

Back to Basics!

Part 6: "Sharing Your Good News!"

There is nothing more fundamental to the kingdom of God than us *being on* our mission! Nothing more the "norm" than God's people *being off* our mission! Sometimes there is nothing more relieving than being "off" our mission!

"Off" Mission... *Fears relieved!* Sheep in the pen. Wolves outside. No rejection/reviling! ***Frustrations relieved!*** Turn attention to things can accomplish w/ease! ***Distractions Galore:*** saturating the eyes, pampering the flesh, massaging in the oily pride of life! ***Strategized assaults:*** someone else's problem! ***Free to pursue "the cares of this life" wearing the glasses of "comparison" anesthetized by "reason."***

NO THANKS!

Let's take a look at extinguishing our fears and frustrations and overcoming our distractions... To live our mission to proclaim the good news to every living creature around us! So, what is it we have to say?

What it is... Eu/aggelion: good message! We are to eu/aggelizo: announce, declare, deliver the good message! The "Good News" that is the power to save all who believe! The "Good News" that God has sent His Son to save... to forgive... to heal... The "Good News" that delivers, builds, instructs, corrects, and lifts!

What we have... Eu/aggelion: good message! The experience of *being* saved from destruction/entering new life... The experiences of our minds/bodies *having been healed*... Our marriages and relationships *have been* and are *being restored*... That our way *has been established* and our steps *have been ordered*... That *we have been empowered*... That "wherever we are"/Good News!

What it sounds like... And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes and when He got out of the boat a man who had devils a long time and wore no clothes and lived among the tombs and was driven into the deserts, a man who had been bound with chains from time to time but who always broke them off, came running at Him and fell down at His feet and in a loud voice cried, "What do I have to do with You Jesus, Son of God? I beg you, do not torment me!" For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. And Jesus asked, "What is your name?" And he replied, "Legion" because many devils had entered into him. And after He commanded them to go, the man who was possessed was sitting at Jesus feet, clothed and in his right mind, and the people were afraid! And the man begged to join Jesus and His team, but Jesus said, "you have been away from your family and friends long enough, go show them what great things God has done for you and the compassion He has given you. *He told the story over and over again to his city and region (which included nine more towns) and when Jesus came to show them more of the kingdom of God, they were ready and waiting.*

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What it sounds like... Jesus came to a city of Samaria and sat down at Jacob's well about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water and Jesus engaged her in conversation with, "Will you give Me a drink." She said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, are asking me for a drink?" He answered, "If you had understanding of the gift of God and who it is who is asking for water, you would have asked Me for a drink and I would have given you living water." She replied, "You don't have anything to draw water with, so where would you get this living water?" Jesus said, "drinking this water you will thirst again but drink what I give and you will thirst no more because you will have a well of life springing up from inside you." She said, "Give me this water, so I don't thirst any more..." And Jesus said... "Go get your husband and come back." She said, "I have no husband." He said, "It's good you answered honestly, for you have had five husbands and the guy you're with now is not your husband..." She said, "I perceive you are a prophet... and when Christ is come He will tell us all things." He said, "I am He!" Then the woman left her water pot and went into the city and said, "*Come and see a man who told me all things that I ever did, is not this the Christ?*" And they went out from the city to see Him! And many of the Samaritans believed on Him because of what she testified to them. And after they listened to Him for two days

many more believed because of His words, saying, now we have heard Him ourselves and know that this is the Christ the Savior of the world! **J4.1-42**

She testified, “there is a man who told me all things that I ever did, is not this the Christ?” Conversation must have been much longer than we have record – OR... “Come and meet the man who talked me thru everything I ever did... and still accepted me... isn’t that the Christ?”

And many believed... And many more when they saw Him!

What it sounds like... The man born blind testified to his neighbors, “I am he that was healed...” and many believed! **J9.27** By reason of “I am alive!” Lazarus, many believed on Jesus! **J12.11** When they saw the lame man at the Temple Gate leaping and praising God they came wondering! **Acts 3.11** When he called the saints and widows to present Tabitha to them alive, many believed in the Lord! **A9.42**

In most every case where Jesus helped someone His fame grew by their voices!

When people share what Jesus has done for them, other people believe it can happen for them! So let’s begin proclaiming the “good news” about what Jesus has done for us!

How it comes together...

“So, you have been hurt in church? Have you ever seen this before?” (Double triangles of the kingdom)

“Everybody has been hurt in church or will be...” Church is filled with hurting people! “It’s not getting hurt that matters... ***“It’s not letting hurts accomplish the goal of keeping you out that matters!”***”

“So, you have been hurt in church? Have you ever seen this before?” (Marriage triangle)

“Did you say you’re having marriage trouble... struggles with the kids? Have you ever seen this before?”
“Maybe that can help you, like it did us, in figuring out what was happening!” “When we found out what the strife was doing to us and our kids... ***“we found a more constructive way to settle our differences!”***”

“You don’t know how to pray?”

“You don’t know what to do?”

“You’re sick? I have some good news!”

“Struggling w/fear, because of all the bad news? Good news/God news!”

Share the good news that whatever the need, there is an answer for it, and this you know, personally! And once you tell them how you know it, they’ll let you tell them Who you know!