

Crafty Evangelism

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Chapter 1

Offering the Sacrifice of the Gentiles

So often we think it is the evangelist's responsibility to make our churches grow. Rightly it is! But also of equal importance is his responsibility to impart the enthusiasm of evangelism to the people, rather than to become a "folk-hero" himself. If an evangelist comes to your town and 5,000 souls are saved, that's good. But how many of this number would remain in the church when the evangelist left town? The church must produce and align itself with Christ's vision, being joined and knitted together to establish an effective work, for there are no "lone rangers" in the Body of Christ. You see, the Body has to make increase itself.

You have a responsibility in God. Every believer has a ministry and it is called the "ministry of reconciliation." You might be saying, "God, what is my purpose? Where do I fit into your plans and purposes for your kingdom? How do I become all that you want me to be? How can I be useful in your kingdom?" You don't even have to ask because the answer has already been spoken to you. The "commission" has already been given to you personally. You don't even have to pray about it. You just have to do it!

The Necessity of an Altar

First Peter, Chapter 2, states that we are not just born-again to sit in church pews, but we are gathered together as the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Locally, we do gather around a church building which is our altar. Israel was Israel, but it was the priests' responsibility to build an altar. This could have been an acre of earth, or whatever, that was dedicated unto the Lord to offer up the various sacrifices to God. This altar could not be defiled.

Therefore, the church building is not what a lot of people think it should be. I have noticed as I've preached around the world in many churches, that an emphasis is placed on the standard church building becoming a multipurpose structure. Every other day of the week the building is a gymnasium, a day-care center, or a classroom. On Sundays the building is reverted back to being a church. This is absolutely not right. We must understand that because of the many heartfelt prayers, genuine tears shed, dedicated children, and sanctified marriages, the church building is our altar. It becomes holy ground. It really does!

The Lord spoke to me while I was in Australia two years ago. He said, "If you will build an altar for me, that is an undefiled altar, I will answer by fire upon that altar as I did for Elijah." It was then that I began to see the seriousness of the importance of the church building and realized it is a reflection of our respect for God. The church building is an altar that is not to have a defiled, lame, or blind offering, but a pure offering. When the Lord sees the integrity of our hearts toward

him by the way we treat and respect the altar, something happens in the spiritual realm. When Israel defiled the altar, the glory of God departed from Israel. Thus, we cannot afford to have a defiled altar.

A Nation of Priests

In I Peter 2:5, the Word says, "(Come) and, like living stones, be yourselves built (into) a spiritual house, for a holy (dedicated, consecrated) priesthood, to offer up (those) spiritual sacrifices (that are) acceptable and pleasing to God through Jesus Christ." (Amplified)

We see that the New Testament believer is not just born-again to be non-productive. We are a nation of priests. We are a holy, consecrated priesthood. This is not just referring to the fivefold ministry as some people would believe. It is the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and every believer is included!

The fivefold ministry is the maturing (or governing) hand used to bring the saints (or priests) of God into their responsibility within the Church. The Lord Jesus has given some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry. So the "commission" of the fivefold ministry is to shape and develop the giftings on believers' lives so they themselves can bring sacrifices that are acceptable unto God because of what Jesus Christ did on the Cross of Calvary.

The sacrifices of New Testament believers are not the same as those of the Levitical priesthood, but they are the sacrifices of the priesthood of Melchizedec, which is the priesthood of imputed righteousness.

Now the Levitical priesthood operated under the Law and it ceased at the Cross of Calvary. This is why this year is called 1995, and we understand that nearly two thousand years ago an old priesthood dropped away which serviced an Old Covenant and a new priesthood was birthed to service a New Covenant; a covenant that was founded upon better promises. We cannot return to the Levitical priesthood to offer up the types of sacrifices that were acceptable under the Mosaic Law. The sacrifices that were offered up under that priesthood were bullocks, goats, lambs, doves, grain, and so on and so on.

Every priesthood has a responsibility to service the covenant that they are under. Although we no longer present the same offerings as the Levitical priesthood, we do have sacrifices we offer to God which are acceptable to him through Jesus Christ.

In Hebrews, Chapter 13, we find that there is the sacrifice of praise, the sacrifice of communication, and the sacrifice of obedience. The book of Philippians, Chapter four, clearly

defines the sacrifice of giving finances, which also is an acceptable offering unto God made worthy by Jesus Christ. In addition, Romans 12 states that we are to present ourselves as living sacrifices.

So New Testament believers have the responsibility to offer up sacrifices that are acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. We are not a dormant Church, but a living Church required to bring sacrifices. We are not just "drones" going through life, being tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine, groping in the dark without clear direction. There is plenty of direction within the Word of God to follow if we are willing to apply it. But first, we must be found faithful in the offering up of the sacrifices that are acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. When we are found faithful in these areas, we will then move on spiritually to the deeper things of God.

Offering Up the Gentiles

Before the resurrection of Christ, the Gentiles had no part in the kingdom of God, but became acceptable to God because of Jesus Christ and his shed blood. At that moment the door was opened and the dividing wall was broken down. The two, the Jew and the Gentile, could now come as one into the throne room of God through the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

In Romans 15:15-16, the apostle Paul writes, "Still on some points I have written to you the more boldly and unreservedly by way of reminder. (I have done so) because of the grace (the unmerited favor) bestowed on me by God. In making me a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles. I act in the priestly service of the Gospel (the good news) of God, in order that the sacrificial offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable (to God), consecrated and made holy by the Holy Spirit." (Amplified)

Here, the apostle Paul made an absolute statement. This statement he made demonstrates that he functioned in the priestly operation to present to God the Gentile as a sacrifice that is acceptable to him. So it is the responsibility of all New Testament believers, not God's, to be witnesses unto the salvation of the lost. God is not going to bring about revival "one day." You will bring about revival with God's Spirit working through you.

We know the heart of God: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever would believe in him might have everlasting life." He said, "That none should perish, but that all should come to the knowledge of salvation. "So the heart of God is for every person to be saved from damnation. If he could do this by the waving his hand or by his spoken word, no doubt we would have revival going to and fro all over the face of the earth continuously.

Spiritual laws govern God. He gave his Church the responsibility to become the witnesses unto salvation. He said that he would empower us, that he would strengthen us, and that he would be

our resource. He will be whatever we need him to be to set the people free, just as he was to Moses. He said to Moses, "You go and tell them that I AM sent you. I AM anything you need, Moses, to set my people free as long as you remain focused to your commission. Don't be vindictive because of what the Egyptians have done to my people, but remain focused on the fact that I have sent you to set my people free. Place the demand on me for whatever you need to fulfill your commission and I will be there. I am your rear-guard. I will work through you to watch over my purpose to perform it."

The Lord Jesus has also given you this same task. He says to each and everyone of us, "Look and see! There is a world out there going to hell. I have commissioned you to show them the way to me. Remain focused to my purpose. Evangelize the world. Plunder hell to populate heaven. Bring the lost out of the darkness into y glorious light. I have placed a message inside of you. Your commission is to win the world to me. Do not allow one soul to go to hell that is within your power to save. Stand and speak. I will be your resource person. I will be whatever you need me to be. I will do whatever you want me to do. I will show up in the way that you want me. I will be your rear-guard."

Don't Lose the Focus

When a church is birthed in a locality, the focus is often on hitting that locality with the Gospel so that the church grows numerically to be accepted in the community. In a matter of time, the focus is changed to praise and worship, or spiritual warfare, or one of the other aspects of Christianity. The focus for souls is soon lost. Sure, we still talk souls, but we don't do anything about it. We don't go out witnessing. We don't spend time doing what Jesus Christ has commissioned and anointed us to do. Eventually, we begin to mill and yearn for the road back, but the road back is very simple: salvation. Our whole purpose, what we live and breathe and have our being for, is the evangelization of the world; to motivate God's people to his heart, to see souls plucked out of hell and literally put into heaven. This must be the focus of every born-again believer!

We need to understand the purpose of the Church and return to the original vision, rather than becoming ingrown and devouring one another with opinions and speculations. Our whole being and heart throb is to reach out, to smash through the kingdom of darkness, to plunder hell and populate heaven. Our whole existence, to live and move and have our being, is to breathe salvation; to see the unbeliever gloriously touched by God; to see the anointing come down and regenerate a human spirit and present that spirit to God. The thrill and ecstasy that this motivation creates within a church and in an individual's life is glorious. We need to understand his vision for mankind; to dream and live his purpose.

Whenever I go to a city to preach, I look at that city and think to myself, "Man, I'll just belt it this way and belt it that way. It's going to break. I'm going to keep hitting this city until it breaks."

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Sooner or later it will break open spiritually. You just have to keep the pressure on. Keep it under siege with the goodness of God; preaching the love, forgiveness, and acceptance that is available to all because of Jesus Christ. He didn't send us to tell the lost the "Bad News," he sent us to tell them the "Good News." This is the message we have. This is our responsibility.

It was prophesied by the prophet Isaiah, in Chapter 66, about the evangelization of this world. Verses 19-20 say, "And I will set up a (miraculous) sign among them, and from them I will send survivors of the nations . . . to the isles and coastlands afar off that have not heard of my fame nor seen my glory. And they will declare and proclaim my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as an offering to the Lord--upon horses and in chariots and in litters and upon mules and upon camels--to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the children of Israel bring their cereal offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord."

In these verses of scripture, he is not talking about Israel. He is talking about all the nations of the earth. He is talking about the isles and the furthest places on the earth. He told us to "go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

He is speaking to you and me. He has given us a job; a commission. He asks of you and me, "Will you go and bring the heathen as an acceptable sacrifice to me? Will you go and tell them all is forgiven; the dividing wall is broken down? I will be to them a God. I will be to them a resource person. I will bring them up out of the miry clay and set their feet upon the rock. I will make them a success. I will develop their families. I will reach into their lives and be the Dad to them they never experienced. My heart yearns for them. Tell them I won't put heavy burdens on them. Tell them that while they were still sinners, I sent my Son to die for them; not when they were righteous."

Chapter 2

Creating the Atmosphere for Growth

For four hundred years, there was silence from God. The world had never been in such degradation, distancing itself from him, getting into various cults and religious speculations of Judaism. As prophesied, Jesus turned up on the scene. Four hundred years of silence and "Bang!" here he was, the Son of God, born of a virgin. He came, my friends, for you and me.

Jesus never put one burden on me when I was saved. He never said to me, "Wayne, first fix these five areas of your life, then come back to me and I will accept you." No, He said, "I accept you just as you are. I love you just as you are. I, by my Spirit, will change you step-by-step. Do not be condemned. My blood covers you. Come, walk with me. Don't concern yourself about those areas that are still in your life. I'll get to them in time. It doesn't bother me because my blood is now atoning for you. Keep your heart open to change and I will work with you to bring about change. I will hold you up with my right hand. I will not let you go. I am long-suffering, I am patient. I am kind. I am everything that you need me to be. I will keep a pressure on you to change, but don't think that correction is rejection. I am working with you. I am not rejecting you. I will lift you up. I will develop you to bring you into all that you can possibly be in me." This is the message that needs to be preached.

I Like Pain. Sign Me Up!

People should leave the church enthused after a service; instead, many leave depressed, feeling all beat up. When asked if they'll be back for the night service, suddenly they have all kinds of excuses to stay home. If you leave church feeling depressed, you don't want to go back again so quickly. You think to yourself, "If I know what's good for me, I'll stay away."

On the other hand, there are those who after a church service, instead of a baked dinner for supper, they have baked pastor, baked musician, or baked song-leader for dinner. Then they wonder why their children can't trust the church. As a family they sit around the dinner table and go up one side and down the other side of the leaders in the church. It's just plain stupid. Or a church member talking to the neighbor next door says, "I'm not sure about my pastor. Have you seen the car he drives? I tell you, I have my suspicions concerning him. Something's wrong with the head deacon, too. I'm sure he has problems with the ladies. By the way, we're having a visiting evangelist next week. Would you like to come along to church?"

The unsaved soon get the impression, "Come to Jesus! Right! He'll knock me down; he'll make me sick; and blow up my marriage. Yes, I'll enjoy every moment while he's doing this. Quickly, where do I sign up?" What fool would want to get involved?

Then there's heard, "You know that young millionaire who lived up on the hill? Well, he got saved. God sure taught him a lesson or two. Took all his money. He now lives down in the valley. Praise God! God knocked him down a peg or two. I saw him the other day, he sure is a humble man now! By the way, would you like to come along to our church?"

Yeah, where do I sign up? I like pain.

The unsaved are not beating down church doors to get in. Psychiatrists' offices all over this country are filled. The New Age movement is growing. Yet, the Church has the answer to all the problems of mankind, but the world has seen what we do to each other. We have beat one another up real bad and it has all been "in the love of Jesus, brother. The Word says, "faithful are the wounds of a friend." I'm your friend, brother. I feel that I should warn you about a few areas I have noticed you have in your life. If I don't tell you, who will?"

What a terrible perversion of scripture! Jesus demonstrated the meaning of a true friend. He took our wounds upon himself, so that we wouldn't have to bear them. A true friend will stand in the way to stop you from being wounded; certainly not wound you in the name of friendship!

The wounds of a friend mentioned in Proverbs 27:6 were those of the friend who went to the Cross for you and me. He didn't lay the burden of sin upon us, but instead he went to the Cross for us. He bore our wounds in his own body. The greatest love that a man can have for his friend is to lay down his life for him. Isn't this true love?

This precious scripture has been twisted for too long, all in the name of friendship. It has been used as an excuse to belt up one another. Then we wonder why we are having revival by subtraction. People are no longer enthusiastic about coming to church. Who'll volunteer for a bashing this week? If you like pain, step right up through these doors.

The Life of Christ Within

What is enthusiasm? It is the life of God in us! People should be so enthused by the life of God within. They should have such clarity that the sky is the limit. They have the surety the sky is the limit. They come out of themselves and become what they were destined to be. But we prevent them. If you get wealthy, you're compromising. How dare you drive a nice car? That's not a good witness, brother. Give me a break! If someone finds success, we think, "Oh my God. Money! It's the root of all evil!" No, my friend, the *love* of money is the root of all evil. You can

be flat-broke and still have the love of money. I have found that those who are always talking about their lack of cash are usually those who have the love of money. They're just tightwads and make their excuses so they don't have to experience the pain they themselves suffer by giving to God.

I say to people when I take up an offering, "Look, if this teaching is upsetting you, keep your lousy buck or two. The budget of this ministry is a couple of million dollars a year. You will not sink me. I'd rather that you sit there and listen, than to sit there arguing with me in your head." They give their few bucks and think they've bought the ministry. "Brother, we have this offering for your ministry, but I just have to let you know how sacrificial it's been." Why, thank you for the love offering, but clearly there is more love than offering! The Bible says, "Don't muzzle the ox that treads out the wheat," as well as, "A laborer is worthy of double honor." But God help someone who is breaking through in God. It becomes the job of many Christians to keep them poor and struggling. Keep them in that "little box" to keep them spiritual. It's a shame. Then we wonder why we personally cannot break through into certain areas.

Choosing the Right Bait

A number of years back, I took on the pastorate of a church in Hyde Park, New York. The congregation had just experienced a major split and was left with a small group of people who were tightwads. All of them were struggling. The few who had some money behind them tried to dominate the others because "we're successful." If someone else had become successful, they wouldn't have had a platform. "How dare those people think they can become what I am?" So the message was never preached to cause others to be elevated to higher dimensions. People like this like to misuse and misrepresent their position by controlling and manipulating others. They don't realize that their status in life revolves solely around their money. They are usually very opinionated and sincerely do not want to see others break through and become successful, too.

The church in Hyde Park was left with thirty people when I took on the pastorate. Fifteen of those left within the first three weeks. They wanted me to be humble. I slept on the office floor. "Isn't he a good pastor? He's humble, sleeping on the office floor." Yeah! Not for long! But they had the weekly debt of seven thousand dollars to pay with only thirty people in the church. So when the first offering came in, we sowed it. It was about fifteen hundred dollars, five and a half thousand dollars short of budget. So I said, "Listen, I'm going fishing. But I'm going to put the nets on the other side of the boat. You've been catching nothing on this side. The boat is great, but you have had your nets on the wrong side." So I told them, "There has to be change."

The few members remaining began to manifest. They soon began to say, "All you want in this church is wealthy people." "Listen," I said, "I want everybody God wants to be in this church, but I just don't want a bunch of "drones" either who just encourage one another into poverty and then

expect me as their pastor to find the way of escape. You have to rearrange your thinking. A marlin cannot be caught with a worm. This church has been catching small fish for too long. Let's change the bait on the hook to go after the bigger fish. If this church wants to meet the debt and fulfill God's purpose for this community, we have to catch some decent game fish. I know how to fish, let me teach you. But, first we have to change the bait."

My first wife drove a little car which she liked. Her attitude was, "I just want to be me. Leave me alone." There was no way I could get her to upgrade her vehicle. Without telling her I went and bought a Mercedes Benz and pulled into our driveway with it. She asked, "What's that?" I replied, "It's yours to drive." Well, I could not believe her response, "I'm not driving that! Who do you think I am? I'm not putting on a show." I could not get her to drive the Mercedes Benz. She just wanted her humble little car. I literally had to immobilize her car so she had no other choice but to drive the Mercedes Benz.

It is difficult for people to change. They fear, what will people think of me? Well, they already think you're a goose. You may say, "I'm not going to make a fool of myself by laughing." Do you speak in tongues? You've already made a fool of yourself. Why not go all the way?

I'm so glad I only have to visit some peoples' heads for about five minutes a day. They have to live there. I see what it does to me in five minutes. They live inside of their heads for the whole 1,440 minutes of the day. Give me a break! Then, they wonder why people avoid them. They just don't want to visit them in their heads.

As the pastor of this local church in New York, I had to change my lifestyle, the way I presented myself, and the way I communicated with people. It was only a matter of time before the bigger game fish began to swim in to take the bait. The church soon had professors, doctors, teachers, and business people. People from all walks of life. The tithes and offerings increased from fifteen hundred dollars a week to ten thousand dollars a week. The church budget was met and the missions giving increased dramatically. The right bait was set on the hook! The strongest opposition I have had is with Christians who have the mentality that because they themselves have never done anything for God, they just have to bind up everybody else. These people would come to me and say, "Listen, Wayne, you are going about this the wrong way." I would say, "Well, how do you want me to do it? Your way, so I can be just like you? Go to heaven bankrupt? No souls? No great feats? Just getting through life, rocking nobody's boat? So you're in the deception that everyone thinks you are just a good person; but you don't hear what is said behind your back. You want me to be just like you, a failure?"

Their response would be, "I'm not a failure, brother." Well, in God's sight you are. How many people have you led to the Lord? If the kingdom of God was to function on your principles, how many people would you have in your church? Five people, and probably just your family

members. It's just, "bless me, my wife, my dog, and my cat. As long as we're blessed, the whole world can go to hell." This mentality has to be shed.

Do you know why most successful people don't want to join a church? Because their fellowship is with people who just want to be poor, but who live by the power of suggestion. "Oh, yes, brother, we are believing God for a new washing machine." If a successful person joins the church, those who have the poverty mentality gravitate to the more successful ones to get what they can out of them. Finally, those who are experiencing success say to themselves, "Get me out of here before I go bankrupt!" They soon stop coming to church because there is no atmosphere of prosperity.

A church preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ should be producing prosperity in the lives of the people; that others can see and so desire to be a part of that church knowing that prosperity is also available for them; that their lives can change as well. This is what will draw people to our churches. This is tremendous bait.

Fred Price proved this principle of prosperity. He was called by God to go into a ghetto area in Los Angeles. Price's church today has more self-made millionaires than any other church in this nation. He taught people who had a poverty mentality that Jesus Christ would lift them out of the ghettos, give them their own homes and decent jobs. These people became the greatest witnesses because they were actually living the life, shining in the light of the Gospel. Fred Price's church has grown to 8,000 people today. This is the Gospel in action.

People will desire to join a successful church. Let's be real. Who would want to join themselves to a church where they just get beat up every Sunday? The Church has become "wife bashers" in the realm of the Spirit. The trouble is the bride of Christ is being beat up and one day he'll backhand those who are abusing his bride. We know not what we do!

Is God Insecure?

It is often heard said, "Brother, you have to become nobody so that God can become God." If this is the case, then God must be very insecure. He cannot take his people becoming successful. He has to make us all nobodies so he can feel secure as God. Have you ever thought about this statement? If God's people have to become nobodies so that He can be God, then that would make him God over nobody. The theology really does stink!

As revealed in scripture, David had the heart of God. He took the oppressed, the down and outs, the broken and wounded into a cave and taught them the principles of God making his men the most powerful fighting army Israel ever had. The Bible reveals to us that "one of them would put a thousand to flight and two of them would put ten thousand to flight." David was not

intimidated by the success that he cultivated in his men. I'm sure that some of his men were probably greater fighters than he.

Developing an Atmosphere of Generosity

When you begin living the Gospel; experiencing prosperity in your family, in your health, in your finances, in the clarity of your mind, then others will want to experience what you have found. You can be sure you will be asked, "How do I get this Jesus? How do I become a Christian? I want to have this life that you have found!"

When most churches are birthed, money isn't an issue. They have the vision for souls! So the church grows; but as soon as the church grows numerically and the tithes and offerings increase, they become money orientated. The major concern becomes, "Where's the money going? What's this? Who did this? Who's done that?" The blessings are blocked.

When money wasn't an issue, there was never a problem. A problem isn't a problem until we make it a problem. Besides, it's not your money, you gave it to God. It belongs to him. If one of God's accountants is mishandling his money, you can be sure he will deal with that person. You don't have to. If you don't believe it, ask Jim Baker.

When we give to God it's like standing on top of the Golden Gate Bridge, throwing your money over and seeing it hit the water and float away. Now what fool would jump off the bridge to go after it? Let it go! The Bible says the seed has to die before it brings forth much fruit. Well, your seed cannot die while you're digging it up everyday to see if it's growing. Then you wonder why your seed isn't producing. Give it a chance! You've got to give your seed to the earth to produce. If you take it out of the soil, it is not going to yield.

Develop an atmosphere of growth and generosity in your church. Develop an atmosphere where people can come to be motivated to achieve their inner dreams. People will want to come to your church because they know they and their family will reach their maximum.

Each and every person desires to prosper. We all have dreams that we haven't even begun to explore because these dreams are suppressed by the atmosphere in which we live. Like a seed in the ground, growth is present within every person. You do not need anything more from God to grow. You just have to change your mental atmosphere. Your mind is where the strongholds are. They are not in the heavenlies, but in your mind, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds . . . Taking captive every thought, every imagination that raises itself up against the knowledge of God."

Change the Atmosphere

A goldfish has the potential to grow up to fourteen inches long, but placed in a small bowl, the fish only grows an inch or so. The potential is present within the fish, but the atmosphere has limited its growth.

This is exactly what we do to each other in business, in churches, and in families. I have met many people whose potential is to become great, but their mate's fears have prevented them from fulfilling their potential. The growth of the whole family becomes limited. Sadly, we lock one another in by our fears, rather than spurring one another on; so much more as we see the day of the Lord approaching. Our attitude should be, "Go for it! You can make it. Hey, we can do this. Come on, let's jump in together. Let's provoke one another on to a higher dimension, to a higher calling, to a higher empowering."

This is the atmosphere that the Church is meant to grow in. This is the atmosphere that caused the Church to evangelize all of Asia Minor within two years. They developed the right atmosphere by provoking one another onto the ultimate. Their attitude was, "Come on guys, we can get this Gospel message out to the world! Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. There's not a devil that can stand against the risen Christ. Come on let's get out there to tell the people the Good News. Don't worry about their threatenings. We'll overcome them. We'll win this city." This is the attitude the Church today must have to develop the right atmosphere.

Take a rubber tree plant. It makes a great indoor plant, but planted outside in the yard, it has the potential to rip the foundations out of a house. We limit the growth of the rubber tree plant by the pot we place it in. If we plant it in a larger pot, the plant grows larger because it now has more room to grow. We have changed the atmosphere.

The growth of a plant can be likened to a church, or a business, or a family. When you pot a plant it either grows healthy, becomes stunted in growth, or dies. If it dies, then the soil wasn't the right soil. If the tree stays green, but does not grow, then the pot is the problem.

If your growth and potential are stunted, then you need to look in the mirror and say, "I need to change my understanding. I need to enlarge the borders of my mind. I can't govern my life, this church, this business, or this family by my opinions any longer. I need to break through into change."

You can change the atmosphere (the attitude of your mind) that you have lived in for too long. Begin by spurring one another on, instead of holding each other back by your fears. You might say, "Well, six years ago I told a person about the goodness of God and his love for humanity, but

all I got was abuse." Then go with someone who has experienced success in witnessing to people. Someone from whom you can glean. You may say, "I'm shy. I could never talk to a stranger." Then find a shy person to witness to. There is no excuse.

In Partnership with God

When a church gets the revelation to enter into partnership with God in evangelization and stays focused on this revelation, the devil will not know what has hit him. He will have his work cut out for him! The father of nightmares will be having nightmares himself. He will go into the "DT's" when that church's name is mentioned.

This ministry has three tractor-trailers to transport a very large tent we use for evangelism. The name of one of the trucks is, "The Devil's Nightmare." Whenever that truck fires up, I'm sure the devil says, "Oh, no, here they come again." I refuse to run from him. I'm after him. He's just a "dingaling." He has the Church of Jesus Christ fearful and confused.

If you talk to twenty Christians in the space of an hour, each and every one of them will tell you that the devil has just been to their place that day. He is not omnipresent! He has a limited presence. He can only be at one place at one particular time. He has the body of Christ convinced that he is equal to God. In many cases he has the body believing he is greater than God because we think he has God locked up in heaven and we have to break him out in prayer. Give me a break! Talk about a master of deception. He has to con you because you have something great inside of you. You have a message to bring freedom to the nations; a message for the whole world.

Even the communist movement is not afraid of its people owning rifles. Do you want to know what they are really afraid of? They are afraid of the Gospel message! The Gospel message has overthrown more governments and turned more countries around than any war. The body of Christ has the greatest weapon of all. We have the anointing of the Holy One with the message of deliverance; the message of the Cross. Whenever you win a soul to Jesus Christ, you give the devil a black eye.

Take Responsibility

As a believer you have a purpose, and that is to offer up the heathen as a sacrifice acceptable to God by Jesus Christ, by bringing into the house of God undefiled offerings. How long has it been since you've brought an offering of the heathen into his house? It's easy to do. You may say, "Revival is coming one day soon." Jesus said in John 4, "Say ye not there are four more months and then cometh harvest." Why do we go against what Jesus himself said? So that to ourselves

we are guiltless, we have created a theology that takes the responsibility off of us for not doing the job that He's called us to do.

I used to be an employer. Often I had to call people into my office for not being productive. They always had a good excuse. It was never their fault but some other person's. They were the ones who were paid to do the job; the ones with the responsibility. The buck stops with us. Let's stop blaming God for the over population of hell. The Church has neglected its responsibility, in rebellion to the purpose and will of God.

If you want to enter in and be all that God wants you to be, now is the time to make the decision, "God I'm going to be useful within your kingdom and from this day forward to be focused on your will and purpose for my life."

You have to give God a reason to bless you. If I was your employee, would you promote me if I did not do what I was hired to do? On the other hand, if your company was prospering because I did my job well, I'd certainly give you a reason to promote me. I would be an asset to your company. Wouldn't you say, "This person is essential to my company? I'll give him a regular bonus and fringe benefits."

The moment you begin winning souls, you are beneficial to the kingdom of God. The Lord sees that you are plundering hell and populating heaven. He will release every angel to your charge. He will watch over you.

The greatest thing that we can give away is what he gave to us for nothing. Freely you've received, so freely give it away: the Gospel of Lord Jesus Christ. When you place a demand on him in the realm of salvation, he'll watch over you because he knows that his kingdom would be made weaker if you were to leave this earth prematurely. By being a soul winner, you have placed a demand on God for his blessing. You have placed a demand on God for Him to watch over you.

Chapter 3

How to Bait the Hook

Did you know that most Christians' doctrine have separated them from the world? A person who has been a Christian for two years probably doesn't even know anybody who is unsaved.

Did you also know this same doctrine separated the Pharisees? The word, "Pharisee" means "separated one." The doctrine of the Pharisees separated them from the world to which they were meant to minister. So much so that they didn't even recognize Jesus as the son of God when he was in their midst. The Church today is also separated to the point that often we can't recognize the moving of Holy Spirit. The Church has become pharisaical; like the Pharisees and Saducees, the wouldn't sees and couldn't sees.

Our doctrine is not a doctrine that motivates the believer to compassion for the lost and the broken, but we try to perfect the righteousness that Jesus has already given to us. We spend ninety percent of our time trying to gain God's acceptance, which we already have, and the remaining ten percent doing the work. If we spent ninety percent of our time doing the work, we'd discover that most of the other things would drop away because we would have purpose and are not be stagnant. Our spiritual growth and maturity would be staggering.

Fishing for the Soul

I love to go fishing for fish and I love to go fishing for souls. I get the same excitement about going fishing in the Spirit as I do when I fish in the natural. It's great, if you know how to "bait" your hook.

An evangelist I trained, Chris Harvey, and I would go fishing for souls in Sydney, Australia. One time, I entered a bus like a storm trooper with my sleeves rolled up to show my tattoos. I saw a lady seated on the crowded bus and demanded, "Get up and give me your seat."

She very nervously replied, "What?"

I responded, "I said give me your seat, or I'll rip off your head." The people on the bus were terrified.

At the next bus-stop, Chris got on the bus, saw me seated and yelled to me, "Hey! You with the tattoos!"

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I looked up and said to him, "You speaking to me, idiot?" He replied, "Yeah, I'm speaking to you." I yelled, "Well, shut up or I'll break your jaw."

Chris said, "Don't tell me you'll break my jaw. I know people like you. Inside you really have a soft heart. You really want Jesus Christ as your Savior, that's . . ."

"Don't you mention Jesus to me! I tell you, I'll just tear your head off!"

Now the people on the bus were extremely terrified. Chris kept on hammering me about Jesus. I in turn dogmatically refused to listen to him. A few bus stops later and Chris led me to the Lord on my knees in the bus. Now, don't you tell me that this encounter would not be the topic of conversation at the dinner table that night. Those people are never going to forget that sinner's prayer in a hurry.

I never wanted to be like the regular preacher. If you look like a preacher, this is not good bait . . . If an undertaker comes to your door dressed like an undertaker, immediately you would not want to be in his presence. The last person a sinner wants to be around is a preacher. This is not using good fishing tactics at all. That's like sticking a sign in the water in fish language, "I am about to catch you. Please stay away from the hook." Then we would think, "Well, we were ethical, we told the fish we were trying to catch them."

The apostle Paul said, "Crafty fellow that I am, for I won you through craftiness." When Jesus said to Peter, "I'm going to make you a fisher of men," he knew Peter was an experienced fisherman; a wily old fisherman who knew how to bait the hook so that the fish were unaware a hook was in the water. This is why he told Peter he would make him a fisher of men.

In Australia I used to drive a black Jaguar. It was truly a wild looking machine. Chris Harvey and I would travel the highways in that machine from city to city to preach, looking like Miami Vice. We would deliberately look out for hitchhikers which are still commonly seen in Australia, and we'd pull up to give them a ride. In conversation with the hitchhiker, I'd say, "You know you are so stupid. A couple of criminals or madmen could have picked you up to kill you." Chris would say, "Yeah, I bet there's a lot of dead people buried along these roads." I'd look at Chris and demand, "Reach in the glove compartment and get the weapon and kill him now!" On opening the glove compartment, Chris would pull out the Bible and say, "Today your flesh can die and your spirit can come to life. Would you like to be born again?" "Yes! Anything!" was always their response.

The Bible does say, "...and you'd save some by fear." Man, every hitchhiker we picked up made a commitment to the Lord and they were solid when they made it. They knew exactly what they were doing.

Winning people to Jesus is the most fulfilling experience. I love it! Look for crafty ways to get the Gospel to the unsaved. Rather than just saying, "Exc-c-cuse me, d-d-ddo you know Jesus?" Take command of the situation. A friend of mine would put his Bible in a bag and go to a crowded park. He would lay the bag on the ground and begin jumping around it yelling, "It's alive! It's alive!" People would gather around and soon he would draw a large crowd. When he had enough people gathered, he would rip the Bible out of the bag and say, "The Word of God is alive and active, powerful, and sharper than a two-edged sword!" Now, a lot of Christians have used this example. It's a great way to draw a crowd.

Or, just stand in a main downtown street where there are a lot of people. With a few friends begin to look up to the sky and yell out, "Can you see him? Where is he? Can you see him yet?" People will begin to look up to see what you are looking all at. When enough people are looking to the sky, say to them, "Keep watching people. He is coming back soon. Jesus, you know." An excellent way to plant a few seeds. It only takes about ten or fifteen minutes. What could be better to do with your lunch break?

World Evangelization is Obtainable

If a church of five hundred people were taught to win one soul for the kingdom every three months, could you imagine the increase that church would experience? I said, "Win a soul, not just witness to that person." Let me explain how to believe for and win a soul for the kingdom. In the spiritual realm, get a person's name, and faithfully begin to break the powers of hell and to tear down the strongholds in the realm of the Spirit, at the same time in the natural realm making a deliberate effort to become that person's friend.

Every three months or so, people seem to go through a crisis time, some times more intense than others. At these crisis times, people are more open to instruction than at any other time. Be crafty, wait until the crisis time before you make an entry. You have to wait for a door of utterance. In the meantime, while you are waiting for that door of utterance, build a platform of friendship so that you have the liberty to speak into that person's life.

During this three month period, in your prayer time claim that person for the Lord, become his friend, and wait for that door of utterance to open. Then present the Gospel to your new-found friend. You will win a soul every three months. I am convinced Christians have to be taught to "fish" for souls with crafty intent.

In only a short three month period, there would be one thousand people in that church. In six months, two thousand. At the rate of multiplication, in one year a staggering eight thousand people. In two years, one hundred twenty-eight thousand and in three years, a million people! Come on, this is just each believer winning one soul every three months, faithfully doing their job;

claiming that person in prayer, becoming that person's friend, investing time into that person's life by listening and praying for that person; not pushing the Gospel down their throat, but allowing them to see the Christ in you. Then when they are going through that crisis point and need a friend, they will turn to you if you have been a good friend. At this point you can present to them Jesus.

I thoroughly believe, that this is the way that we'll take our cities. You see, you are the evangelist. You are the one whom God has placed in your locality. He hasn't entrusted me with your city. He has entrusted you with it.

Build Bridges into the World

How do you begin to win one soul at a time? You simply begin by building bridges into the world. Let me give an illustration from my own personal experiences. I drove a vehicle which had two gas tanks. At each gas station I would purposely only buy five dollars of gasoline so that I would get to know a few gas attendants around town.

While filling the tank, I would get to know each attendant, making a deliberate effort at being more friendly each time, as well giving a tip. Now they would be sure to remember me next time I came. Then I'd go and get five dollars in my tank at another gas station. I'd do this four times to get to know four gas attendants. I would write their names in my Bible and begin to pray for them individually.

When I would return for gas, I would make the effort to be friendly. If the attendant wasn't present, I'd inquire as to his whereabouts. If he was out back working, I'd go out back to talk with him, showing interest in what he was doing. When I had established a friendship, I would invite the gas attendant to lunch. The Bible says that if you want to have friends, you first have to show yourself to be friendly. Start making friends, be friendly. Everyone wants a friend.

You can be sure that the gas attendant will go through a "crisis time" when he needs a friend. When you build a friendship, he is not going to be concerned whether you are a Christian, because your friendship will absorb this fact. He has seen that you haven't two heads and you haven't wanted to dominate them with the Gospel. This is the job of reconciliation. Build bridges without preaching and being condemnatory in the name of Christianity. Jesus took the time to make friends. Take the time to do the work of a Christian.

This is how to build bridges into the lives of the unsaved. I have built many churches using this principle teaching the people how to become "soul winners."

Develop Your Expertise

You may ask, "What can I do that people may be interested in?" Do you know how many young women have never learned to cook, but would like to learn? All you have to do is go to an Elks Club or some other facility and ask whether you could conduct a cooking class for young ladies, free of charge. Ask them to donate the use of their facilities. Then place community advertising, which doesn't cost anything, to invite young people to attend. Ask a few young ladies from your church to attend so that you are not alone in your "crafty evangelism." When the young people come, just be friendly. As time goes on and they are feeling more comfortable, invite the whole class out to dinner one evening. Do things together. Eventually, you will have the liberty to invite them along to church.

You may be a mechanic. I am sure you know how many unmarried mothers and young people there are who would love to learn the basics about fixing their own vehicles. You could host a free seminar in your area by placing an ad in a community paper, "Free Do-it-Yourself Vehicle Maintenance Course." Ask a few young men from your church who are mechanically inclined to mix with those who attend. Start to make friends. Invite them out to other events that are happening in your community, then you will be free to eventually ask them to church.

If you are an accountant, you could do likewise. Advertise a free seminar to help people fill out their tax returns. There are so many options available if we become evangelistically inclined. Don't tell me we cannot take a city if we have a plan. The Bible says that we first must have a plan before we make war.

Become Involved in Society

When you go to eat at your favorite restaurant, inquire of your waitress her name. Take the time to know her, always making a point to spend five minutes talking with her. If one day you notice she does not appear to be herself, ask her whether there is anything you could do to help her. Become genuinely concerned for her and her problems, and if there is anything you can do to help her, do so. Eventually, you will be quite comfortable to invite her to a church picnic or to a special meeting.

Start to become involved in society, be mobilized to evangelize, to plunder hell to populate heaven. You can do it!

Chapter 4

How to Set the Net

When you become experienced at fishing for the individual soul, you should learn how to "set the net." This is called corporate evangelism.

When I was first hired to be youth pastor by a local church, there were no youth at all. I asked the pastor, "Where are all your youth?" He replied, "You're their shepherd, go find them. They're lost. They're out there in the highways and byways." I remember thinking, "This is terrible." I just wanted to come to this church and be a professional person and shepherd the little sheep. This man is sending me out into the wilderness to look for them and fight the wolf for them." At this time, I had no idea that this was part and parcel of being a shepherd.

I knew I had to work out a plan on how I was going to bring the youth into the local church. So I did what any good person does who wants to be successful. I began to prospect. If you are a salesperson or business person, you know that you will never be successful unless you prospect your market. You have to discover and work your market, then find a way of getting your product to the marketplace.

The Center of Influence

I noticed that every Friday and Saturday night, young people gathered in the K-Mart parking lot with their cars all done up drinking alcohol and partying. I stood across the street looking for the "center of influence" amongst them. You have to go after the "center of influence," otherwise, you will get one of his lambs. He will only come and take that person back from you. You must get the shepherd. Every group of people have a shepherd, a center of influence that everyone looks to. Often it is not self-proclaimed, but the others in the group do look to that particular person.

So I watched and noticed that whenever this 1953 Anniversary Ford, all done up with big wheels, pulled into the parking lot, the others would run to the vehicle. I thought to myself, "That's him! I've identified you. I've prospected you." So I wrote down the license plate number and contacted my police officer friend to ask him to find out who owned this car and where he lived. He said to me, "You'll get me shot!" I replied, "I'll find out who he is one way or another. Are you going to help me evangelize the youth of this town or not?" Anyhow, he relented and gave me the information. I drove past this young man's house and noticed his car parked there. I thought, "Now I know where you live, fish. That is your pond, the hole that you dwell in. All I need is the right bait to catch you."

I called a few friends of mine who owned car dealerships and said, "I'm looking to buy an old 1953 Ford Customline Anniversary model." In a short time they found me an old unrestored model. I did a little work on it to make it a bit presentable. My "bait" was now ready. I was going fishing.

I drove around his neighborhood until I saw his car parked in the driveway. I knocked on his door and his mother answered. I inquired, "Who owns that beautiful Ford Customline parked out there?" She replied, "It belongs to my son." I told her she ought to be proud of him. He has done a wonderful job restoring his car. Now I had mom on my side. She went inside the house and got the "fish" to come see me.

Now I could have said to him, "There's a God and you are going to hell if you keep driving that thing. You have to get rid of it or God's going to...." Many Christians would do just this. This is like banging the water and saying, "Fish, fish, I'm going to get you." This is totally dumb.

He came outside and I asked him if that was his Customline. He said, "Yes. Why?" I showed him the one that I had just bought and told him I was restoring it. I then asked him if I could take a closer look at his. So I took my time going over his car, looking at the wheels, at the paint work, the engine, and the interior. I appeared really interested. I said to the young man, "When I look at mine and compare it to yours, I have so far to go. It is going to take me a long time." I continued, "You are one of the finest craftsman I have ever seen. If you are not busy sometimes, I will pay you to help me work on this thing." He said, "Sure."

Sure enough, he came and helped me and we talked and talked. We never talked about Jesus, but just had a good time laughing and joking, becoming friends.

Recognize the Door of Utterance

Then one day, he came to my house and was a little bewildered. He said to me, "Wayne, someone told me today that you're a preacher." I said, "Yeah, I am." He was shocked, he couldn't believe it. It was too late, you see, he was already my friend. The hook was in his gullet. Now I just had to get him into the boat, but he was on the line and running. I had to play him on the line.

Some time went by and again he came to my house. This time he was depressed. His girlfriend had left him. He said to me, "Wayne, I need to talk to you." So I listened and then told him what Jesus had done in my life. Sure enough, this young man accepted Christ as his Lord. In time I said to him, "Why don't we go and talk to your girlfriend? See if we can work this thing out." Sure enough, she also accepted Christ. Soon afterwards, I sold the "bait" and made more money than I had expected.

Setting the Net

I had the "center of influence," the shepherd of these young people I had spotted in the parking lot of K-Mart. I was now out to get the flock. So I said to the young man, "You know what we should do? We should organize a car rally, invite everyone from church and all your friends. We could make a day of it and have a barbecue in the evening." He excitedly responded, "That's a great idea, Wayne!" So we planned the car rally. At the barbecue we had musicians. There was no preaching, just great fun. We soon ended up with the largest youth group in that town, simply by learning to "set the net." That young man and his girlfriend are in the ministry today. Set the net. Identify the "center of influence," and go after that person with a vengeance. You are not going to catch any fish just sitting in the boat thinking about it. You are not going to catch any fish until you put your line or net in the water.

How to Set the Net at Work

There was one time when I was very discouraged about evangelizing. I had been witnessing at work and was fired. I said, "I'm not going to witness any more. I've tried Lord, and have been beat up every time. I'm just going to be a good Christian, go to church every Sunday, and just look after my family." This was my attitude.

At my next job, I made friends with all the guys. I didn't do the things that they did. They just thought I was "reformed," having known me from my past. They would tell their dirty jokes, drink their beer, and smoke their cigarettes. I would never say a word to them. I enjoyed talking to them, actually having more fun with them than I did with some Christians I knew.

One day I decided to have a party and invite some of these people from work. They arrived at our door with their beer and smokes. We didn't say a word to them, but in the middle of the evening, a knock came at our door. It was Barry, a young man from our church. Barry was a "end-times, doomsday" Christian. So I asked Barry why he had come and he informed me he wanted to talk to me right there and then. I explained that we were having a party with some friends from work. I invited him in anyway and led him past the drinks and smoke to the kitchen table to sit down. Well, for the next fifteen minutes Barry preached an intense end-time message and abruptly stood up and said, "Aw, man, I forgot I have to be somewhere. I'll see 'ya later." He didn't even see the drinks; he didn't even see the cigarettes; he was just so excited about his latest revelation and then he was gone out the door.

When I sat back down with my friends, they were like "stunned mullets." I was bombarded with all sorts of questions, "What one-world monetary system? What mark of the beast? What army of forty-million strong?" Suddenly, no one was eating or drinking. Now I unexpectedly had the opportunity to explain to them what was going to happen before Jesus Christ returns. I explained

the signs that were happening in this present day. They were totally bewildered and wanted to know why they hadn't been told sooner. I happened to lead every one of them to the Lord that evening. I invited them all to church the following evening and asked them to invite their friends because Barry was speaking there on end-times. As soon as my friends left, I called Barry and said, "Barry, you had better get in contact with pastor. See if we can have the youth hall for tomorrow night. You're preaching." The following night we had another harvest.

I began thinking about the harvest of souls we pulled in, and then thought they may bite again if we used the same tactics. So I thought, "Let's have another party with the people from your work." So I arranged with Barry to knock on our door at a precise time and do exactly what he had done at the other party. Sure enough, it happened again. Did we get into revival! The beauty was, we were getting paid by the world to evangelize. I was collecting wages from the world to go to work to make friends with people who we were leading to the Lord.

Mostly, Christians never consider that they are evangelists unless a church is paying their wages. If you have a factory job, prospect the people around you. Right there is your "fishing pond." You can evangelize that whole factory. When you have fished out that pond, find another fishing pond even if you have to change jobs purposely.

Overcome Your Fears

Do you know that when I first got into evangelizing, I was afraid to talk to anybody? I'd think, "I'm called to be an evangelist." "Well," I'd say, "why don't you go and evangelize?"

So I tried and was "beat up" a couple of times. An old woman verbally abused me on the street. I thought to myself, "Well, hang this! I'm not cut out for this." I sat in my car and was shaking all over, wondering, "What is wrong with me? I've been in boxing rings and fought fifteen rounds and here I am running away from an old lady. What is the absolute worst thing she could do to me? Hit me over the head with her umbrella? Why am I so scared?" I came to the revelation there was no reason at all to be scared.

Soon after I was in a supermarket and the devil said to me, "You? Be an evangelist? You can't evangelize. All you want to do is talk to Christians. If you are really an evangelist tell these people here and now about Jesus!" I am sure he knew I was dead scared to do so. I was getting hot and cold flashes running through my body. Gerri and I were about to check out through the register. We were waiting in line with a lot of other people. I thought, "Well, it's now or never." So I yelled out, "Excuse me! I have to tell you about Jesus." I looked at my wife's face, which suddenly went white. In the next second, she was off with the cart, and around the corner of the aisle. But I was on a roll. I was going to see this through to the end. I saw a middle-aged man in a wheelchair who came to see what the commotion was about. The thought came to me, "I will

pull him out of that wheelchair and he will walk in Jesus' name." I called to him, "You, in the wheelchair. You don't have to be in that thing. You can walk in Jesus' name." Well, he took off in that wheelchair, around the aisle with that wheelchair on two wheels! I never did catch him. You may be wondering if I got anybody saved. No, I didn't! But believe me the fear broke in my life. From that day on I was never afraid to witness again.

Setting the Net in a Supermarket

Soon afterwards, I went to a mall in Mount Isa, Queensland, and had a revival in a supermarket there. As I was checking out at the cash registers, one of the check-out girls appeared a little oppressed. She obviously forgot that her name was revealed on her name tag. So I said to her, "Denise, you look really down today." This statement surprised her because I knew her name. I continued, "Denise, you know I have been sent to this supermarket today to tell you there is hope, and that you can get through this situation you're going through because Jesus Christ loves you. He wants to make a way for you." I led her to the Lord right there.

Before I left that supermarket, every cashier came to Jesus Christ. I had a revival in the supermarket. I've seen it happen. All you have to be is bold. Take advantage of every situation when you know it is a genuine situation, but don't try and "pick an apple" before it's ripe. Just be prepared, and willing, and bold, and the Holy Spirit will lead you into many situations.

Know How to Pray

When you make the decision to purposefully evangelize your community, the next step is to learn how to pray for souls. Don't pray and ask Jesus to save those you have chosen to go after, because he already has. He did his part when he died on the Cross of Calvary. Those who are unsaved have just not received their salvation. If you ask God to do something that he has sent you to do, you are passing the buck back to him.

So you have to pray, "Lord, I just thank you for the authority that you have invested in me through your Word and your anointing. I take that authority over (person's name) life and I break the powers of hell and death. I pull down every offense and every imagination that is in his life that is blinding him to the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. Lord, I thank you that I have the authority in you to bind up those influences that are drawing him and keeping him outside of your kingdom. I also take the authority that you have given me and I loose the power of your Spirit on him, that you direct people into his path to continually bring the Gospel message to mention. Lord, I thank you for releasing your Holy Spirit upon him to bring about genuine conviction. Lord, I just see (person's name) in your kingdom, I call (person's name) out of darkness and into the marvelous light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let it be recorded this day in heaven and on earth and even below the earth that (person's name) has been called out of the kingdom of

darkness and into your kingdom. He is a child of the Living God. By the authority of my calling, I release the anointing upon (person's name) to bring genuine conviction to his heart and the message of the Gospel to his mind. Amen."

Don't Clean the Fish Yourself

Make sure the fish you catch are brought into the local church. Don't try to train them yourself. Know your calling as an evangelist, this is where your job finishes. Release that person to those whom God has anointed and trained in your church. Otherwise, they'll be oppressed by your influence in trying to clean them up and they will be offended and leave. Remain their friend. Don't reject them, but be an encouragement to them. You could inquire of that person, "Are you in that New Christian's Class? Isn't it great? I went through that class myself. It may be rough going sometimes, but if you hold on it will produce something in your life." Encourage them in this manner. If you don't see them at church, call them on the telephone and say, "Hey man, I was looking for you in church this morning. I have something I wanted to share with you. It's a little tract that I found. Will you be at church next Sunday or shall I drop it off at your house?"

Philip, the evangelist, knew his limitations and called the apostles down to finish the work. If Philip had this humility, so can you. So can I. Know your position in Christ. Know how to pray for that person. Know how to call them out of the kingdom of darkness. Know how to recognize the "door of utterance" at the crisis time in their lives and be a friend. Just say, "Listen man, you don't look yourself today. Are you going through it?" They will probably say, "Yeah, I'm going through it."

This is your cue. This is when you can sit down and say, "I have been wanting to share something with you that changed my life." Then, don't take them to the church to get saved. Lead them to the Lord right there and then. Then say, "I'd like you to meet a person from my church who helped me a lot. I'm sure he can help you." Bring him to the ministry of evangelization within the church.

If you think the person's problem is too big and they may need a pastoral visit, make an appointment with one of the pastors. Then take them there yourself, just like you would take a sick person to the hospital. Sit with them. Show genuine care.

Breaking Through on Every Level

The moment you become committed to building the kingdom of God here on earth, God will be committed to you. You will begin to see breakthroughs in your own personal life in every way whether it be a long-standing sickness you have been battling, personal relationships, or financial problems.

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If you want to have the move of God that is available for you, you first have to align yourself to the will of God, and remain focused. Then genuine faith will come; because faith begins where the will of God is known! When you begin to realize that the will of God is to take your community, then faith will rise in your heart to do the work. You will not be limited, but will experience breakthrough on every level.

You may say, "I can't talk to people. I really am scared." Well, use the telephone. Have you ever seen telemarketing? I often thought, "If the world can market their goods this way, the Church should try it." So one day I sat in my office at church and turned to the A's in the telephone book. I called a Mrs. Andrews. "Hello," I said, "I was just going through the phone book looking for a number and I saw your number. I was just so compelled to call you to tell you there is a church in this area that meets the needs of people, where Jesus Christ is manifested openly in the genuine healing of people's lives. This church is called Reach Out Family Worship Center and I'm a member there. Please don't think that I'm preaching to you or that I want something from you. I just want to let you know there is a church in your community that loves you and is praying for you. I promise you that I'll pray for you every morning for the next two weeks."

The opportunity may break open over the telephone and you can lead that person to the Lord right there and then. I have to say I have never had one person abuse me over the telephone. There is really no excuse why the Church, if committed, can not get the Gospel of Jesus Christ out into all the world. There is no excuse. There is no excuse.

Chapter 5

Prayer for the Salvation of the Lost Soul

Lord, I thank you for the authority that you have invested in me through your Word and your anointing. I take this authority that you have given me and I break the powers of hell and death that bind (person's name). I pull down every offense; every imagination in his life that is blinding (person's name) to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord, I thank you that I have the authority in you to bind up those influences that are drawing (person's name) and keeping him outside of your kingdom. I also take the authority that you have given me and I loose the power of the Body on him, that you direct people into his path to continually bring the Gospel message to mention. Lord, I release your Holy Spirit on (person's name) to bring about genuine conviction.

Lord, I just see him and I call him by name (person's name). I call him out of darkness into the marvelous light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let it be declared and decreed this day in heaven and on earth and even below the earth that (person's name) has been called out of the kingdom of darkness and into the glorious light by the authority and majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ. By the authority of my calling, I release the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon (person's name) to bring genuine conviction to his heart and produce the message of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in his mind.