

Louin Baptsit Revival Sunday Am Service

In the Nest... Believing and Doing What He Ask Us to Do

The sweet spot of kingdom life is praying, praising and pointing to Jesus.

LISTENING

I love the Lord because He has heard me...

Relationship Essential

A reciprocal dynamic:

I LOVE the Lord BECAUSE He has HEARD my voice and my supplications. He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live. Ps 116:1

One of many reasons why we love Him.

Our wives want to be heard: their love will be as deep as we hear them.

The depths of this practical wisdom is mighty rich... one level being:

We can't help but love and show great affection, fondness and loyalty for those that listen and hear us.

Good to remember in seeking Him and serving others.

He can hear

He does hear

He wants to hear

He delights to hear

He does something with what He hears

BLESSED be the Lord BECAUSE He has HEARD the voice of my supplications. My heart trusted in Him and I am helped and with my voice I will praise Him. (Psalm 28:6-9)

We all need someone to love.

We all need someone to hear us.

We all need someone to trust.

We need someone to treasure.

We need someone to help us.

We need someone to admire.

And when it's Jesus... well the value of those needs go from being natural to supernatural. He's the One who adds eternal value to our most fundamental needs.

Are we listening to Him...

I love questions...

I love asking questions...

I love fielding questions with people I get to serve...

I love questions in the word especially open ended questions...

Who will declare His times? This question was asked and brought to light on two different occasions in the Scriptures... OPEN ENDED Isaiah 53:8 ; Acts 8

There's a lot we should do...

A lot we could do...

A lot we want to do...

A lot we can do...

But only one thing we NEED to do...

And that's what God ask us to do.

We have been and ASKED, GRACED AND GIFTED TO DO:

REACH hostiles for Jesus (Preaching)

TEACH disciples about Jesus (Teaching)

EQUIP the body of brethren to serve Jesus (gathering / fellowshiping )

MOBILIZE the missionaries to go with Jesus (partnering / kingdom minded thinking and living )

Our painter's dog: He goes where our his master goes: saw dust, paint. The evidence of the master's work is on him.

Evidence of the our Master's work will be upon us:

Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men. ~ Jesus

Let's jump right into it. Fishing for men is not an optional obsession, obligation or occupation that a handful of people select to do for life. It's what ALL people do that follow Jesus. Let me say it again... ALL people that trust Jesus follow Jesus. ALL people that trust Jesus believe Jesus and they believe in following Him. And ALL believers that believe and follow Him, follow Him to learn what He knows and is passionate about. And ALL those who learn and love Him will learn and love to be passionate about Jesus and fishing for Him. You can try to dance around it, claim you didn't know this, push it off onto someone else but you're only manifesting that you are not passionately in love with the Jesus that is committed to make His followers into fishers of men. You can't get around it or right it off, if you don't, have not or never had a compelling ounce of light, an itch that makes you get up, an undeniable, unbearable and unashamed passion to love and lead people to Jesus, for Jesus, you still need Jesus. You may claim a "Jesus" but you don't possess the claims of Him who came to save, sanctify and send out His disciples to cast the net of His life message upon the sea of life.

Let me just tell you what Jesus said... "Jesus said unto His disciples, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19).

Jesus is, not was, a fisherman. He loves fishing. He is fishing for men today. And when He lives in a person, His passion for fishing is alive in them. And when someone loves, lives and learns from a fisherman they learn how to fish like that fisherman. When we follow Jesus, He teaches us how to fish!!! If the one you're following isn't teaching how to fish, therefore, you don't know how to fish, I suggest to you, you're following no fisherman, but an impostor. I'm shooting you straight as I can.

Like a bird that wanders from the nest is a man that has left his place proverbs 27:8 ;

A fledgling out of the nest is

Dying

Dead

Decomposing

STAY IN POSITION

With the idea of being positioned in the right place I'm reminded of a proverb that instructs us to stay in our proper place. When we get out of our place, we compromise our protection and forfeit our provision: "As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place" (Proverbs 27:8). Have you ever found a tiny bird that has fallen out of the nest? When we come across a baby bird that has fallen from its nest, we find them in one of three conditions: they're either dying, dead, or decomposing. The moment a helpless bird falls from the protection of its nest, it is dying. Its lifespan has just drastically shortened because it is no longer in the protection of its designed place. The poor little thing can't fly, and with no one to pick it up, it's dying.

## HELPLESS

A defenseless bird is a cat's greatest delight. The bird can't fight back, and the cat knows he has an easy meal laid out before him. The Bible describes Satan as a roaring lion: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world" (1 Peter 5:8-9). Notice, if you will, there is a place designed by God for us to be if we're going to oppose this "big cat." We oppose him by being in our place. Even though God has rendered him powerless over our lives, we are ordered to be positioned in the nest designed by the Lord if we're going to oppose the enemy.

## DEAD

I have come across little birds that have just died. The elements of this world were just too strong for unprotected birds to make it. Without proper protection and provision, we all will die: "The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead" (Proverbs 21:16). The enemy uses the lust of the world and its philosophies to draw people from their proper place. God has fashioned His believers in such a way that they can't survive outside of being in intimate fellowship with Him and His people. We are taught it is impossible to understand the fullness of God's love independently of ourselves. God uses His people collectively to teach each other the depth of His love:

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:17-19

## REAL OR FAKE?

Thinking along the lines of being provided for and protected while in our proper position, have you ever noticed how an artificial plant never wilts? Why not? Unlike a living plant, it doesn't need good soil, water, or sunlight. On the other hand, a living plant must be nourished. So it is with authentic

believers and false witnesses. Just like an artificial plant doesn't need the daily nourishment of light and water, neither does a false witness. Yet an authentic believer can't live without being nourished with light and water. The only differences between a disciple of Jesus and a false witness is the fact that all true witness have been given a new heart and can't live without the presence of the Son of God and the living water of the Word of God. When a disciple of Jesus forsakes these two things, he will die spiritually. Why? He has left the place of understanding. Is it noticeable? Yes! Doesn't an undernourished and wilting plant stand out? So will a backslidden disciple. He's not in a position to be provided for and protected.

## DECAYING

I once found a precious little bird already decaying. It had been dead for some time. Many churches have left their place as a prophetic voice in our day and are decomposing also. Think about the church at Sardis and the one at Laodicea. One had a name that was alive, but Jesus said it was dead.<sup>94</sup> The other thought it was in need of nothing, but the Lord's description of them was otherwise: "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked" (Revelation 3:17). Why did this happen? They had left their place. The result was horrifying. God said He would remove them from being a church if they did not repent. You might ask what good repentance would do. Put them in a position to hear and obey the Lord while having a kingdom impact on the earth. How many churches do you know named Laodicea? This church is decomposing before our eyes. We only have the remains of a church of the past. There are many Laodicean churches out there because they will not position themselves under the mighty hand of God's protective care.

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