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1. ASSURANCE: GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER HIS MISSION

ACTS 4:23-28 ESV

²³ When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,



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“Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’— ²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.

WE THE CHURCH



"...we know that behind all our fumbling efforts and inadequate communication stands the supreme will of God, reaching out in loving self-revelation, incredibly willing to open blind eyes and reveal his glory through the treasures of the gospel delivered in the clay pots of his witnesses."

CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT

2. BOLDNESS: GOD IS WITH US ON HIS MISSION



ACTS 4:29-30 ESV

²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

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2. BOLDNESS: GOD IS WITH US ON HIS MISSION



ACTS 1:8 ESV

⁸“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

3. COMPASSION: FREELY YOU'VE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE



ACTS 4:32-33 ESV

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

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ROMANS 12:12-14 NIV

¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

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HEBREWS 13:1-2 ESV

¹ Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.



“Practicing hospitality in our post-Christian world means that you develop thick skin. The hospitable meet people as strangers and invite them to become neighbours, and, by God’s grace, many will go on to become part of the family of God.”

ROSARIA BUTTERFIELD

5 PRACTICAL TIPS FOR BIBLICAL, MISSIONAL, HOSPITALITY



1. Expand your guest list
2. Serve others, rather than trying to impress them.
3. Reject the “My Home is my Refuge” mentality
4. Engage Sincerely
5. Greet Warmly, Say Goodbye Thoughtfully



EPHESIANS 2:19 ESV

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,



“Imagine a world where every Christian practiced radically ordinary hospitality as either host or guest.

Imagine a world where every Christian made a covenant of church membership and honoured it.

Imagine a world where every Christian tithed, and where we lived intentionally below our means, having enough to share and moving into neighbourhoods that need us more often than we need them.



Imagine a world where no one languishes in crushing loneliness, where no abused woman or man or child suffers alone, where people take their real and pressing problems to Christians who have the reputation of being helps, and where victims are not swept away, lost, forgotten.



Imagine a world where people fear God more than men
and serve God more than comfort.

Imagine a world where the power of the gospel to change
lives is ours to behold.”

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