

CREATING SPACE FOR UNITY

Living Light – Part 2 of 2

OBSERVATION #1: When disaster struck, their first instinct was not to try to **FIGURE OUT** what God was up to. Instead, they focused on what they should **DO** in response to what was going on.

“For God so loved the entire world that He gave...” John 3:16

“Tell James and the brothers about this,’ he said, and then he left for another place.” Acts 12:17b

“These have come so that your faith-- of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire-- may result in... praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” 1 Peter 1:7

“Let your light shine in such a way that people will see your good works, and look up, and discover and give glory to your Father in Heaven.” Matthew 5:16

“1 Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude...8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 Each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:1, 8-10

“...While they were yet sinners, Christ died for them.” Romans 5:8b

“...it was God’s kindness that led them to repentance.” Romans 2:4b

KEY TRUTH: These brave Christ Followers did not die for what they believed. They died because they **ACTED** on what they believed.

OBSERVATION #2: They gave, they served, and they loved, and the world **CHANGED**.

“3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His great mercy He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade...” 1 Peter 1:3-4

“12 With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. 13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings and so does my son, Mark.” 1 Peter 5:12-13

KEY QUESTION: What does love require of **ME**?