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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Go **YOU**, therefore, and teach all nations... .” Can you envision the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, (standing there with His nail-pierced hands), as He gives this great commission to His original disciples? This must have been an astounding and awe-inspiring encounter with the living Lord! Well dear friends, His command should be just as powerful and penetrating to your soul, as it was almost 2,000 years ago. In addition, may I also say, that His command is just as binding on us, as it was on the original disciples. If you have come to Jesus as your Savior; then you have also come under Jesus, as your Lord; and you have also come after Jesus, as your Teacher. Our Master-Teacher gives each one of us this clear command - “As you are going, be making disciples. ...”! This was the directive from Headquarters then; and these are our marching orders in November of 2014! We should pray that not a one of us, (who reads these words afresh and anew today), would be negligent concerning this mandate; or be disinterested in this great mission; nor be distracted by the lesser things of this passing world.



We must remember, there are lost sinners all around us, on whom the wrath of God is abiding at the very moment of this reading. The Word of God informs us that unrepentant and unbelieving sinners are living under a precarious condition of condemnation. Dear brothers and sisters, will we let them wander into hell, “un-prayed for and unwarned”? Shall we be distracted and detoured by the temporary foolishness of the passing world system, while sinners are perishing? Shall we have no “agony of heart”, as people all around us are in danger of “eternal hell-fire”? Dear brothers and sisters, these surely are perilous times in our nation and in this world! The 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus could truly be imminent!

Shall we be found enthralled with politics, possessions and the passing pleasures of this fallen world? Or shall we forsake these wicked diversions and “gird up the loins of our minds”? Each one of us must get off the sidelines; and get on the playing field; by becoming intimately and actively involved in the evangelism of the lost and the discipleship of those who are gloriously converted, through our outreach?

The Lord Jesus Christ tells us, “**All authority** has been given unto Him”! Our victorious commander possesses universal and absolute authority. This means that the Lord not only has ‘the right to command you’; but He also possesses ‘the power to enable you’ to carry out His great mission! Our reigning King of kings has “unlimited power” to send us forth into the world, with hearts and tongues of fire! And yes, it is true that Satan will oppose your seed-sowing. He uses many wicked schemes and strategies to oppose this “great mission”. The enemy will seek to steal the seed from the hearts of sinners. The “god of this age” blinds the minds of those who have not believed. He seeks to corrupt and contaminate the truths of the Gospel. He will use false teachers, who disguise themselves as teachers of truth. But brothers and sisters, it is also true that, ‘all of the opposition of the powers of darkness against the disciples of Jesus, will ultimately be used by our Sovereign Lord, to further His plan and to accomplish His great mission’! Our Lord has sent me to the nations over 140 times, over these last 30 years! I have seen His authority mightily displayed, in over 20 different nations and various cultures. I have witnessed His power at work, in the conversion of sinners; in the training of pastors and church planters; and in the discipleship of numerous followers of Jesus, both in my living room and the uttermost parts of the globe! Every genuine “disciple maker” can cling to His glorious promise that proclaims, “I will build My church, and the gates of hades will not prevail against it”.

Brothers and sisters, no power on earth and no obstacle from hell can ultimately frustrate the Lord's mission! Even today, would you not, (afresh and anew), commit your life to be involved in a passionate and persistent fulfillment of God's great mission, within the sphere of the influence of your life? Would you not say to our Risen Lord, "Anywhere; anytime; to anyone; at any cost! Here am I Lord, send me!"

## TESTIMONIES OF THE SALVATION OF SINNERS



As I reflect on the last couple of months of evangelistic opportunities, I think of a lady, (in her 40's), who spoke with me after a recent message. In the message, I had actually challenged the believers in this local church from Psalms 126! I was actually calling on that 'local body of believers' to fulfill the reality of verse 6 in our daily lives, "He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." But immediately after the service concluded, two middle-aged ladies asked me, if I could speak with them. I noticed that both of them were stirred in their emotions. Of course, I assumed that they were going to ask me to pray for some lost relatives or friends. However, one of the ladies said, **"I am a lost sinner! I need the Lord Jesus! I need to be saved! Oh, I am such a wicked sinner! Bro. Ed, I have never read the Bible in my life! I don't even know how to read the Bible! I grew up in the Catholic Church; but I haven't even been to church in 20 years! I need the Lord. I need someone to teach me about Jesus, salvation and the Bible!"** Dear friends, I thought that I was challenging the disciples on evangelism; but simultaneously, the Holy Spirit was using his Sword to evangelize a sinner!"

Also, I am reflecting on the precious opportunity to preach the "annual 3-day evangelistic outreach" at Industrial Electroplating Company in Gastonia, NC. Mr. Walter Prescott, one of the most "on-fire" laymen which I have ever met, invites me to come annually to the plant to preach Gospel messages to his employees. He pays their salary during the 45 minutes of preaching; and he allows me to go all over the plant and invite the 70 men and women to attend. Each day, I sing a gospel song and preach a conversion message from various texts in the Bible! There was an obvious awareness of the 'manifest presence of the Holy Spirit'; especially on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> day! One of the employees, who has been on my heart and in my prayers for a number of years, spoke to me, after our 2<sup>nd</sup> service. He said, **"I have got to change my life, Bro. Ed!"** Upon returning home, Walter e-mailed and told me that some of the men have been asking many good questions, concerning their souls. Oh, what a precious privilege that this mighty man of God gives me every year! Please pray for "fruit that remains" from that series of evangelistic messages!

I am also reminded of a young man, in his 30's, named Colt! I had the joy of being the "seed sower", when he recently testified of conversion to the Lord Jesus. I saw him a week later, and he said, **"Bro. Ed, my wife is coming with me, to hear you preach on Sunday!"** A couple of weeks later, I heard the news, (through some dear brothers), that Colt's wife is now testifying of being "birth from above"! Another precious testimony comes to mind, of a man in his 40's, who testified of conversion in the last few months. While I was preaching on "The Parable Of The 4 Soils", I noticed that he was unusually focused! After the meeting that night, he made his way to me and another brother. He began testifying, **"Tonight, while I was listening to you, I believe that I have been born again! I suddenly saw everything clearly, like I never had before! I was raised in the Pentecostal church. I would make an attempt to live the Christian life, for a period of time; but I would always backslide! I could never truly persevere in the faith. I would try for while and appear to be doing well; but eventually, I would fall away again and again! But tonight, God showed me that my former faith in Jesus was a 'shallow, superficial and artificial faith'! But, I have been truly converted. The scales have come off of my eyes! I can see, Bro. Ed! I can see!"**

Recently, I received an e-mail from a dear brother in Christ, that I had the precious joy of seeing converted to the Lord, many years ago! Greg is now a bi-vocational preacher in Georgia! He e-mailed these words of encouragement, - **"I just wanted to take a moment to tell you and Mrs. Dianne that I am so grateful for your ministry. In the past month, I have had the privilege of seeing 2 of my "co-workers" trust in the Lord Jesus for the salvation of their souls! One of them just said to me, 'Greg, I have lived a lie all of my life, until now! I lived in sin and loved sin, until now!' Also, I wanted to let you know that I will be preaching tomorrow at Mount Olive Baptist Church, as the guest preacher."**

Oh dear brothers and sisters, all of these testimonies are the work of the Holy Spirit; not the work of Ed Lacy. I am only His instrument. And precious friends, we are all His instruments! This is why we are left here in this foreign world. We are “resident aliens”, who are placed here to represent our King of Glory; to declare the word of reconciliation; and to be faithful ministers of reconciliation! So keep on praying; keep on living; keep on planting; and keep on watering! Jesus is still Lord! Jesus is still saving sinners! Our enemy is a defeated foe! God always leads us in triumph in union with our Victorious General! The Holy Spirit is still “gathering up the spoils of our Lord’s mighty victory”! So fix the eyes of your soul on Him! One day you will come rejoicing, bringing your sheaves with you.

## THE NEW ‘CHRIST-CENTERED DISCIPLESHIP’ CONFERENCE



It has been a long time since I taught a study in an American church, in which there were more in attendance on Monday night, than there were on Sunday morning; but such was the case at Providence Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, LA, recently! This was the first time which I taught this latest “workbook study” in English. It is entitled, “Christ-centered Discipleship” - Living a Life in Which the Gospel is Your Driving Force! There was a tremendous attendance; a wonderfully teachable congregation; and they expressed a genuine passion to apply the truths that they were hearing. Pastor Phillip Guay, shares his heart about this conference, “**We live in a day, when what the church needs most is a return to solid, biblical and Christ-centered preaching and teaching. And that is exactly what the Holy Spirit brought to our church, from start to finish! All week long, the Holy Spirit used Bro. Ed to teach us, challenge us, and convict us with the true, scriptural picture of what ‘authentic discipleship’ really is! The overwhelming demonstrations, (from many different Biblical texts), left absolutely no doubt of what it truly means to be a biblical disciple of Jesus Christ! The interactive workbook kept the congregation fully engaged with each section. There was exegetical precision and accuracy; and there were many rich illustrations from brother Ed’s personal experiences, which brought great clarity and understanding to this ‘much-needed teaching’!**”

I would like to share a few more testimonies from that meeting to encourage you, as they have encouraged me. One man writes, “**I have made real changes in my daily worship of my Lord Jesus, because of this study. I have had many new opportunities to share the Gospel with people within my sphere of influence, since attending this conference. And I have put the plow to God’s truths that were revealed to me, about my own personal life**”. Another lady writes, “**This ‘Christ-centered Discipleship’ study has radically stirred our minds, hearts and souls, to reflect on ‘whether the Gospel truly is the driving force of our daily walk’. We have gained a far better understanding of the Lord’s teachings on the pursuit of holiness; our battle with temptation; on a key issue of bridling our tongue; on marriage and family; on our relationship with the world; on the stewardship of God’s resources; and the investment of our lives and the Lord’s truths into the lives of others. This teaching has left a footprint on our souls.**” One brother in Christ writes this precious testimony, “**During the conference, one of the truths that I was most convicted about, was the fact that all true Christians are called to be ‘disciple-making disciples’. I was deeply impressed that I must not allow any of my own personal limitations to be used as an excuse for neglecting this primary responsibility. So I accepted the challenge that Bro. Ed presented, and I began praying that the Lord would show me, ‘who He would have me to personally disciple’. The Lord did not tarry with His answer. The very next week (out of the blue), a man at work approached me and said, ‘I know that you are a religious man. I want to know if you would meet with me during our break time, to read and discuss the Bible’? Even though, I was a bit apprehensive, (given my lack of teaching abilities), I knew that this had to be a ‘Divine appointment’! Today was our first planned meeting. The man showed up for our meeting, along with 2 other men that he had invited to come! Only the Lord knows what will eventually come out of this Divine appointment. But I am continuing to pray that our Lord will use me, as a ‘disciple-making disciple’ for His glory!**”

## WONDERFUL RESPONSES IN 3 REVIVAL MEETINGS!

I also had the glorious blessing to preach 3 meetings at local churches, which mainly focused on revival of the people of God! The body of Christ at First Baptist Church of Jackson, AL, responded to the messages in a wonderful manner. It was such a joy to preach there, for the first time. Their pastor, Dr. Ben Stubblefield, has been a dear friend of our family for a number of years. In fact, I had the joy to counsel Ben, (in our living room), concerning his call to the ministry, several years ago. It is so exciting to see how the Lord is using him in Jackson! Also, I had the joy of preaching, (once again), at Carlisle Baptist Church in Panama City, FL. I can look back on that week, and truly say that there was an 'awesome move of the Lord' in many lives! There was great liberty to preach the Word, both in the evening and the luncheon services. Many believers testified of being personally revived, through the Spirit of God mightily applying the Word of God in their lives! Also, it was a great joy to serve Arrowhead Bible Church in Palm Coast, FL, once again. This church has recently re-located. They have moved into a new community, where they are literally surrounded by needy, needy sinners. I believe that this week was a "week of preparation" to launch them into an outreach ministry, in the coming weeks and months!



## KENYA CONFERENCE IN EARLY DECEMBER

In 2005, the Lord supernaturally opened a door for me to teach pastors in Kenya! Since then, the Lord has graced me with the awesome blessing to teach literally thousands of pastors and Christian leaders, in a number of different cities in that nation.

In just a couple of weeks, I will be teaching the new "Christ-centered Discipleship" study to 500 pastors at Kenya Ministries Training Institute! We will feed these pastors, (3 meals a day); we will take care of the bus expense for travel; and we will pay for the workbooks and any other expenses for the conference. My great desire is to "pour the truths of God's wonderful Word" into the lives of leaders, who will be able to teach others also. It has well been said that, "Missions is not just sending people to other nations and cultures! But, true missions is sending 'TRUTH' through believers to other nations and cultures". Please pray for this conference!!!! I will be leaving Mobile on December 5 and returning on December 15th! Please pray for "illumination; application; renovation; transformation; and then great multiplication, as these pastors teach these truths to their home congregations!

*THANK YOU*

*WITH ABOUNDING APPRECIATION FOR YOU*

As I quickly approach my last "major conference" effort for this year, in the Kenya Pastors' Conference, I can truly testify that our God has crowned this year with His goodness and His abundant grace. God has used your prayers and support, to make His grace abound towards this ministry! Our Lord has truly been faithful to provide sufficiently in all things. He has supplied for every good work: in Cuba for 2 conferences and evangelistic outreaches; 2 conferences in India; the huge conference that is just ahead in Kenya; numerous gospel outreaches to drug and alcohol rehabs, church outreach meetings and many more opportunities. Our Lord's paths have been literally saturated with His glorious power and provision for every task! I could easily write a book filled with testimonies, concerning the souls that have been saved; the leaders who have been equipped; the church planters and ministries who have been supported, and of how God has gloriously provided for our needs! Brothers and sisters, **YOU** are an integral part of every "eternal work" which has been accomplished! We are so very thankful that our Lord and Savior made our paths to cross, as we have followed Jesus on the narrow road. As we celebrate this Thanksgiving Season, be assured we are giving thanks to our God for so many things. But, dear friend, you are among those bountiful blessings, which fill our grateful hearts!

Thank you!

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