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100 Days of Faith

21st Century Gospel

I. The Gospel Now

A. The Assignment

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV[®])

²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

B. The Method

Acts 1:22 (NIV[®]) (replacing Judas)

²² "beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For **one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.**"

Acts 2:31-32 (NIV[®]) (Peter's presentation at Pentecost)

³¹ Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and **we are all witnesses of the fact.**

Acts 3:15 (NIV[®]) (Peter & John before religious leaders)

¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. **We are witnesses of this.**

Acts 4:18-20 (NIV[®])

¹⁸ Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. ²⁰ For **we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.**"

C. Bias Toward Action

Revelation 12:11 (NIV[®])

¹¹ They (the Believers on earth) overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

II. Let's Pray

A. a listening prayer ---

- 1) we listen to someone else
- 2) respond with a sentence prayer
- 3) do not wait for affirmation/encouragement/answer
- 4) lowest stress to recipient
- 5) open's door to consider God
- 6) reveals your confidence in God

B. For example . . .

- ❖ Heavenly Father, we need your mercy. Amen.
- ❖ Heavenly Father, give us your wisdom. Amen.
- ❖ Almighty God, thank you for your great kindness to us, in Jesus' name, amen.

III. Let's Talk

A. Listen with compassion

- ❖ say to the Lord, "I am available"

B. Share your experience, "sparks of faith"

C. Extend an invitation (2 or 3 sentences)

Jesus be Lord of my life, forgive me of my sin, I forgive all who have sinned against me, I want to serve you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength, amen.

D. Be an encourager

E. "Let God . . ."

- ❖ people in proximity of Jesus & the Holy Spirit

IV. I Intend

1) I intend to read through my Bible this year.

Joshua 1:8 (NIV[®])

⁸ **Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth;** meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

2) I intend to pray daily.

Colossians 4:2 (NIV[®])

² **Devote yourselves to prayer,** being watchful and thankful.

3) I intend to honor God in my home.

Joshua 24:15 (NIV[®])

"But **as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.**"

4) I intend to work with integrity.

Colossians 3:23 (NIV[®])

²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, **as working for the Lord,** not for men.

5) I intend to teach my children to respect God and His people.

Deuteronomy 6:-7 (NIV[®])

⁷ **Impress them on your children.** Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

6) I intend to faithfully participate in church.

Hebrews 10:25 (NIV[®])

²⁵ **Let us not give up meeting together...**

7) I intend to cooperate with the Holy Spirit ---recognizing my body as the temple of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV[®])

¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit...

8) I intend to tithe.

Proverbs 3:9 (NIV[®])

⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;

9) I intend to grow ---in my faith and God's involvement in my life.

10) I intend to say "yes" to Godliness and "no" to ungodliness.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, allow me to be a light for Your Kingdom. Give me the boldness to speak, the courage to stand for The Truth and the wisdom to recognize the opportunities which You present. In our generation, once again awaken Your Church. I rejoice in the faithfulness of God. Your great lovingkindness surrounds my life and keeps me, in Jesus' name, amen.

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