

MAKE ME A FISHER OF MEN

“Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.” Mark 1:14-20, KJV.

MT: If you will forsake all and follow Jesus, he will bring transformation into your life and you will be effective in reaching other for Him.

Jesus preached the Gospel of the Kingdom...

A King who rules. (Mt. 11:12, Mt. 24:14) kingdom power. Col. 1:13 translated out of the power of darkness into the Kingdom of his dear son. Jesus has defeated the devil. The time is at hand. Repent and believe the Gospel.

Tom's testimony: “Turn from the things of the world.” I said “Yes Lord!” There's something about hearing God's voice. Think of the power of Jesus' words. Come ye after me...and they forsook all leaving the old behind and followed him. Nothing was the same after that.

He will lead you progressively. 1983 Committed to lifetime of ministry. 2005 called into evangelism. Step by step. The role of prayer. “Pray the Lord of the harvest. Align yourself with me.

Kingdom authority—king of kings and lord of lords Rev. 1 made us kings and priests. In my name they will cast out devils. Rise up and use your authority. Eventually visible.

“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10, KJV. But the first thing he did is to seek out men to follow him and to help him. Jesus was not a one-man show. He knew that for his mission to succeed, it would require a multiplication process. He gave himself to making disciples, who could make disciples.

The priority of evangelism (Mt. 28:18-20, Mk 16:15-20, Luke 24, John 20)

-41 percent of the people of the earth have never heard the message of salvation. He left us with that job. 21 percent Muslim, India 3 percent Christian, almost 3 billion

Jn 4:31-35 lift up your eyes and look for the fields are white unto harvest.

Luke 15 the shepherd left the 99 to go after the one, and yet we spend more of our time, money and effort on those who are already in the church.

Oswald Smith O my friends we are loaded with countless church activities, while the real work of the church, that of evangelizing and winning the lost is almost entirely neglected.

Come ye after me (Selling out, forsaking all)

“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.” Matthew 16:24, 25, KJV.

They left all to follow him. What a powerful call from Jesus. What love! His love is a love that will die for you. They were touched by the love of God. I was touched by the love of God. Come follow me!

Die to the things that you think would please you, your family, your friends. Take on the instrument of death, the cross. He that loses his life will find it. Selling out to the Lord 100 percent. It's not always easy. Choose Sacrifice. Criticism. Persecution. If you want to be a fisher of men, you have to have a thorough work in your own life.

Paralyzed by fear— Edward Kimble and DL Moody; all those spiritual descendants.

He called simple men, not scholars or rich or wise in the world, for His glory. He took people that the world didn't want. David over his brothers. Looks at the heart. David defeated the giant. God has great things planned for your life.

2. I will make you to become (His ability, not yours)

“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” Philippians 2:13, KJV. (Power & Motivation) Work of the Holy Spirit.

If you do your part (follow him) he will do His part (make you) You don't need to make yourself.

Evangelism is birthed out of your own relationship and experience with God. When you know Jesus, you love Him, and it shows in your life. There is an overflow that will effect everyone you come in contact with. When you enjoy God, it shows. You shall BE witnesses!

- “For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.” 2 Corinthians 5:14, 15, KJV.
- “And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;” 2 Corinthians 5:18, KJV.
- “The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.” 2 Timothy 2:6, KJV.
- “He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.” John 1:41, KJV.

3. Fishers of men (called with a purpose)

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9, KJV.

Over 2 billion people have not received the Gospel. Can you image what it would be like leave your body and realize that you will spend eternity in hell? We have the message that can save people from eternal damnation.

Titanic— 1517 souls perished; lifeboats were half full; way of salvation was provided, but the people pushed away from the boat, saving themselves. Cooperate and coordinate.

“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.” John 3:16, KJV.

Two types of fishing:

- With a Net (proclamation evangelism)
- Hook and Line (personal evangelism)

Conclusion: Jesus is walking by the shores of your life. He's meeting you today and speaking. “Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.” Allow a transaction to take place. Align yourself with God. Ask God to ignite a passion in your heart for reaching the lost. COME and follow me and I will make you fishers of men!