

Series: March for Missions 2019

Title: Be A Missionary

Text: (Jn 20:21)

(Recap)

“But God” - The Divine Intervention of God (Eph 2:4)

“Be Truthful” - Remember WHAT we were saved FROM!
Eternal Conscientious Punishment in Hell.

“Bystander” - We are just as guilty as the Devil when we stand by & do nothing.

I. This is Your Calling:

(John 20:21) *Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*

Why did the Father send Jesus to us? (Luke 19:10)

When did the Father decide this? (1 Pet 1:18-21) From the foundation of the world.

What did Jesus do? (John 4:1) Made and baptized disciples.

(Matt 5:1-2) Taught them and trained them.

This is God’s plan for every human being!

God wants everyone to be Saved: (2 Pet 3:9)

He wants us to believe on Him. (Jn 3:15-18; 6:28-29)

The New Birth happens at the point of belief (1 Jn 5:1)

We become a child of God (Jn 1:12) *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

We become a joint heir with Jesus. (Rom 8:17)

God wants all the Saved to be Baptized: (Matt 28:19)

Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.

(Acts 2:41) 1st act of obedience to all new believer.

(John 14:15) *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

(Rom 6:4-5) Pictures the Gospel

(Mark 8:38) Are we ashamed of Him?

God wants all the Saved & Baptized to be Discipled: (Matt 28:20) *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.*

God was the Saved, Baptized, Discipled Church member to be His Witness to Others:

(Acts 1:8) *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

“*Ye Shall be witness...*” - Witnesses Testify of what they have experienced.

Illus: Fulfilling God’s plan of witnessing is just retelling what happened to you.

God’s Plan: Referred to as Soul Winning

(Prov 11:30) *He that winneth souls is wise.*

God’s Plan: Referred to as Evangelism

(2 Tim 4:5) *“do the work of an evangelist”*

God’s Plan: Referred to as Missions

(Matt 28:19-20) *The Great Commission.*

Witnessing, Soul Winning, Evangelism, Missions, is when a Sinner is transformed into a child of God by the Gospel.

(Rom 1:16)

(2 Pet 1:4) *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: **that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

This is the Mission God has given us

(John 20:21) *Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*

We are to be about the Father's Business!

We have been commissioned by Jesus Christ directly to be doing His work.

To Fulfill God's Commission ...

You need to KNOW that you are Born Again: (Jn 3:3,5,7)

You can't witness of something that hasn't happened to you.

Rom 10:9-10 Saved? Delivered from the penalty of sin.

How did you get saved?

When did you get saved?

Illus: Why? Because no one is comfortable talking about something they are not sure of.

(1 John 5:13) *that ye may KNOW that ye have Eternal Life.*

To Fulfill God's Commission ...

You need to know WHAT the saving Gospel IS! (What Saved You!)

(Rom 1:16) the Gospel IS the power of God unto Salvation.

(1 Cor 15:1,3-4) Death, Burial & Resurrection of Christ.

To Fulfill God's Commission ...

You need to know WHY this is the Important: Hell is For Real & Hell is Forever.

Jesus spoke more on Hell than He did Heaven.

"Tormented in this flame"

"Where the worm diet not, and the fire is not quenched."

"Weeping, Wailing, gnashing of teeth"

"Outer darkness" - "The bottomless pit"

You need to know WHY this is the Important:

Those with out Christ Go to Hell:

(John 14:6) Christ is the only way.

(John 3:17-19) Condemned Already, why?

(Rom 6:23) Because Sin has a price.

(John 3:36) They choose to go to hell b/c they reject Christ.

(Titus 3:5) They can't work their way anymore than you.

You need to know WHY it is Important You Witness:

Because they will not hear unless someone tells them.

(Rom 10:13-14) *how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard*

To Fulfill God's Commission ...

You need to know that YOU have been called to do this:

(Matt 28:19-20) (Mark 16:15)

(John 20:21) *Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*

To Fulfill God's Commission ...

You need to know that this is, but a Command. (Acts 1:8)

YE Shall

To not obey this command, means to be in rebellion against God.

To not obey this Command means to be out of God's will.

To not obey this Command means our life is out of balance.

To not obey this Command means your missing God's blessings.

To Fulfill God's Commission ...

You need to know that YOU are to be doing His Work in 4 different Locals: (Acts 1:8b)

“and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

Jerusalem: *Right Here is our own Community*

We are to be reaching others with the Gospel here:

(Matt 28:16-20) You and I are the Missionary!

How do we do this?

Teach: *The Gospel:* (Mark 16:15) *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

Why the Gospel? (Rom 1:16) *“It is the power of God”*
The Death, Burial, and Resurrection

Teach: *How they can appropriate the Gospel into their life Through Repentance:*

(Luke 24:47-48) *And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.*

(Luke 13:3,5) *I tell you, Nay: but, except ye REPENT ye shall all likewise PERISH.*

Illus: *Repentance is admitting we are sinner.*
Admitting we deserve punishment.
Turning from our sin and Forsaking our sin.

Illus: *People make a profession, but never once feel sorry.*

Illus: *We correct our children. Say you're sorry. SORRY.*

We all know they are not really sorry.

Illus: *There is a difference between remorse over getting caught versus remorse over hurting, or offending the one who loves us.*

Teach: *them to Identify with Christ through Baptism.*

(Rom 6:5) *We act out the Gospel in picture form.*
This “Likeness” identifies us with Christ's Death, Burial, and Resurrection.

(1 Pet 3:21) *The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:*

Teach: (Matt 28:20a) *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:*

(2 Tim 2:2) *And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*

This will take more than a self-centered lifestyle.

This will take us intentionally seeking the lost.

This will take us intentionally interacting with them.

This is Every Christians' Calling from God.

This is not optional.

This is our purpose here.

This is our purpose, where ever God takes us in life.

Who are you reaching out to with the Gospel?

I spoke with Nina at the McDonald's drive through!

Who are you targeting?

Who is on your radar?

Are you praying for them every day?

Are you looking for ways to touch their life?

Are you on the look out for ways to bring it up?

Who did you speak to this week?

Are they saved?

Are you sure they are saved?

What are you doing about?

What if the person who brought you to Christ had given the same excuse you just did?

Where would be?

What condition would you be in today?

Would you be saved?

Would you even be alive?

II. This is Your Church Service: Service to God through the Local church.

(Acts 1:8) *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

To Fulfill God's Commission ...

You need to know that YOU are not doing this alone:

You are co-laboring with Christ Himself.

(1 Cor 3:9) *For we are labourers together with God:*

God will empower you!

I am afraid: - ? OF WHAT? This is America, not the MiddleEast

You are in no danger of being in an Orange jumper and paraded through the streets in a Rought Iron Cage, and then beheaded.

What We are afraid of is our **pride** being wounded because someone we **barely know**, who *won't be crying* at our funeral, might reject Christ and **make me feel bad**.

(Rom 8:37) *Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*

The devil is a master at making us the Conquerors, feel like the wimpy losers.

(Acts 13:1-5) Serving in our local church as part of the team.
This was God's plan, still is God's plan.

Judea: Reaching the people of Fairfax County & N. VA

This is the Service you are doing in and through this church.

(Acts 13:1-5)

(Vs 1) They were serving in their local church.

This was God's plan, still is God's plan.

What is it to God? (1 Tim 3:15) *Pillar & Ground of Truth*

It belongs to Him. Matt 16:18 *"Build MY Church"*

It is where God does His work – Eph 3:20

It is where He gets Glory – Eph 3:21

It is what Christ gave himself for on Cross – Eph 5:25

It is a glorious & Holy thing – Eph 5:27

It is where He receives Worship -

It is where He receives His Tithes & Offerings (1 Cor 16:2)

It is a Hospital for the sick, not a Memorial to Saints

Little Johnny was feeling queasy in church, so he whispered to his mom, "I think I'm going to throw up!" She told him, to go outside and throw up behind the bushes where no one would see him. So he bolted for the door. Less than a minute later, he returned to his seat, looking greatly relieved. "Did you make it all the way to the bushes, Johnny?" "I didn't have to. Just as I got to the front door, I found a box that had a sign on it: For the Sick."

(Vs 2) -

Illus: Is there such a thing as a *Perfect Church? NO!*
Because it is filled with imperfect people.

I don't know why some people change churches—what difference does it make which one you stay home from?

A grandmother told her granddaughter, "Tomorrow, we're going to Sunday school"

"I don't like Sunday school," said the granddaughter.

"We need to learn more about God," replied the grandmother.

The granddaughter said, "I learned about Him last week."

"I've been going to church all my life, and I haven't learned enough," said the grandmother.

The granddaughter replied, "Well, maybe you weren't paying attention!"

(1 Tim 5:20) To correct us!

(Rom 10:17) Our Faith Grows!

(1 Cor 1:21) People get saved!

Question: Can I be a Christian without joining the church?

Answer: Yes, it is possible.

BUT It's like being...

A student who will not go to school

A soldier who will not join an army

A citizen who does not pay taxes or vote

An explorer with no base camp

A seaman without a ship or a crew

A businessman on a deserted island

An author without readers

A tuba player without an orchestra

A parent without a family

A football player without a team

A scientist who does not share his findings

A bee without a hive

Just Going to Church Is Not Enough

(Acts 13:2) **Ministering as a Team:** (Luke 10:1)

Working together with other believers has always been God's plan.

(Barnabas and Saul) (The Apostles Sent out 2 by 2)

How are you engaged as a part of this Team?

This is what we see throughout the New Testament.

Illus: 4 types of people seen at Baseball games.

Players

Coaching, Training, Support Staff, & Spectators

The Church has the same classes of people.

Players, Coaching, Training, Support Staff, Spectators

(Who are players too).

Which type person are you?

Each Church Sermon is like Baseball practice.

Even if you are serving in some capacity, you need to be in at least 1 preaching service a week.

Each Sunday School lesson is like training.

Here is where you get a more one on one instruction to hone your skills.

We need to be growing Spiritually, so we can be more useable for Christ.

If a chain is only as strong as our weakest link, then...
Our Team is only as strong as our weakest player.

Are you growing Spiritually?

Are you honing your skills?

Are you getting any playing time?

Which areas are you serving in?

We can fulfill the great commission by inviting to church.
(Acts 13:3) *We see the caliber of people.*

Faithful, Serving, Separated, Filled with the Holy Spirit.

(Acts 13:4) We are to Led & Empowered by the Holy Spirit.

(Matt 9:35-38) Jesus has a Purpose to fulfill and a Plan on how to fulfill it.

The need is for Laborers.

This is His prayer.

We are also to be praying for this.

We are also to be the Fulfillment of this prayer.

What are you doing for the Lord?

What impact is that having on anyone outside of your immediate family?

(Acts 13:5) We are to be proclaiming the Gospel.

Are WE, as the Church, Fulfilling is its purpose?

1 Tim 3:15 *Pillar and Ground of the Truth!*

Eph 3:21 *We are to bring Him glory.*

Jn 4:23-24 *Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.*

Matt 28:19-20 *The Great 3 fold Commission!*

2 Tim 2:2 be a multiplying Disciple!

Everything we do must work toward fulfilling these.

Paved Parking, Nursery, Preaching, Bible Teaching

Advertising, Soul Wining, Conferences

Illus All of these are for reaching the lost, and equipping the saints!

Get in the Game! Christianity is NOT meant to be a spectator sport.

ye shall be witnesses unto me

ye shall - This is a command!

Like: Thou shalt love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.

Like Thou shalt not kill, or thou shalt not steal.

Witness: A witness testifies of what they experienced.

Tell how the Gospel affected you.

ye shall be witnesses unto me BOTH:

To Fulfill God's Commission ...

You need to know that YOU are to be doing His Work in 4 different Locals: (Acts 1:8b)

*“and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judaea**, and in **Samaria**, and unto the **uttermost part of the earth**.:”*

Our Jerusalem is where we live, work, play, and shop:
Jerusalem: Right Here is our own sphere of influence.

We are to be reaching others with the Gospel in your immediate Area of Influence:

(Matt 28:16-20) You and I are the Missionary!

The people We Live with.
The people We Work with.
The people We Play with.
The people We Bank with. Etc.

Illus: If Not US, Then WHO?

Who has shown interest in your soul lately?
Why do you think someone has shown interest in theirs?”

If Not NOW, Then WHEN?

How long has it been since you told someone what happened to you?

What are you waiting for?

Have you told your children?

Have you told your spouse?

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Samaria: Those you don't like, or that scare you.

(Acts 1:8) *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in **Samaria**, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

Samaria is that part of Israel that was produced by the Kingdom split under Rehoboam.

Essentially, it is the Northern Kingdom.

They interbred with the people of the land, fell into Idolatry. When the Jews returned from the Babylonian captivity, Ezra and Nehemiah refused the Samaritans help in rebuilding the Temple and the Wall of Jerusalem.

Thus Jews hated the Samaritans & the Samaritans hated them
The Jews referred to them as DOGS.

(Acts 1:8) *ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in **Samaria**,*

The literal interpretation would be like the surrounding country or states beside the one you reside in.

But I really can't get past the animosity between these 2 groups.

So let me make an application.

Jerusalem - Those you live with.

Judea - Those you live around

Samaria - Those you don't like, or that scare you.

Who is that in your life?

(Matt 5:43 - 46) *Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, **Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;***

How much do you have to hate someone to not witness to them.

Who is the REAL Ugly person.

The one who is a temporary Jerk,

The one that Eternally Damns the soul of another?

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

Who is it, that makes it their personal mission to grate on you like a cheese grater?

(Rom 3:23) Are they really anymore deserving of Hell than we are?

If so, who made us the judge?

Are you a spectator?

Are you involved in reaching others as a part of this Team?

III. This is Your World Wide Mission:

(Acts 1:8) *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

(Acts 1:8b) *“and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judaea**, and in **Samaria**, and unto the **uttermost part of the earth**,*

*and unto the **uttermost part of the earth**,*

How do we obey this command?

How are we supposed to be involved in evangelism, ie. preaching the Gospel in all 4 Locations at once?

#1 Go: God is still calling men and women to Mission Fields all over the World. (Acts 13:2)

BUT YOU STILL CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE.

You can change your Jerusalem and Judea, but we are still supposed to be involved in the rest of the world.

If you feel God is calling you or may be calling you, let's sit down and talk about. I would love to help.

#2 Pray: Intercession: We go to God on their behalf.

For Effectiveness: (2 Thes 3:1) *Open Hearts & Doors.*

For Safety: (2 Thes 3:2) *Mean people stink!*

We Pray a hedge of protection about them.

For Boldness:

(Eph 6:19) Some countries have more freedom than we do.

Schools, Jails, Court house, etc.

Spiritual Oppression is real.

#3 Give: It's called Faith Promise Missions

Faith Promise Missions is not dependent upon you or your ability to give to missions.

1. God wants YOU, not your STUFF: (2 Cor 8:5)

Giving Money is helpful, but is not an excuse to not be involved in prayer.

Illus: Look I give \$\$ every week to missions so I don't have to pray, I don't have to witness, and I don't have to be friendly at church. (Everybody ought to be as spiritual as me. (;-{>))

God wants YOU, not your STUFF.

Only you can give God your heart. (2 Cor 8:4)

Their heart was in it.

They realized that others had given so that the Gospel could be brought to them.

They wanted to return the favor by being a blessing and helping them out in Jerusalem who were suffering.

The Majority of the world had the Gospel before America did.

When we Give to Missions, we are giving back to those that sacrificed in previous centuries so that we can see their descendants reached as we were.

When we give to missions, we are also paying it forward for someone else to get the Gospel like we have.

***We have a Debt of Honor to God to be involved in Missions.
We have a Debt of Honor to those that God used to reach us.***

We have a Debt of Honor to those that are sacrificing to Go in our place.

1. God wants YOU, not your STUFF.

2. God wants us to have faith in His ability to provide the funds to give, not faith our budget:

(2 Cor 8:1) *Grace = Empowerment*

(2 Cor 8:2) *Joy of Salvation, Saved, Knew it, Wasn't over it!*

(2 Cor 8:7) They were a full fledged church. Singing, Preaching, and all the things you want in a church.

They were to be involved in Missions too.

"see that ye abound in this grace also"

So how did they do it?

(2 Cor 8:3) *For to their power-What they could do.*

"beyond their power" - What God could do through them.

"they were willing of themselves" - They were willing to trust God for it.

3. **Faith Promise Missions Offering: Depends upon our Faith in God to provide the means for us to give money to fund HIS work around the World.**

-Faith: is the only way you can keep your Promise to Give.

(Heb 11:1) Doing something because I believe something specific will happen.

Illus:

Light Switch - You believe you will get light.

Car Ignition - You believe it will start.

Unless we act on what we believe, it will never happen.

(James 2:20,26) *Faith without works is dead.*

(Heb 11:6) Our Faith is really our Dependance on God.

Faith for Salvation is dependent upon God: (Eph 2:8-9)

Faith for Victory overcome the World: (1 John 5:4)

Faith for giving to Missions:

(2 Cor 9:8) **God provides the MEANS for you to Give**

“God is Able” – Do we believe He is?

“To make all Grace abound”- Can God enable me to give?

“That ye, always having all Sufficiency”- Is God able to take care of my needs & enable me to give?

(Phil 4:14-16) The Church partnered with Paul \$\$\$.(Phil 4:19) Paul promised that God would take care of them because of it.

“May abound to every good work” – I can be involved.

(Phil 4:17) The get credit for it!

(Luke 6:38) *Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

It should be revisited every year to be increased.

(2 Cor 10:15) *when your faith is increased,*

-Promise

(2 Cor 9:7) Purposeth – We commit to give as the Lord directs and as the Lord provides.

Faith promise is not a pledge that you make to a church or a person, whether he is a Pastor, Missionary, or Evangelist.

It is a promise that you make to God, you will give an amount above your tithes and offering to the church for the missionary outreach of your church, knowing He will supply.

-Missions Offering:

(2 Cor 8:11) Do IT!

Together with the Lord, they did great things.

(2 Cor 10:14-16) *To preach the gospel in the regions beyond*

(1 Cor 3:8-9) *Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers **TOGETHER WITH GOD:** ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.*

God's people are to be involved in Missions (Acts 1:8)

God's people are to give: (1 Cor 16:1)

God's people are to let God set the amount:

(1 Cor 16:2)

God's people are to Trust God to provide the...

“ “ **Means to give to Missions.**

“ “ **MY Needs while I am Giving to Missions.**

“ “ **My giving to reach people around the world.**