***Clearly Knowing and Carrying Out Jesus’ Mission***

**Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20**

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**After we surrender our lives to Jesus proclaiming Him Lord and Savior what it the**

**next most important thing we can ever do?**

**WE HAVE ONE MISSION FROM JESUS IN TWO PARTS.**

1. **Multiplication of Believers**

**2. Intentional Discipleship**

**Jesus has given you and me a clear mission:**

**That mission, that clear focus, is to bring people to faith in Jesus (Multiplication)**

**That mission is to intentionally develop mature disciples who can speak for and represent Jesus in the world.**

**Matthew 28:19-20 *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them inthe name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (the name of the Trinity) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”***

**Note the very first word: GO. Often translates “as you go”**

 **Deep dive into the original Greek word: *Wherever you go make disciples. Or***

***Under all circumstances make disciples***

**Salvation is no different:**

**We are not calling people merely to get saved so they can do to heaven.**

**Go back to Matthew 28. What are we called to do?**

 **Intentionally seek out the spiritually lost.**

 **Call them to Jesus**

 **Turn them into lifelong disciples.**

**Bottom line: How much are my words, action and response to others reflecting the reality of Jesus?**

Note in Matthew 28 there are **two direct commands** in making disciples:

 **Baptize them – establishment of the covenant. Teach them: teaching is an ongoing process.**

Teaching in Christianity is more than knowledge, it is ***personal transformation into the image of our Lord and Savior.***

**THE SECOND PART OF OUR MISSION IS FOUND IN 2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-20**

***18All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19that is, in Christ God was reconcilingthe world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.***

**Look closely at this text-it is monumental.**

**Twice we are told that we have been given and entrusted with the MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION.**

**This is further reinforced and highlighted when we are told that by faith in Jesus we are now AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST.**

**Reconciliation is the restoration of a relationship to a harmonious state after a dispute; it is the bringing of accord out of discord between two parties.**

In fact, it was ***“while we were God’s enemies [that] we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son” (***[***Romans 5:10***](https://www.bibleref.com/Romans/5/Romans-5-10.html)***).***

Jesus’ death makes all the difference. When Christ died, He was ***“making peace through his blood, shed on the cross” (***[***Colossians 1:20***](https://www.bibleref.com/Colossians/1/Colossians-1-20.html)***).***

***Jesus can see to the depths of our hearts plus he knows our real motivation and therefore is not foolish or naive to trust us without His life changing power.***

**Once you surrender to Jesus your mission is to become a full time ‘MINISTER OF RECONCILIATION.”**

**Our goal is to keep looking for opportunities, divine appointments, Holy Spirit moments where we can listen and share the salvation of Jesus with. others.**

**We are on duty 24/7 in praying, seeking, looking for these moments.**

Secondly always, always, always remember you are now an **AMBASSADORS OF JESUS CHRIST.**

**NEVER FORGET:
YOU ARE THE VOICE, THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS IN THIS WORLD.** **WHEN WE SPEAK WE SPEAK FOR JESUS.** **WHEN WE DON’T SPEAK UP THEN THEY WILL** **NOT HEAR JESUS’ PROMISES.**

**SECRET: IT WILL ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED WHEN:**

You and I purse JESUS EACH DAYSURRENDER TO HIS LORDSHIP, DO HIS WILL, SPEAK FOR HIM, ENGAGE THE HURTING AND THE LOST WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF RECONCILIATON!

**After we surrender our lives to Jesus proclaiming Him Lord and Savior what it the next most important thing we can ever do?**

**THE ANSWER IS VERY SIMPLE:**

***Under all circumstances make disciples to be full time ministers of reconciliation***

***And be Ambassador for Jesus Christ 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until he returns in glory.***

***Jesus, you are my Lord and Savior,***

***I pledge to be a disciple maker from this moment on,***

***I will bring the message of reconciliation to all,***

***And I will be your Ambassador of the Gospel 24/7.***

***Amen***