

**BUT WHEN HE SAW THE
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WITH COMPASSION
MATTHEW 9:36 & OTHERS**

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Introduction:

The most important statements ever uttered came from the lips of the Lord. We are concentrating on Outreach in this conference, and the greatest example to follow is our Savior's example.

The purpose of this meeting isn't to propose another plan or program. Truthfully we have developed many programs, and have come up with a tremendous amount of various promotions as an effort to motivate people to reach their families, friends, and neighbors.

But sadly, with all the programs and promotions we still have little participation.

The participation or lack thereof is directly associated with our love for the Lord.

John 14:15

¹⁵ If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 14:23

²³ Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Notice:

1. THE MANDATE

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16:15

¹⁵ And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Luke 24:44-49

⁴⁴ And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. ⁴⁵ Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: ⁴⁷ And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ And ye are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

John 20:19-23

¹⁹ Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. ²⁰ And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: ²³ Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

Acts 1:6-9

⁶ When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? ⁷ And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. ⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. ⁹ And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

These statements indicate that whatever was required of Jesus in His coming to the earth is also required of believers. Whatever manner, whatever purpose, whatever sacrifice, whatever motivation that characterized Christ on His mission in the world must also characterize His servants in the world.

A. God the Father Sent His Son

1 John 4:14

¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

Galatians 4:4

⁴ But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

John 3:16-17

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

B. The Lord Knew His Mission

John 4:34

³⁴ Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Remember:

John 20:21

²¹ Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

How are we to go?

2. THE METHOD

Matthew 9:35-38

³⁵ And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. ³⁶ But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with

compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. ³⁷ *Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;* ³⁸ *Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*

We notice the method our Saviour used.

- He Went About ALL the CITIES and VILLAGES
 - He Went
 - There should no place that we are not willing to go with the Good News.

A. The Lord Ministered to the People Intellectually (Teaching, Instruction)

- We must instruct the lost sinner concerning the calamity of their lost condition.
- We must instruct the lost sinner concerning the cure for their lost condition.

B. The Lord Ministered to the People Spiritually (Preaching, Exhortation)

- We must exhort the lost sinner to accept eternal salvation.
- We must exhort the lost sinner to avoid eternal damnation.

C. The Lord Ministered to the People Physically (Healing, Provisions)

- We must provide the lost sinner with physical needs when possible.
- We must provide the lost sinner with materials needed when possible.

3. THE MOTIVATION – JESUS WAS MOTIVATED BY THEIR CONDITION

Matthew 9:36

³⁶ *But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.*

A. The Lord Saw Their Faint Condition (Lacking, imperfect)

B. The Lord Saw Them Scattered Abroad

- This has the idea of sudden movement from being slapped or pummeled around.
- I remind us this evening that is what the world and the wicked one is doing to multitudes.
- He's walking about seeking whom he may devour.

C. He Saw Them as Sheep Having No Shepherd

- Think of those around our church that have no shepherd.
 - Think of those in our neighborhood who have no shepherd.
 - Think of those that we consider friends who have no shepherd.
 - Think of those who are family who have no shepherd.
- The Critical Condition of the Multitudes should motivate us. (Faint)

- The Confused Condition of the Multitudes should motivate us. (Scattered)
- The Careless Condition of the Multitude should motivate us. (Having no Shepherd)

Jude 1:22

²² And of some have compassion, making a difference:

Psalms 126:6

⁶ He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

4. THE MESSAGE

Luke 24:27

²⁷ And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Luke 24:32

³² And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

Luke 24:45

⁴⁵ Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

A. The Scriptures

2 Timothy 3:14-17

¹⁴ *But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;* ¹⁵ *And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.* ¹⁶ *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:* ¹⁷ *That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.*

Psalms 119:105

¹⁰⁵ *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

5. THE MANNER

Philippians 2:7

⁷ *But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*

- The role of the servant is NOT service, but rather obedience to the Master.
- Too many today are looking for a church to meet their needs.

- The very best church can never do that and should never attempt to do that, but rather guide people to the ONE who can take care of any need they may have.
- Too many want to be served by their church instead of serving the Lord through their church.
- The problem with churches striving to meet the needs of everyone is that they will have to become pragmatic and politically correct instead of remaining Biblically correct.

A. The Lord took on the form of a servant.

B. Loyalty determines our Master.

Luke 16:13

¹³No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

C. Greatness is associated with a servant.

Mark 9:35

³⁵And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.

Mark 10:44

⁴⁴ And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

D. Recognition is not to be expected.

Luke 17:7-10

⁷ But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? ⁸ And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? ⁹ Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. ¹⁰ So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

E. The requirements of being a servant.

Galatians 1:10

¹⁰ For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

2 Timothy 2:24

²⁴ And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

6. THE MEANS

Various ideas will be covered in the sessions tomorrow.

7. THE MEASURE

Acts 1:8

⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Close:

Our Mandate, Method, Motivation, Message, Manner, Means and Measure is clear.

The degree of our involvement is determined by our love for the Saviour.

The need is great; there are multitudes around us who need the Saviour. The fields are white already to harvest.

Will we do our part?