

Movements of God: Commitment to a Cause

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Bible Passage: Acts 4:23-37

Introduction:

Movements of God tend to follow these traits:

- White-hot faith
- Commitment to a _____
- Contagious Relationships

Big Idea: _____ in the promises of God's sovereign care produces **freedom from fear, anxiety, and things** replacing that with a **freedom for people** and **freedom for love**. LIVE DIVIDED NO MORE!

#1- Understanding COMMITMENT TO A CAUSE

- What is commitment?
 - *Definition: an _____ or promise to do something in the future*
- How does commitment work in movements of God?
 - Commitment is not found in the _____
 - Commitment follows knowing the _____
 - Commitment means trading my life for _____
- What is a cause?
 - *Definition: a reason for an action or condition*
 - A cause helps us answer these questions:
 - "What really _____?"
 - "Why am I doing what I do?"
 - "What am I willing to give my life to?"

#2- What is God's Cause?

- His _____ – Exodus 20:2-7
- God is most concerned with His own _____ – Isaiah 48:11; 1 Corinthians 10:31
- The greatest cause to which you can give your life is the _____ of God.

#3- It's _____ for belief in _____ to fuel high commitment (Acts 4:32-37)

- Belief in Jesus causes _____ within us (32)
 - Our hands are loosened in relationship to things
 - Our hearts tightened our arms in relationship to people
- High commitment creates space for a great _____ (33)
- High commitment _____ which God's uses in a dynamic way for His glory (34-37)

Truth Into Action:

- a. Faith in God's sovereign care produces freedom---**Believe the promises of God!**

- b. High commitment to God's cause creates powerful witness of a LIVING JESUS.

Live all-in for Jesus!

Pray first†



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: What is something that you are very willing to share with others?

God could have used any number of ways to spread the truth of the resurrection to the lost. He could have sent angels. He could have written the message with clouds in the sky. But God chose to use the disciples to spread this message. *He chose to use people as His instruments.* That was a great privilege and also a great responsibility. To this day, the normal method God uses to spread the gospel is through believers. He uses you and me.

- **Discuss** – Why did God choose to use people to spread the message?
- **Apply** - Do you testify of what God has done in your life? We should be observant to see what God is doing and then be bold to tell others. God wants to use you to shine the gospel light in the darkness around you. While you are not an eyewitness of the resurrection, you are a witness to many other amazing things God has done. What are they? Write down a few thoughts. Will you share these things with others this week. If yes, who? If no, why not?

Landowners, including Barnabas, sold their land and donated the proceeds to God. The fruit of their unity was their willingness to give of their own possessions to the common good. In today's world where personal rights, possessions, and the pursuit of personal happiness tend to dominate, it is hard to find such examples of generosity. Some people do live selflessly for others, but it is not common.

- **Discuss** – Can you share an example of someone who has selflessly practiced the gift of generosity? What fruit in your life do you see of generosity?
- **Application** – Spend some time prayerfully evaluating your attitude toward your material possessions and money. Are you giving to God? Are you giving with joy or under compulsion? Does your giving plan need to be adjusted moving forward?

Closing Prayer: Father God, you do extraordinary things in ordinary people. Make me bold and generous. Thank you for the example of Barnabas and the great way You used him. Work in and through my life for Your glory and my good. Amen.