bring into an encounter with Jesus will remain and I walk in supernatural favor..in Jesus name.

Next Generation Salvation & Repentance

Father, in Jesus Name, we thank You for salvation and true repentance. Your Word declares the harvest is plenteous, so we thank You for bringing in souls from the North, South, East and West. Your Spirit will do the drawing and we Your people pray for conviction to settle in the hearts of the teenagers.

We realize that this is not a fight of flesh and blood, but one that is against principalities, powers, rulers of darkness and Spiritual wickedness. We come against the spirits of this age: Homosexuality, Rejection, Anger, Suicide, Low-Self Esteem, Violence, Fornication and Perverse Spirits. We thank You, Father, for repentance to take place in the hearts of the young people and we consecrate the altar of our church believing for mighty deliverance in the name of Jesus! Father, Your Word declares the seed of the righteous is delivered. So we agree now that many will be saved, many will be delivered, and many will be set free. We declare now Lord, that Your power will be made manifest mightily in that place. We thank You in advance for setting the captive free!

Kingdom Surplus Workers

Father in the name of Jesus we come before You believing for Surplus of Kingdom workers in every area. Father, we believe that the purpose for our Kingdom prosperity is to expand Your Kingdom. So, Father, we thank You in advance for supernatural surplus for the Kingdom
Father in the name of Jesus we thank You for a surplus of financial resources for the Kingdom of God. We thank You that You show up suddenly in the lives of Your people with overflowing finances so that they will have more than enough to give to the Kingdom of God. Father thank You, that our offerings will make a difference causing surplus to reach the lost and the hurting in Jesus name. Father in the name of Jesus we thank You for a surplus of workers, being added to Our Church and all the partner churches connected with this Prayer Connection, just as You added people daily to the church in the book of Acts we declare You add a surplus of people to the work of God in all the churches connected to us. Father as we move forward with ministry projects and assignments we thank You for a surplus of opportunities in the Kingdom of God. Father in the name of Jesus we pray for the supernatural work of God manifesting in our ministries and in our lives. Because of Your power that works through us, the world will see and know that You are God and there is none like You.

Father in the name of Jesus we pray for every offended member who left our churches and ministries outside of Your will. We call them back now to their set place. Father, we remind You of Your Word that declares You would give people for the vision and men for our lives. We declare that everyone who left our ministries outside of Your will are being lassoed by the Holy Spirit to get back in their set place. Angels are now dispatched to go quickly to bring them back! Father we declare AWOL (all workers out of line) are set free from pride, envy, jealousy and shame so that they return to their set place in the Name of Jesus.

Prayer For the Lost

Father Your Word says You came to seek and save those that are lost so Father, hear us as we ask You to rescue the lost from the power of darkness and bring them into the Kingdom of Your Son. You alone can draw them. You alone can send Your Holy Spirit with power to convict them of the sin in their life and their need to repent and believe in Your truth that Jesus is the only way to You and that He alone is the way, the truth and the life. Father, we ask You to forgive the sins of the lost.

Father in the name of Jesus we take authority over the demonic powers of darkness and we bind and demolish the stronghold in their minds in the name of Jesus. We come against any hindering distractions, procrastination, shame, false teaching, confusion, hearts hardened or fear that would stop the lost from receiving salvation. We bind any attempts of the enemy to steal Your Word before it can be understood by the lost. We release the truth of Your Word, we release understanding of Your Word, we release open hearts to receive in Jesus name.

Father we declare a Harvest of Souls into the Kingdom of God. Father we declare a Harvest of men won to the Kingdom of God. We declare a Harvest of souls coming from the North, East, West and South. We declare a Harvest of souls from all over this nation. We declare men, women, boys and girls, Black, White, Hispanic, and Asian will accept Jesus as Lord in Jesus name. Father we thank You that Your word will spread rapidly and You will be glorified, in Jesus name.
Praise

Father, we thank You that You hear us when we pray, therefore we hold fast to our confession of faith without wavering because we know You are faithful that promised and You reward us because we diligently seek You, In Jesus’ name. We worship You with our whole heart. You are worthy to be praised and worshipped, we bless Your name. Thank You, God, that You are mighty to save, deliver and set free. Thank You, Father, that You are the Lord God of Host and You alone are worthy to be praised. Thank You for being the Lord God El Elyon the Most High God. You are a mighty God. You are King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the Mighty Conqueror…The Prince of Peace and we bless Your name. We praise You that You Hear us when we pray and because we pray according to Your will we rejoice because what we have prayed for is a good as ours… In Jesus name, AMEN!
SERMON NOTES [UNEDITED]

LIVING LIFE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
WITNESSING SERIES

LESSONS 1-6
Living Life To Make A Difference Div.2 Part 1 Jude 20-23

Objective: This lesson series is an analysis of who God chooses to use as difference maker in the kingdom of God. From this lesson you will see that you most likely qualify!

Review: God needs man’s participation in his plan for humanity because of the dominion factor. Those who will participate in the divine plan of God become difference makers and work with God to turn the tide in the kingdom’s favor.

1. We have defined Difference Makers and Established the Purpose for our Lives
2. We have taught on Giving to make a Difference and Established its importance

* Our focus was to be kingdom minded and God first in our approach to giving activating reciprocal blessing promised in the scriptures! We established our faith for kingdom surplus!

   a. Kingdom Surplus is needed to establish God’s covenant Deut. 8:18
   b. Kingdom Surplus is needed to evangelize the world Rom.10:9-11
   c. Kingdom Surplus is needed to expand Good works. 2Cor.9:8 for good work

Subtitle: Witnessing To Make A Difference Matt.5:13-16

Introduction: The God first mentality must be cultivated because it is not established automatically. Further, there is a constant onslaught from the devil to corrupt the God priority consciousness that must be resisted. The foundation for a strong witness is the settled confidence that life is better with a relationship with Jesus. As we approach the celebration of the resurrection it is a perfect time to raise our commitment to tell others about Jesus.

* Def. Kingdom Witness - someone who sees an event and reports what happened. One who represents the truth, the kingdom and the Christ.

I. The Revelation of Responsibility To Witness. Acts 1:8

* The mentality that sets you apart as a committed believer which distinguishes you as a difference maker in the kingdom of God.

   A. The Selfish Perspective That Must Be Corrected Matt.16:24

* The selfish perspective flaws most believers have about the covenant relationship is not because it is not documented but because of the failure to read it! Matt.22:29* (NO TEACHING)

   1. We Think Salvation is solely about us. John 3:16
   2. We Think Since Heaven Is Secured nothing else matters
   3. The Confusion between kingdom greatness and worldly greatness Matt.20:24-28

   B. The Sovereign Perspective That Must Be Cultivated

* Def.-Cultivation- the process of eliminating that which would hinder growth and to add to that which will stimulate growth!

   1. To Touch Others - God wants us go to where the hurt is
   2. To Teach Others - God instructs us to teach Matt.28:19-20
   3. To Train Others - God instructs us to make disciples
   4. To Testify to Others - God instruct us to tell others our experience

Def. Testimony is the articulation, affirmation or acknowledgement of a victorious experience that glorifies God and points men to Jesus.

   a. The Demoniac Mk.5:19-20    b. Woman of Samaria John 4:28-30,39

C. The Scriptural Priorities That Must Be Considered

* Def. Lifestyle Evangelism is the promotion of the lifestyle and love of Jesus in and around the unsaved, the untaught, the unchurched and the uncommitted through genuine relationship to allow the Holy Spirit to coordinate a moment to witness to share the gospel message!

   1. The Teachings of Old Testament Prov.11:30
   2. The Teaching of New Testament
a. Jesus mission was clear  **Luke 19:10**  b. Jesus teaching was clear  **John 15:16**
c. Jesus model was clear... Woman of Samaria, Zacchaeus, Nicodemus ....

**II. The Resolve For Responsible Witnessing**
* When the believer understands their role as a representative of Jesus it takes the pressure off trying to be Jesus.

**A. The Compromising Reservations to Witnessing**
* Because of the ultimate importance of our witnessing we are often attacked with emotional barriers and evil adversaries.

1. Excuses based on the irresponsible actions of others
2. Personal witnessing seen as optional extra curricular activity
3. The distraction of personal agenda and worldly cares
4. The gross misplaced values of what is important to God
5. Ignorance of the powerful law of reciprocity  **Eph.6:8**
6. Negative naysayers who look for opportunities to condemn & discount
7. Temptation to walk in the flesh and not in the spirit

**B. The Compassionate Resolve For Witnessing  Jude 20-22**
* **Def. Difference Maker (Winner)** - an individual who is distinguished by having the strength of character to step forward in times of adversity and controversy to use their anointing, ability, and actions to make a positive difference, bring powerful deliverance to the glory of God!

1. Compassion the key to effective lifestyle evangelism  **Matt.9:35-38**

* Compassion is the spiritual sensitivity that comes from the heart of God that provokes one to reach out to those struggling to participate in their deliverance!

2. Compassion the product of spiritual empowerment for the task
   a. Compassion is the character trait of God  **Ps. 78:38, 86:15  Mat.9:36**
   b. We are partakers of His divine nature  **2Pet.1:4  1Jhn.4:15-17**
   c. We must access the compassion of Jesus by faith  **Rom.5:5 Gal.3:14**
   d. Those who we spend time traits rub off on us

**C. The Celebratory Rewards For Witnessing**
1. The Celebration On The Earth
   a. The Recipient of Salvation  b. The Reconciliation Servant

* It is exciting to experience the transforming power of the witnessing encounter that releases the Spirit of God to minister!
2. The Celebration In Heaven - Angels rejoice when salvation takes place  **Luke 15:10**

**Conclusion:** It is exciting to experience the transforming power of the witnessing encounter that releases the Spirit of God to minister! **Once we have established a compelling reason for a life of excellence we are ready to pursue excellence with an unrelenting passion.** Four steps to implementing excellence in life!

Step 1. The Elimination of Passiveness - choosing to make touching others a priority
Step 2. The Engaged Prayerfulness - purposefully praying for compassion & candidates
Step 3. The Effectiveness Profession - releasing our faith with a confession for the harvest
Step 4. The Enthusiastic Participation - the passionate involvement to touch others & please God
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5. The Compassionate nature of God can be accessed by the spiritual of principle of faith

Subtitle: Witnessing To Make A Difference  (2) Matt.5:13-16

Introduction: Our lesson today is focused on transforming our thinking on being a kingdom witness. Traditionally the term witness is used to refer to those who primarily engage reaching out to the unsaved through one on one proselyting presenting the pan of salvation. The scripture gives us a more expanding meaning which involves reaching out to the lost but much more to represent the love and lifestyle of Jesus to all. We learned from last week that the motivation for our efforts as witnesses is the overflowing compassion of Jesus manifested. The mentality for this delightful lifestyle is the respect for blueprint for witnessing revealed in scripture. Kingdom surplus intercession involves not just financed, but a surplus of workers and opportunities. Workers in the kingdom must be won through our witnessing. The focus of the lesson is about what is required to get people involved in witnessing or any matter!

I. The Kingdom Readiness To Be A Witness   Is. 6:8-10
   * Def. Kingdom Witness - someone who experiences the love of God, has seen kingdom events and reports and represents to others what is happening.

A. The Commitment Investigation
   * After careful consideration of biblical and natural cases studies it is safe to draw some earth shattering conclusion of what causes people to get involved!
   1. Believers move into action based on Scriptural Conviction – David fight Goliath
   2. Believers move into action based on Spiritual Compassion - Samaritan, Lk.10:33
   3. Believers move into action based on Social Causes - Wall Builders
   4. Believers move into action based on Selfish Considerations -
   5. Believers move into action based on Sovereign Consciousness – Moses Ex.8:1
   * It is the Lordship Commitment that should anchor My Willingness to Please God! Rom.10:9

B. The Commitment Influencers -
   * Getting people to make a commitment to kingdom callings is not a matter of the Head which is about information. It is not a matter of the Hand which is about training, but it is definitely about the Heart! The initiative factor is a product of the Human Spirit/ Eph.6:6
   1. The Heart is influenced by Saturation Matt. 13:19
   2. The Heart is influenced by Association 1Kings 11:8-10
   3. The Heart is influenced by Inspiration 2Pet.1:21  2Cor.8:16
   4. The Heart is influenced by Supplication Matt.9:36-10:1 Time in prayer motivates
C. The Compassionate Initiative  Matt. 9:36
* When studying the compassion situations it is clear to see that this element causes involvement and invites the supernatural interventions! The Compassionate Initiative is most dynamic heart motivation!
  2. Compassion Initiates Feeding the 5,000  Matt.15:32
  3. Compassion Initiates Personal Ministry  Mark 10:17
  5. Compassion Initiates Rescue Effort  Luke 10:30-37
  6. Compassion Initiates Raising the Dead  Lk.7:12-14
  7. Compassion Initiates Deliverance  Mic.7:19  Mk.5:19

II. The Kingdom Regiment For Being A Witness – 2Pet. 1:10
A. The Wisdom From The Principles  In Jude
  1. We are to be Interested in the Lost – focus of the passage
  2. We are to be Intense about the Lost – pull some out of the fire - urgent
  3. We are to Intercede for the Lost – praying in the Holy Ghost for supernatural help

B. The Witnessing Snapshot From A Parable of Jesus -Good Samaritan  Lk. 10:30-37
* This theological debate yields a tremendous lesson on compassionate caring which is at the very heart of Lifestyle Evangelism!
  1. Insensitivity of others is not an excuse for irresponsibility -others passed by
  2. He did not allow his schedule to rob him of an opportunity to serve
  3. He addressed the man's brokenness without rebuke or ridicule
  4. He touches him with hands of compassion and not hands of duty
  5. He treats him with value by providing quality ministry - oil & wine
  6. He brings him to a safe environment so others could help care & restore
  7. He arranged for future care by making a financial investment in his care

C. The Willingness To Partner with Jesus  Matt.28:19-20
* It is exciting to experience the transforming power of the witnessing encounter that releases the Spirit of God to minister!
  1. The Elimination of Passiveness - choosing to make touching others it a priority
  2. The Engaged Prayerfulness - purposefully praying for compassion & candidates
  3. The Effectiveness Profession - releasing our faith with a confession for the harvest
  4. The Enthusiastic Participation - passionate involvement to touch others & please God

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Living Life To Make A Difference Div.2 Part 3 Jude 20-23

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tide in the kingdom's favor.
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2. We have taught on Giving to make a Difference and Established its importance
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     established our faith for kingdom surplus! Resources ... Workers ....Opportunities
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witness. Few will deny that God not only wants us to become a part of his family but desires we become
active in advancing his kingdom in our generation. We have expanded the definition of witnessing to be
more in line with what is reflected in scripture for those who were witnesses. One aspect that
distinguishes those who embrace the witnessing agenda is the heartfelt compassion that provides the
motivation to make a positive difference in life's situations. Another aspect that provides the stimulation
to embrace the witnessing assignment is spiritual brokenness which is the focus of our lesson today. Our
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controversial "brokenness" factor. (twitter survey of mixed perspectives....)

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* Def. Kingdom Witness - someone who is a recipient of the love of God, experiences that grace of God
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A. The Scriptural Demand for Witnessing 2Tim.3:16
   1. The Demand Documented in the Psalms  Ps.116:12
   2. The Demand Documented in the Gospels  Matt.28:19-20  John 15:16  Mk. 16:15-18

B. The Spiritual Dynamics of Witnessing.  Acts 5:32
   1. A kingdom witness is one who proclaims the faith
      * The Boldness of testifying and preaching about what faith in God can do for other
   2. A kingdom witness is one who proselytes for the faith
      * The Boldness of actively reaching out and recruiting others to come to the lord Jesus
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      * The Boldness of defending the faith against the naysayers and unbelievers
   4. A kingdom witness is one who practices the faith
      * The Boldness of demonstrating the principles of faith and the power of the Spirit  1Cor.2:4-5
   5. A kingdom witness is one who promotes the faith
      * The Boldness of advancing the kingdom of God through assigned kingdom exploits

C. The Saints' Decision To Witness  1Cor.1:26-29
* Making the decision to be a kingdom witness is a personal decision solely dependent on their individual
will. God respects the will of man and will not force man to do anything against his will!! The basis of
their decision to trust God are not all the same but their decisions are marked by a point in time when
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   1. Moses made a willful decision after an encounter at the burning bush
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II. The Brokenness To Be A Kingdom Witness  Ps.51:17,
A. The Meaning of Spiritual Brokenness …from Obstinance to Obedience
* Def. Brokenness is the spiritual state of intentional surrender to God after a time of resistance, rebellion or reservation with an irrevocable decision to obey the plan of God unconditionally!
  1. The Dynamics of scriptural brokenness – is not always dramatic  Prov.16:25
* The degree of drama is equal to the degree of resistance of the will of man to the will of God which is what is broken! The will of man is the most dominant factor in outcome of earth affairs!
  a. Brokenness is when the Will of Man Surrenders to God’s Plan  Is. 55:6-9
  b. Brokenness is when through deliberation the Will of God is deemed as Supreme
  c. Brokenness is what God Seeks from Man  Ps.34:18 Momentum Changer!!
  d. Beyond Brokenness is a season of blessings  Is.1:19 product of obedience!
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* Brokenness is an intentional shifting of one’s dependence from self, surrogates and synthetics to a total unashamed reliance and embracing the plan of God! Brokenness is a moment in time when man accepts God’s offers to be a kingdom witness and to serve God at a higher level of commitment! For some the will is more resistant to God’s plan than others!
  a. Brokenness Through A Revelation Encounter - Apostle Paul, Woman at the Well
  b. Brokenness Through A Desperation Encounter – Jacob…Prodigal…Jonah…Elijah
  c. Brokenness Through A Confrontation Encounter – Isaiah…Moses…Jesus...
B. The Misunderstanding of Spiritual Brokenness  Jam.1:13 1Peter.5:5-6
* People erroneously blame God for bad things as an emotional pacifier and philosophical escape from situational responsibility! (Funerals…. God does not kill his children…Gen.5:24.)
  1. That God breaks our will through sending devastating trials and troubles put the responsibility for change on God based on him knowing the degree of hardship to break us...
  2. If the trail or test is the will of God why should I resist it....
  3. How will I know what trial is from God and what is from the Devil  John 10:10
* God will use trying situations caused by judgment; disobedience, the courses of life to give us an opportunity to repent, put our trust in him and his plan rather than continuing to opposition of his plan for our lives! It’s a turning to God and not away from Life! (Broken Whipped Man)

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**II. The Emergency in Our Worlds. John 16:33. Ps.34:19**
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III. The Examination of the Will. Is.1:19  ICor.7:37
* In this phase of life when we are starring down giants who threaten the cause of Christ and his will for my life my response is critical to my kingdom witness. There is this moment in time when the situation is processed and a deliberate resolve is established. David upon hearing the kingdom dilemma at hand in a moment had to set his will. Was he going retreat in fear with the trained troops of King Saul? Was he going to retire from the battlefield to safety of the pasture ...no one would blame him?

A. The Argument of The Critics....tug of the Society  Vs.28-29

Eliab's Perspective.....those God has not chosen...you cannot afford to entertain the foolish commentary of those who are not chosen and rejected. You know those who try to convince you to surrender to the giants you are facing!!!

B. The Authority  of the Conscience...tug of Self

* You must deliberate what you know to do is right against What you have been  conditioned to do in life's situations. Conscience that directs the flesh must be challenged to follow the dictates of the word of God and not the path of least resistance ....

C. The Allegiance to the Calling....tug of the Spirit  Vs. 29 A calling for a cause!
* The prevailing conviction that I have to obey God regardless of the circumstances! This is what positions you to believe what you know about God. The difference between David and his brethren ....the men in the army who all grew up in the faith is that he was spending with God he had studied!!!

IV. The Engagement of Warfare. Eph.6:8  1Sam.17:40-51
* This part of the message commands our focus because it contains the principle details of facing the giants in life we will encounter. Get the picture David has convinced by default or by discernment that he is to fight his Philistine Champion named Goliath who has for the forty days initiated an intimidating challenge in the valley of Ellah between these two opposing armies. Let's examine several elements of this encounter ....

A. The Encounter of Fear  2Tim.1:7

* Def. - Fear is an affection of the mind that rises out of an awareness of approaching danger or the sense of being overwhelmed.

1. It is a conscious deliberation that is void of the God factor  Gen.3:10
2. It is a choice based on a personal evaluation  II Kings 6:15-16
3. It is a temptation that does not impact you until your act on it
4. It is the thief of courage  Jos.1:8-9
5. It can be dispelled by a conscious choice  Ps.56:4
   a. It is a matter of the will  Ps.3:6  Ps.56:11  Heb.13:6

B. The Emphasis Flaw...... Focus on the Foe....Focus on the Father  Vs. 46-47
* David's focus is not on the size of his foe Goliath, but the size of his Father God! Let's think about this right now ...what are you focusing on....not in denial but we must magnify God.

C. The Empowerment Faith....seen in his approach
* Though David has not been trained in the art of battlefield war tactics he has empowered by faith in Almighty God!!
   1. Expectation To Win....seem in his attitude  Vs. 48 David Attacks!!
   2. Exaltation of the Word.....seem in his affirmations

D. The Extraordinary Fight  Vs.40-50

..... Who is Fighting ..... The Battle is the Lord's ....through His Elect
1. 2Chr.20:17. 2. 1Sam.17:47
...What is Fought For..... The Honor & Respect of the Kingdom
...What we Fight With ..... The Extraordinary Weapons. 2Cor.10:4-5
   The Power of His Name. The Power of His Word The Power of His Blood

Conclusion:  V. The Empowerment of Winning. Ps.126:1-4
   A. Reality of an Expeditious Momentum Shift   B. Radical Elimination of the
   Moment of Suffering   C. Readily Establishes the Mentality of the Supernatural
   D. Raised Expectation for My Situations .....Lord I hear of showers of blessings...
Living Life To Make A Difference Div.2 Part 5 Jude 20-23

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Witnessing To Make A Difference - Two Sisters

Introduction: We are in the midst of an empowering time in this ministry stimulating believers to embrace the call of lifestyle evangelism. We have expanded our definition and thinking on the subject of what it is to be a kingdom witness. Our perspective has been stretched by studying the lifestyle of several heroes of faith. Today we will continue our enlightening experience with the study of two sisters who have an intentional encounter with Jesus during his earthly ministry. As I tell their story today we will learn more of the dynamics of witnessing.

Point #1: Their Private Relationship Documentation
* It is clearly documented in scripture that this family had a special relationship with Jesus. It behooves us that we mirror this family and work toward development of a private relationship with Jesus. A relationship that goes beyond what is displayed in the public spotlight.

A. Their Intimate Relationship with Jesus
* Not many in scripture are distinguished by having a level of domestic love an intimacy with Jesus. Scripture clearly tell us that Lazarus was special to Jesus.
  1. He was his friend but not a disciple
  2. He visited them in their home and others knew it
  3. He was one they felt they could call on in a time of trouble

B. The Importance of a Relationship with Jesus. Rom.10:9
* A real relationship with God goes beyond a religious experience once a week, but expresses itself with a day to day communion with Him.
  1. Acceptance of his plan. Eph.2:10
  2. Appreciation of his promises
  3. Activating his principles

Point #2: The Priority of Receiving Discipleship   Luke 10:41-42
* This lesson was learned from the famous visit of Jesus to the home recorded in Luke where Martha is busy with dinner preparation having been abandoned there by her sister Martha who went to sit at Jesus feet. Jesus supports Mary's choice to get the word establishing the act of learning kingdom principles as a priority over kingdom chores.

A. We can be Victimized By the Work of God.... When we sacrifice getting the word for handling kingdom chores. Without being fueled for the work with the word burnout takes place.....It is a responsibility of leaders to insure staff workers get the word.

B. We must Value the Word of God  Is.55:8 -11
* The word of God must be valued beyond it's literary excellence. There is supernatural power we can only access through. The word....2hours daily average...what I value I will pay the price to acquire.

C. We will be Vindicated by the Wisdom of God  Mark.16:20
* The real test of the value of the time you spend in the word is how that time spent transforms the quality of your life. Time spent in seminars, conferences, bible study...
  1. It shows up in my faith.  2. It shows up in my faithfulness
  3. It shows up in my fortitude.  4. It shows up in my favor

Point #3: Their Peace Ruined By Disease
* Our story takes a tragic turn when we hear the report from the runner saying that Lazarus was sick unto death. Nothing wrecks the tranquility of family life like a terminal illness. Everything is rearranged the care of a loved one is now front and center. Such was the case in this home in Bethany that Jesus frequented. The humanity of this family burst on the scene and we all immediately sympathize with them.

A. The Documented Trauma of Sickness
* Scripture carefully documents that trauma associated with family life that invaded by sickness and disease. Trauma has to do with the shock and stress that accompanies dealing with someone you love going through their a fight for their health.

1. Centurion Servant ....  
2. Syropheneican Mother....  
3. Woman with Issue

**B. The Dynamics of Traumatizing Suffering**

* You can only appreciate the sacrifice and disruption of life that suffering with sickness and disease. Life is unsettled and although you know Jesus your life is not exempt from going through this time of suffering.

1. The helplessness of the caretaker to let the sick know it's no bother ..hands of love!!
2. The helplessness of loved ones to eliminate the pain
3. The financial burden and high cost of treatment brings pressure
4. The uncertainty that an inadvertent phone call in the night could bring
5. The mental and spiritual fight of faith to hope against hope

**Point #4: The Pain of Their Relative Dying**  John 11:33

* If the trauma of chronic sickness was not enough every emotion is compounded when the patient succomes to death. While waiting on Jesus, the famed healer and friend of the family the brother of theses two sisters dies. There is nothing that sucks the air out of a room than the painful news that someone you love passes on.

**A. The Scripture Addresses this Pain**  1Thess.4:13

1. Let not your hearts be troubled  Jhn 14:1  
2. He bore our Griefs  Is.53:4

**B. The Saints Addresses the Pain**

1. Death of Abel  
2. Death of Jairus Daughter  
3. Death of David's Son - Absoloam

**Point #5: Their Persuasive Revelation on Death**  John 11:23-27,

* In the midst of this family tragedy we can learn an amazing lesson from the dialogue Jesus has with Martha which expresses her heartfelt sentiment. The story goes that Jesus hearing about Lazarus being sick delays his departure two days which astonished us all....we thought he loved him...we thought this was a family he cared for... Jesus arrives and engages in a theological conversation with the girls. I don't believe that Jesus delayed just so Lazarus could die and bring heart break on the girls to tech them, but it's an illustration of life. We pray and petition God and though our faith may not produce the timely response we want we can rest assure that we have his attention and the end of the matter will glorify God. It's good certain things happen...even though what happens is not good....

**A. Revelation on Man's Tripartite Existence** 1Thes.5:23

* Man is a spirit being who lives in a body who possesses a soul...

**B. Resurrection of Man in Time is Established**  1Thess. 4:13-18

1. The resurrection of the body is prophesied and they knew it  Ps.49:15
2. The resurrection of the dead is possible and they knew it

* The Prophets of Oe had done it  Widow son 1Ki.17  Son of Shunammite  Elijah's bones
* The Son of God could do it...

**Point #6: Their Partnership in Raising Dead**  John 11:38-44

* It was this moment at the grave of their brother... Still in mourning that they are called upon to use their faith to make a difference. Jesus wants to do something supernatural to resolve their dilemma, but he needs their participation. This is their kingdom witness call moment. Jesus ask them to use their authority to remove the stone from the mouth of the grave.

**A. The Perspective of this Miracle -**

* God uses trying moments to impact on lookers making an impact on their lives!

1. It is obvious you can die outside of the will of God
2. There is a dual move of God ...healing & raising the dead
3. How long something has been in a dead state does not matter to God

**B. The Partnership in this Miracle**
* God's order was then and is now that He requires our faith partnership to resolve life users. The command to move the stone...is most dynamic...what is it that you could remove so others could experience a move of God!
  1. Touch Them.  2. Teach Them.  3. Testify to Them
* ...let's go looking for things that died before it's time and allow God to use resurrection power to bring things back to life!

**Point #7: The Platform for Revival out of Devastation**  *John 11:45 John 12:9-11*
* The miraculous in our lives become the platform to spark a revival. The sisters somehow understood what most don't and that is my victory is a testament of His goodness.
  **A. Testimonies of the Sisters Prove This Truth.....**
* In their story in scripture proves that many believed because of what happened in their family.
  1. People believed that day because Lazarus raised from the dead
  2. People believed later because Lazarus was raised from the dead
  **B. Testimonies of the Saints Proves This Truth**
* How many can testify to God's goodness and how he used your testimony to inspire others. God needs your testimony ....your kingdom witness to stir others in faith!

**Conclusion:**  As Jesus stood that day....and spoke life into the dead...non functional thing. I stand to speak in your situations! I can only imagine how excited the sisters were having demonstrated kingdom witness behavior life and experiencing God turn situations around.....*Ps.126:1,4*  **The Importance Of Your Testimony In The Plan of God**
  1. When there is a need for a contemporary example of ancient truth
  2. When all one resources are depleted the person is facing give up
  3. When a seeker is looking for direction a testimony can point the way
  4. When you need to be encouraged in the faithfulness of God - David

**The Story of the African Missionary who gave a bible to a Villiage man.... who eventually tore pages out of it and gave it to others...**
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Witnessing To Make A Difference - Witnessing Through Intercession Matt.15:21-28

Introduction: This lesson s to shed light on the precious ministry of intercession by studying mothers in the scripture who interceded. We will both develop and appreciate the power of intercession and of those who intercede. I really sense that we are entering a season of spiritual focus that will trigger church growth at a level we have not seen in years. We are on the precipice of revival that will be ushered in by prayer. Scripture bears witness that such revivals like these take place on the heels of prayerful intercession. Our involvement in intercession is critical!!! Our text character this Mother's Day is the Syrophonecian woman who approaches Jesus and his disciples on behalf of her daughter who is under spiritual attack. She models intercession for us by her display of deliberate tenacity and she ends up marveling Jesus by the demonstration of her faith. We are given the assignment to be a distinguishing light to this generation and to rescue those under satanic attack. Jude says it in strong terms of pulling some out of the fire. Spiritual warfare is a part of the kingdom witness activity that must be understood and maximized. Let's do it!!!

I. The Established Intercession that Must Be Studied. Ez.22:30
Def. Intercession- is a scriptural action where one diligently goes to God on behalf of another. Both ministry and prayer for others are acit of intercession.

A. Exhortation of Scripture 1Chron. 7:14
* When the real relevance of intercessory prayer is understood it is easy to see the critical role intercession plays in the plan of God.

1. 1Tim. 2:1...... Paul instructs the church to engage in intercession
2. Heb. 7:25 ...... Jesus occupies a position of an intercessor
3. Job. 42:10 ...it rebounding benefits the intercessor are supernatural

B. Examples of Scripture. Rom. 15:4
* Theses outstanding mothers who intercede for their children provide examples from scripture of effective intercession.

1. The Intercession of Woman of Canaan ...deliverance from attack. Mk.7:26
2. The Intercession of Rizpah .....deliverance from dishonor 2Sam.21:10-11
3. The Intercession of the Shunnamite Mother......deliverance from death 2Ki.4:27

II. The Expediency of Intercession That Must Be Sensed
* It is obvious that this woman senses a state of emergency in her life and with the situation her child was going through thus requiring immediate attention. This mother understands she is facing a situation that requires divine help. She defines our approach to God attitude....
Def. Expediency - action taken as a priority of options to resolve an immediate situation!

A. The Expediency Of This Interceding Parent....to be commended
1. Understands there is a spiritual arena of life that cannot be denied Matt.4:4
2. Understands there is a spiritual attack that can be devastating
3. Understanding there is a spiritual action that brings deliverance
4. Understanding there is a spiritual ally that is dependable

B. The Expediency Of This Intercession Principle ....to be committed
1. Sovereign Reliance Dictates Expediency of Intercessory Prayer
* Scripture after scripture emphasizes the importance of God relying on man to be invited into earth's affairs

2. Satanic Rampages Dictates Expediency of Intercessory Prayer. 1Pet.5:8
   a. Attacks of Sickness. b. Attacks of Suicide. c. Attacks of Sufferings
   a. He comes through the door of Innocence - exploited by those who you trusted
   b. He comes through the door of Intention - tricked by false sense of strength
* This is the trap that those who think they are stronger enough to quit whenever they want to
1) Drug Abuse  2) Homosexuality  3) Occult Games d. Movies  4) Pornography (Internet)
c. He comes through the door of Ignorance - totally unaware of satanic invitations
1) Ignorant Invitations-Psychics & Paraphernalia   2) Trinket Crazes have demonic attractions
d. He comes through the door of Infuriation - uncontrollable ill temper anger strife
   e. He comes through the door of Intimidation - being pushed by Satan to Rebel

III. The Endurance in Intercession That Must Be Strengthened
Def. Endurance - the stamina and strength of character to hold a predetermined course without wavering. The resolve to achieve through perseverance.
* It should be noted that this mother who models for us effective intercession with a won't be denied attitude. She was ignored, isolated, intimidated, and insulted deemed insignificant...still she did not give up. The main element in intercession is perseverance! I want to applause our church in our last prayer effort because of the perseverance of the saints. Heb.6:12-15 1Thess.5:17 Jam.5:16
Reginald's Mother believed!!!!

A. Its the Futile Excuses against Intercession Must Be Shunned 2Cor.2:11
1. The resistance of the flesh rejecting the spiritual Rom.8:5-8. Matt.26:41
2. The irresponsibility of others who don't pray
3. A misguided belief that things will work themselves out for the good anyway

B. Its the Faith Efforts of Intercession Manifests the Supernatural. Heb.10:35-36
* Our desire for the supernatural is an anchoring resolve for my faith effort. We know that if we want the supernatural results we must stay the course... Gal.6:9
1. We must keep on praying.....we cannot quit
2. We must keep on believing.....we cannot quit
3. We must keep on declaring.....we cannot quit
4. We must keep on worshipping ....we cannot quit

* The woman shifted into worship to strengthen her resolve as she pursues her answer from the Lord. As we are praying and patiently waiting it is to our benefit to praise and worship our way to victory. Somebody right now who has been standing let us help you..

IV. The Excitement about Intercession That Must Be Stirred..... It pays off!
* The woman's example of steadfast intercession amazed Jesus because she would not be denied. Success is always exciting! We must come to discover that we have a supernatural commitment from God that can turn situations around called intercession and that should excite us. Jesus answered her request and applauded her faith!

A. Excitement is Stirred By His Faithfulness
* We get excited about our time of intercession because of the faithfulness of God. If God has done it for others he will do it for you ...he is faithful...

B. Excitement is Stirred By Their Freedom
* We get excited about our investment because we see them free of the satanic bondage.

C. Excitement is Stirred By Our Focus
* We get exited about our efforts of intercession because we know of His power to personally respond to our prayers. Will we focus on the magnitude of the problem situation or will be focus on him who is able. Worship helps us focus on Him and who He is!!!

Conclusion: I am reminded of a story about show and tell day at a Christian school. The teacher asked the class to bring something that would remind us of something about the character and attribute of God or Jesus our Lord. You could not repeat an attribute if presented by another student. On that day the children were most creative....one child brought slices of Bread ...every time I look at an apple I think about how Jesus provides every day! Another student brought a bottle of bleach ...every time of
think about bleach I think about **God who purifies** us! Still another student brought out an **umbrella** ...every time I think of an **umbrella** to me it symbolizes that **Protection that Jesus** gives us....Still another student brought a **battery** .... This symbolizes that Jesus is a **God of Power**.... Another student brought a **Rock** and said it reminded him of God being a **God of Peace**. Then a little quiet boy can forward and place a **picture of a woman's arms that had been severely burned in fire**. You could see theses were the arms of a person who had experienced 4th degree burns. Of course the class was aghast and the horrible sight of the picture. The teacher was upset ...how could you bring something like this and think it relates to the character of Jesus. **The little boy began to speak and the story that these photos were photos of his mother's arms**... The reason you have never seen my mother is because she doesn't want folk starring at her arms when we are out in public. **When I look at my mothers arms I think about God. I think about Jesus...** God someone bellowed? Yes....when I was just a crib baby our house caught fire...everyone ran out of the house not realizing that I was left in my crib. I was told that when my mother discovered that I was still in the burning house she ran back in after me. By the time she got to me and picked me up, wrapped her arms around me the house was a blazing inferno. **She ran through the flames protecting me from harm.** There are no burns on my body because her arms protected me.... The teacher said that's a good story but we already have something that symbolizes God as a protector.... The little boy no when I see my mothers arms I'm reminded of Jesus as my **propitiation** ...his my substitute ...he has taken what was meant to hurt me so I could be free.... If ever there was a visible illustration to show us God it would be a mother's arms!!! Thank God that Jesus is my substitute ...that's why I love Him....He was wounded for my...