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GOING IS GROWING!

How He Got Me Here: A Long time ago in a city just up the road..

The two most important days in your life:

1. *The Day_____*
2. *The Day_____*

John 15:8-12 *8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

Going "AS HE DID WITH THE SAME LOVE THAT HE HAS"

- ***We go as Jesus did: Surrendered, trusting, dependent and filled with the Father of GLORY.***

Matthew 20:25-28 *25 But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 26 It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. "*

- ***God's purposes are to reveal His glory to a lost and hopeless world THROUGH US!***

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Exodus 34:6 [6] *The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and faithfulness, who keeps lovingkindness for thousands…*

John 17:22-23 [22] *The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,* [23] *I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.*

God has dispensed His glory into us by the Holy Spirit so that a lost and dying world sees that glory in His sons and daughters. When the church believes we are the light of the world that we are and when the church releases the fragrance of Christ that we have then the glory of God is seen, we walk out who we are, many will be saved, our Lord will be pleased for we will have shared in His eternal joy which He longs for us to share in.

No one can say "I haven't been given the ability to share the gospel, or that's not my gift. No church body can honestly say that either! If Christ is our life, and He is, and Christ is the Head of the church, and He is, THE EVANGELIST, Christ Jesus Himself, is living, moving and having His being in and through us. To not evangelize is to not fully live, Not give Jesus nor ourselves the joy of giving His joy manifestly to us in our co-laboring with him in His winning the lost to Himself.

Isaiah 61:1-3 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon _____because He has anointed me…

WHY?

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Isaiah 61:1-3 *The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; 3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness/JOY instead of mourning, that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting* ***of the Lord****, that he may be glorified.*

- ***Every aspect of our lives has a gospel sharing category….Do we see that? We must!***

Going is Declaring that His Joy is Our Joy!

Psalm 16:11 *You make known to me the path (of) life; in your presence (Hebrew: face) there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures (delights) forevermore.*

- ***Could there be anything more joyful than being a witness to one who was lost being found. FOREVER?!***

Luke 15:4-10 4 *"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.*
8 *"Or what woman, having ten silver coins,[if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9 And when she*

has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

- ***A surprising blast from the past becomes a mind blowing "JOY PARTY!"***

Hebrews 12:2 *Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

NOTE: Sharing the gospel requires 1. A willing (though possibly reluctant) participant 2. A willing God

Going Diminishes our Fear of Man and Increases our Fear of God

Fear MAN Less!

Proverbs 29:25 *The fear* (Hebrew, charadaw': fear, anxiety, quaking) *of man brings a snare* (a noose, a hook for the nose, a trap), *but the one who trusts in the Lord will be protected* (safe, set on high)

Romans 1:14-16 *14 I am under obligation (commandment) both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. 15 So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."*

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Fear GOD More!

Proverbs 9:10 *The fear(yir'ah: to fear, morally, reverence of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.*

Proverbs 11:30 *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise.*

2 Corinthians 5: 10-11 *10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others.*

Going is a Declaration that we Love the God of Love

2 Corinthians 5:14 *The love of Christ controls us…*

1 John 4:19 *We love because he first loved us.*

Matthew 22:34-40*34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."*

- **Who's got a "LOVE-OMETER?"**

Galatians 5:14 The entire law is summed up in a single command: **"Love your neighbor as yourself**."

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- ***Aren't you glad "that" somebody wasn't ashamed of the gospel and shared it with you?***

Going is Believing, Being, and Doing Who God Says We Are

Witnesses

Acts 1:8 *You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you shall be my witnesses* ((Gk Martus.
A *martus* is not normally a martyr. It is a witness who is willing to testify about the facts of a case, or to confirm the truth of a statement.

Ministers of Reconciliation and Ambassadors for Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 *17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconcilingthe world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

Going is Standing Firm Against the Powers of Darkness

Ephesians 2:1-*And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, <u>following the prince of the power of the air</u>, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.*

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2 Corinthians 10:3-4 *3 For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.*

John 10:10a *For the thief comes ONLY to steal, kill and destroy…*

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 *3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

DESMOND DOSS: WORLD WAR II ARMY MEDIC AND LOVER OF JESUS CHRIST: "GIVE ME ONE MORE, LORD. GIVE ME ONE MORE."

8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." Isaiah 6:8