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Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

It doesn't say 'first' Jerusalem, 'then' Judea and Samaria, and 'then' to the end of the earth, it says 'and, and, and' - all at there same time! You are not allowed to be so locally involved that you lose your global responsibility, nor so globally minded that you lose your calling to the mission field that is next door to you.

How do I step into my calling to missions? By understanding three things that when combined, will produce an unquenchable fire and an unstoppable force inside of you:

The power of Seeds, the power of Sacrifice and The power of Sanctification

The Power of Seeds

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)

For the word of God is **living and powerful**, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

“Powerful”

Greek – *Energés*: Active; effective

Mark 16:15 (NKJV)

And He said to them, “Go into all the world and **preach the gospel** to every creature.”

Your task, your calling is not to lead people to salvation - it's to preach the Gospel, to plant the seed of God's Word in a human heart.

1 Peter 2:12 (NKJV)

having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God **in the day of visitation**.

Everyone will have '*day of visitation*' and every time you plant a seed, you invest in that day!

If you haven't yet led someone to faith in Christ, don't feel guilty. Evangelism is not just about leading someone the final step into God's kingdom, but about planting a seed of the Gospel that will be a part of the over all process, leading up to the '*day of visitation*'.

- *Furniture warehouse story*
- *Maria's classmate story*

The Power of Sacrifice

Sacrifice is about being willing to pay a price for your part in fulfilling the Great Commission. This price may be risking your reputation, spending money on a missions trip rather than on yourself.

As Christians we are called to live in a constant cycle of sacrifice. 11 of the 12 disciples actually gave their lives for the cause of the great commission.

What we get back is the incredible joy and satisfaction of not living shallow, self centered lives but ones that actually make a difference.

(Araunah offers to provide and pay for king David's offering)

2 Samuel 24:24 (NKJV)

Then the king said to Araunah, “No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God **with that which costs me nothing**.” So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

2 Samuel 24:25 (NKJV)

And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD heeded the prayers for the land, and the plague was withdrawn from Israel.

Something happens in us, and in the spirit realm, when we pay a price, when we make a sacrifice.

- *First mission trip story*

The Power of Sanctification

(Peter and John before the high court)

Acts 4:20 (NKJV)

“For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

Our lifestyles are unseparable from our testimony. Basically we are called to preach the Gospel every day, and - if necessary - use words.

The world needs a Gospel in two parts: one that is *heard* (the Word of God) and one that is *seen* (your lifestyle).

Our lifestyles can emphasize or deny the message of Christ.

- *Trip to Switzerland story*

What part of my life might turn people away from Christ? What areas do I need to surrender to Christ right now so I can be a holy vessel, a man or woman on a mission to share Jesus with as many as possible - through words and through lifestyle.