

# Owning the mission - Handout

## A Biblical look what holds prevents us owning the mission

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### I. Satan attacks on three fronts

First a brief look at our enemy and his tactics so we can understand our tactics that victoriously counter our enemy's plan

*1Jn 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

#### A. Satan works two ways to defeat us and draw us away from God

##### 1. He uses lust

##### 2. First he lures us in to catch us with temptation either what we see or what we feel

##### a) Lust is an inordinate desire to satisfy carnal appetites to connect to mere animal propensities

*Jas 1:14*

*2Ti 2:26*

#### B. He uses pride

##### 1. Pride is a boastful pretentious behavior both positive and negative

##### 2. According to Pro 13:10 pride is the source of contention and pride is the opposite of wisdom

*Pro 13:10 .*

##### 3. Pride keeps us from owning the mission because we have been convinced by our own thinking of lack of ability or unworthiness

*1Ti 3:6 .*

#### C. We know this battle is a spiritual one but we can be victorious

*2Co 10:4 Eph 6:12*

##### 1. The enemy wants to keep you unable to find a place to own the mission but I am here to tell you everyone has a place to plug in

2. Every person has what they need to do the work because we have a strategy as well

## **II. Our strategy also consists of three fronts**

- A. Here at HBF we operate in three spheres of battle to fight for the salvation of the soul
- B. While anyone here should be able to identify these fronts let me point them out
  1. Discipleship – training and preparation
    - a) This is the battle ground for growth in everyone
    - b) To be discipled is the first of many preparations to prepare a believer in owning the mission
    - c) Discipleship also includes doctrinal preparation and leadership development
  2. Evangelism – developing a heart for war and strategic training
    - a) This is the battle ground for the soul  
*Psa 27:3-4*
  3. Missions –
    - a) this is the spear head of the three fronts for our church
    - b) Missions is the battle ground for gaining spiritual ground
    - c) Missions is combat and it takes the war for the souls of men to the enemy
    - d) Mission protects the body and grows the church (not local but universal) by reaching into a place and planting a new local church that will also own the mission
- C. Take a look at these three fronts and acknowledge there are a lot of ways you can own a part of God's mission on any or all these fronts

### **III. What is needed in the war for the souls**

- A. Those who will open the hearts for others to see and own the mission
- B. Those who will actively do what it takes to make it possible for others to go the spearhead of our church
- C. Those who will engage in underground warfare as a resistance fighter to wear out the enemy
- D. What part of the mission will you own?

### **IV. Find our place of occupancy – Moses Exod 3 – 4**

- A. Vs 1 – 3 Moses witnessed a burning bush that was not consumed  
*Psa 104:4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:*
- B. VS 4: God calls Moses  
*Exo 3:4*
  - 1. Stephen preached about this meeting in Acts 7:33  
*Act 7:33-34 .*
- C. Vs 6 – 9: God tells Moses who he is and what he intends
  - 1. He is THE God of his people – of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
  - 2. He then tells Moses he has seen the people and heard their need for rescue
- D. Vs 10: God calls Moses
- E. Vs 11 Moses begins to voice his resistance from which we can learn how to find where we can occupy

### **V. Vs 11 – 4:12: How God addresses your hesitation to occupy**

- A. First excuse in Vs 11: Who am I to go before Pharoah
  - 1. Moses says “who am I” I can’t do this God I am no one

2. God responds with two very important truths which gives you your qualifications and you should never forget these truths
  - a) First in Vs 12a: God is always with you
  - b) Second Vs 12b: God gave a token now this is not a badge or anything you hold
  - c) what it is your confidence that God's word is that you can trust in him it is the follow through of your faith will carry you to victory
- B. Second excuse in Vs 13 - 14: Moses acted as though he did not know how to identify who sent him and gave him authority to act
  1. God gave him the name I AM that I AM
  2. He is the absolute, the unchanging, eternal being
- C. Third excuse in 4:1 They won't believe me
  1. While similar to the second God reminds Moses of what he had in his hand, the staff, would carry him through
  2. God has given us the right tools to accomplish his work we have no fear of a lack of skill
- D. Fourth excuse Vs 4:10 Moses claimed to be limited in his vocabulary with a speech problem
  1. God reminded Moses who made his mouth and he will fill his mouth with the right words
- E. Fifth excuse in Vs 4:13-14 Moses had no more excuses he just admitted he did not want to own this mission
  1. While he tried to get out of it with four made up excuses this last shows his heart
  2. He was afraid to return to Egypt sure to face death
  3. He was afraid of the Jewish leaders because he was an outsider
  4. Finally he confessed his fear