

GONE FISHING

Who's Your One? -Part 2 of 5

KEY OBSERVATION #1: It is easy to become **CHEERLEADERS** instead of **CONTRIBUTORS** to the mission and vision of how God wants to use us.

"17 One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the Law, who had come from every village of Galilee, and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. And the power of the Lord was present for Him to heal the sick. 18 Some men were carrying a paralytic on a mat and tried to take him into a house to lay him before Jesus. 19 When they could not find a way to do this, because of the crowd, they went up on a roof, and they lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. 20 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to them, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven.' 21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the Law began thinking to themselves, 'Who is this fellow that speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?'" Luke 5:17-21

"22 Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, 'Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? 23 Which is easier to say? 'Your sins are forgiven, or say, get up and walk'? 24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...' He said to the paralyzed man, 'I tell you, get up. Take your mat and go home.' 25 Immediately he stood up in front of them, and he took what he had been lying on, and he went home praising God. 26 Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe, and said, 'We have seen remarkable things today.'" Luke 5:22-26

TRUTHS ABOUT BEING A CONTRIBUTOR

KEY TRUTH #1: The men that brought the paralyzed man before Jesus had a **MISSION**.

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost. " Luke 19:10

KEY TRUTH #2: The men had an eager **EXPECTATION**.

"Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land, I swore to their forefathers to give them." Joshua 1:6

"38 Then the fire from God fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. 39 When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, 'The Lord - he is God!'" I Kings 38-39

"If you don't worship my image, you will be thrown immediately in a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand? ' 16 'If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to rescue us from your hand, O king. ' 18 But even if He does not, we want you to know, O king that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.'" Daniel 3:15-16, 18

"We're not like those that shrink back and are destroyed, but we're like those who press forward. And we move forward in faith." Hebrews 10:39

KEY OBSERVATION #2: A cheerleading Christian has a **HUNCH**. A disciple of Christ who is a contributor has a **HOPE**.

KEY TRUTH #3: These guys got far more than they **DREAMED**.

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KEY OBSERVATION #3: Don't settle for the **MUNDANE**, when Jesus offers the **MIRACULOUS**.

"Jesus looked at His disciples, and He said, 'Follow Me and I'm going to make you fishers of men.'" Matthew 4:19