

**Series: Missions 2019**

**Title: Bystanders**

**Text:** (Psa 142:4) *I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.*

**What We Were: We Were Dead w/o Hope!**

(Eph 2:12) *That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:*

*(Col 2:13-15) And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*

W/O Christ, men have no HOPE!

**BUT The Divine Intervention of God!**

(Eph 2:4-6)

*(Titus 3:3-5) For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. **But** after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not*

*by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

*(Rom 5:7-8) For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. **But God** commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

**God Made us alive:** (Eph 2:4-5) ***But God***, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

**We are Saved from Eternal, Conscience**

**Punishment in Hell:**

*(John 3:36) He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

**We have hope beyond this life!** (1 Cor 15:19) *If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.*

*(Titus 2:13) Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*

**But what about everyone Else?**

(Ezek 22:30) *And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.*

(Isa 6:8) *Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.*

**One Man can make a difference:**

(Jonah 3:10) 120,000 got saved.  
“A feeble attempt is better than no attempt”

**(Luke 10:25-29)**

The 2 Greatest Commandments.

“*who is my neighbour?*”

Really Asking: “*Where does my responsibility end?*”

**(Luke 10:30-32)**

(Vs 30) *And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.*

He wasn't out sinning.

He was minding his own business and life happened.

(Vs 31) *And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.*

**“By Chance”** Do you really believe that?  
(Eph 2:10) “*Unto*”, “*before Ordained*”

“*when he saw him*” Can't claim ignorance.  
*I am too busy, Places to Go, People to Judge.*”

“*he passed by on the other side.*” to relieve his own conscience.

*I can't possibly dirty myself with that kind of person, Don't we have government programs for these people.*

*I don't even want to see him.*

*I don't want to look at him.*

***The Power Walkers: I AM Busy, Oh so Busy!***

“*I can't help him, its too late.*”

“*I can't be expected to upset my whole day with this.*”

*I am too dignified, too educated.*

*Pull yourself up by your own bootstraps BUDDY!*

*Just like the rest of us.*

**“I Just Can't Get Involved!”**

***Important person Coming Through!***

*Besides, there is scribe I passed, he'll be along soon.*

***These are the Self Important Passer by-ers.***

### **Mail box Awkwardness.**

(I can tell they don't want to engage)

I hangout an look at my mail on Purpose.

After a while it like Double Dutch.

I'll Fake leave just to mess with them.

*“Don't look them in the eye, then you have to talk.  
Couteous, but not engaging. Whew!”*

I engage people just for fun.

Instead of looking at their mail they rush home for the Purell: *“Ugh! That pastor does that on purpose”*

### **Airplane Awkwardness.** Carry a book.

Pull out your bible & people will get up & change seats.

### **Sidewalk Awkwardness**

When I am out jogging, some people will change the side of the street before I get to them.

(Walking Dead)(Asmatic Vacuum Sweeper.)

No One Wants to Engage.

We keep our Nose to our screens & Ignore people.

*(Vs 32) And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.*

### **The Judgmental On Lookers.**

*“Bless his heart.”*

*He should have planned Better!*

*Oh look he is bleeding.*

*Did you bring a First Aid Kit? No*

*Tsk, Tsk, Tsk, Should have planned better.*

*Well if you were smart like me, & Successful like me,  
and Important Like me, and Voted like me,*

MOAN, - Don't interrupt, I am on a roll!

I gotta go, wasted too much time trying help you & you haven't responded as all to me.

*Ungrateful! You see if I try and help you again,  
SOME PEOPLE, I Declare.*

**Catherine Genovese** (1935 – March 13th, 1964), commonly known as **Kitty Genovese**, was a New York City woman who was stabbed to death near her home in the Kew Gardens section of Queens, New York. The circumstances of her murder and the apparent reaction (or lack thereof) of her neighbors were reported by a newspaper article published two weeks later and prompted investigation into the psychological phenomenon that became known as the “Bystander Effect”, or the “Bad Samaritan Complex”.

Kitty, Born in New York City, was the oldest of five children in a middle class Italian American family and was raised in Brooklyn.

After her mother witnessed a murder in the city, the family chose to move to Connecticut in 1954. Kitty, 19 at the time, chose to remain in the city, where she lived for nine years. Kitty took a job as a bar manager at Eve's 11th Hour Sports Bar on Jamaica Avenue in Hollis, Queens. At the time of her murder, she lived in a Queens apartment she shared with her roommate, Mary Ann Zielonko.

Kitty had driven home in the early morning of March 13th, 1964. Arriving home at about 3:15 a.m. and parking about 100 feet (30 m) from her apartment's door, as Mary Ann lay sleeping in their apartment above the street, she was approached by a man named Winston Moseley. Moseley ran after her and quickly overtook her, stabbing her twice in the back.

When Genovese screamed out, her cries were heard by several neighbors; but on a cold night with the windows closed, only a few of them recognized the sound as a cry for help. When one of the neighbors shouted at the attacker, "Let that girl alone!", Moseley ran away and Genovese slowly made her way towards her own apartment around the end of the building. She was seriously injured, but now out of view of those few who may have had reason to believe she was in need of help.

Records of the earliest calls to police are unclear and were certainly not given a high priority by the police.

One witness said his father called police after the initial attack and reported that a woman was "beat up, but got up and was staggering around."

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Other witnesses observed Moseley enter his car and drive away, only to return ten minutes later. He systematically searched the parking lot, train station, and small apartment complex, ultimately finding Genovese, who was lying, barely conscious, in a hallway at the back of the building.

Out of view of the street and of those who may have heard or seen any sign of the original attack, he proceeded to further attack her, stabbing her several more times. Knife wounds in her hands suggested that she attempted to defend herself from him. While she lay dying, he sexually assaulted her. He stole about \$49.00 from her and left her dying in the hallway. The attacks spanned approximately half an hour.

A few minutes after the final attack, a witness, Karl Ross, called the police. Police and medical personnel arrived within minutes of Ross' call; Genovese was taken away by ambulance and died en route to the hospital.

Witness (Joseph Fink) was aware she was stabbed in the first attack, and Karl Ross was aware of it in the second attack. Some thought that what they saw or heard was a lover's quarrel or a drunken brawl or a group of friends leaving the bar outside when Moseley first approached Kitty.

The story of Genovese's murder became an almost-instant parable about the supposed callousness, or at least apathy to others' plight, of either New York City, urban America, or humanity in general. Much of this framing of the event came in reaction to an investigative article in the New York Times written by Martin Gansberg and published on March 27, two weeks after the murder.

The article bore the provocative headline "Thirty-Eight Who Saw Murder Didn't Call the Police"; the public view of the story crystallized around a quote from the article, from an unidentified neighbor who saw part of the attack but deliberated, before finally getting another neighbor to call the police: The witness stated "***I didn't want to get involved.***"

**One person could have made the difference, but** *all chose to be bystanders!*

*Illus: Her life was less important than sleep.*

*Her life was less important than the radio.*

*Her life was less important than TV or Entertainment*

*Her life was less important than their inconvenience.*

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The NY Times article stated "*For more than half an hour thirty-eight respectable, law-abiding citizens in Queens watched a killer stalk and stab a woman in three separate attacks in Kew Gardens.*"

Other reports, cited stated that one man turned up his radio so that he wouldn't hear Genovese's screams.

The police report attributed this quote as the reason "***I didn't want to get involved***" to nearly all 38 witnesses involved.

According to the *New York Times*, in an article dated December 28th, 1974, ten years after the murder, 25-year-old Sandra Zahler was beaten to death early Christmas morning in an apartment of the building which overlooked the site of the Genovese attack.

Neighbors again said they heard screams and "*fierce struggles*" but did nothing.

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**One Man can make a difference: (Luke 10:33-35)**

A Samaritan was considered by the Jews to be a Dog  
They were the epitome of NoBody's.

***Have you hear the story about the 4 bodies?***

*This is a story about four people named Everybody,  
Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.*

There was an important job to be done and  
Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that, because it was  
Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but  
Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when  
Nobody did what Anybody could have.

***One Man can make a difference by taking personal  
responsibility for others.***

*(Gen 4:9) And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is  
Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my  
brother's keeper?*

**The ANSWER is YES!!!!**

**Think of Christ is His Glory: What if he had said:**

***“I don't want to get involved!”***

I like it up here.

We got a Fooshball tourneytment next week.

The Worship of the Father is grueling.

***“I can't get involved, I'm Busy.”***

***“I don't want that kind of responsibility!”***

**Are the Self Important Passer by-ers?**

**The Judgmental On Lookers?**

**Are We Part of the Bystanders?**

***How many are destined to hell because we didn't  
want to get involved.***

*Because we thought entertainment was more  
important?*

*Because we thought sports was more important?  
Because our comfort was more important?*

*(Ezek 22:30) And I sought for a man among them,  
that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap  
before me for the land, that I should not destroy it:  
but I found none.*

*(Isa 6:8) Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,  
Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then  
said I, Here am I; send me.*

**The Command to the Church: (LK 15:3-7)**

*There are 99 safe in the fold, leave the Fold and go find the one that is lost.*

Search in the cold, Search in the storm.  
Search in the night, Search in the day.  
Don't Comeback without the one that is lost.  
***"I Can't get involved, I have my handsfull!"***  
**WE ARE NOT BE BE BYSTANDERS!**

Our attitude can be so self focused at times.  
Pastor Sit with me.  
Forget about the Lost sheep in this city; Pamper me,  
Pity me, Comfort me, Bless me, Pray for me, sit with  
me.

I haven't one a soul to Christ.  
I haven't given the gospel in years.  
I haven't missed a meal to pray & fast for the lost.  
but I want you to forget the lost sheep of this  
city and spent your days pampering and pitying  
me while countless should stumble into hell.

That is not the Commission of the church.

Get up off your Blessed Assurance become the  
Christian Soul Winner God has commanded and  
Intended you to be in the Kingdom of God.

***"I Can't get involved, I have my handsfull!"***

**WE ARE NOT BE BE BYSTANDERS!**  
People without Christ go to an eternal hell.

(Luke 15:8-10) ***"The Lost Coin"***  
The Lost coin was not lost that it ceased to be silver.  
It still belonged to the Master of the house.  
It was lost that it was out of circulation.  
It rendered no service to the King.  
It was useless.

***You are saved, Are you out of Circulation?***  
Are you rendering Service to the Master?  
Are you worthless to the Kingdom of God?  
Are you a *"Used To"* Christian.  
***"I Can't get involved, I have my handsfull!"***  
**WE ARE NOT BE BE BYSTANDERS!**

(Luke 15:11- ) ***"The Lost Boy"***  
Got tired of Dad's rules. (Vs 13)  
He felt his time was too important to work the fields.  
***"I Can't get involved,...!"***  
***There is so much he hadn't seen or done.***  
**WE ARE NOT BE BE BYSTANDERS!**

He was going to miss out on all the fun.  
Besides, Sunday is only 1 of 2 days off we get.  
***"I Can't get involved!"***  
**WE ARE NOT BE BE BYSTANDERS!**

(Vs 14)

Not long after He left the Will of God, he also left the Protection of God and the Provision of God.

The More He Got what he wanted, the Less he wanted what he got.

He is living with pigs & serving Pigs. (Vs 15-16)

He left Home saying “Give ME”

He came home saying: For Give Me”

I want Power, I want Pleasure, I want Profits:

He came home stinking like a swine!

(Vs 24) He was Lost, He was Dead.

(Lk 15:25-32)

You don't have to leave home to be a bystander.

The older brother didn't try to stop him.

the older brother didn't ask to go the far country and restore his brother.

*“I Can't get involved, I have my handsfull working the fields and making money!”*

**WE ARE NOT BE BE BYSTANDERS!**