

Answering the Call

From the Foundation of Forgiveness

Isaiah 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.

Who will Go?

- What you know about the Bible is really not that impressive to God.
- Rather, God is impressed when his children choose to walk in the light of what they know.
- Are you willing to live out what you know?

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.

John 15:8

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Matthew 23:3

All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, [that] observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.

Answering the Call

- Knowing the call and answering the call are two different things.
- Knowing the call will not raise up the next generation of disciples.

Palm 78:2-8

I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: 3 Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. 4 We will not hide [them] from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

Palm 78:2-8

5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: 6 That the generation to come might know [them, even] the children [which] should be born; [who] should arise and declare [them] to their children:

Palm 78:2-8

7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments: 8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation [that] set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.

To be a True Disciple

- To see generational transformation, evangelism must become an integral part of our lives.

In Remembrance of the Cross

- We remember being cleansed from our sins.
- From this vantage point, we see how our forgiveness can become the engine that propels us into the mission.
- Forgiveness becomes the foundation of our witness.

Genesis 50:15-21

And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him. 16 And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

Genesis 50:15-21

17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. 18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we [be] thy servants.

Genesis 50:15-21

19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for [am] I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; [but] God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as [it is] this day, to save much people alive. 21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

Forgiveness

- In Genesis 50 (First Mention) we see forgiveness being directly connected to:
 - An acknowledgment of trespass and sin.
 - An acknowledgment of evil done against an innocent one.
- Also, the hope of forgiveness was able to bring about salvation and a restored relationship with the savior.

“Am I in the Place of God?”

- Do I have the authority to take vengeance against wickedness?
- Secondly, do I have the power to forgive sin?

Luke 5:20-21

And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. 21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

Forgiveness and Judgment

- A forgiveness that can cancel out our sin and a judgment that can send a person to hell are powers that belong only to the Lord.
- Because of this, it is wise for us to fear the Lord.

Palm 130:4

But [there is] forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

Our Motivation

- It is not found in the knowledge or learning that lies ahead.
- But rather in the payment that has already been made on our behalf.

Acts 13:38

Be it known unto you therefore, men [and] brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

Acts 26:18

To open their eyes, [and] to turn [them] from darkness to light, and [from] the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Answering the Call

- It begins when we remember that Christ was made sin for us so that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
- From this place of overwhelming gratitude the cross is on full display in your life.

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- If we are to answer the call, it will require for us remembering the first time we called out to him for our salvation.
- As one who has been forgiven, we then do the only thing we know to do...
 - Give out a gospel of grace.

