

To Seek & Save The Lost

Good morning Saints!

I was pondering about the notion of the examples given in scripture of reaching out to the lost. For some of us boldness comes easy yet others may struggle, but bottom line our efforts as Christians should undeniably be to make disciples of all people. Here is a little challenge for you, think about that one person you can commit to leading to Christ in a 12 month time frame. Second challenge, if you're game, pray for a divine appointment to share the gospel with someone. I still remember 42 years ago how one person took the time to boldly share the gospel with me, I have a heart so filled with gratitude that he did and want to share that experience with everyone I meet.

So let me ask you this, what is your motivator for sharing the gospel? Many of us could say because Jesus says so in scripture, our love for mankind, our love for God and so on, none of which are incorrect, there is no right or wrong here, my motivator is the reality of eternity and how terrible it would be to enter into eternity without Christ.

Sometimes when we go to share the gospel we mostly think to connect and chat and preach to them, nothing really wrong with this, but have you ever tried to connect and chat and ask if you can "show" them the love of Jesus through signs and wonders. John 4 Jesus displays the gift of the Word of Knowledge as he chats with the woman at the well, one little insight into her life led to most of her village believing in Jesus. Tell someone about a secret they have in their life and you will soon get their attention.

Another example we see is the comparison between Acts 17 and Acts 18 where Paul "reasoned" with eloquent words of human wisdom and only saved some then over in Acts 18 when he was in Corinth (1 Cor 2:4-5) there was a great demonstration of the Spirit and of power for purposes being that their faith wouldn't be on the wisdom of men but in the power of God and as a result many were saved.

So how do we get boldness to get people saved, Acts 4 reveals a different kind of prayer that they may have great boldness to speak the Word by His outstretched hand to heal and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Jesus...why is this necessary? Have you ever read Romans 15:18-19. ...to make Gentiles obedient- in mighty signs and wonders by the power of the Spirit of God...this is exactly what happened to the woman at the well and her village, this is exactly what happened to the Corinthians that Paul preached to and all through modern church history we see the same thing happening, only question is do we want to see this now?

Bless you heaps, Steve