

## Sermon Notes Outline TJ Foster 6.18.21

### Taking It to The Streets

#### Acts 20: 7-12

7 Paul was preaching to them, and since he was leaving the next day, he kept talking until midnight. 8 The upstairs room where we met was lighted with many flickering lamps. 9 As Paul spoke on and on, a young man named Eutychus, sitting on the windowsill, became very drowsy. Finally, he fell sound asleep and dropped three stories to his death below. 10 Paul went down, bent over him, and took him into his arms. "Don't worry," he said, "he's alive!" 11 Then they all went back upstairs, shared in the Lord's Supper, and ate together. Paul continued talking to them until dawn, and then he left. 12 Meanwhile, the young man was taken home unhurt, and everyone was greatly relieved.

#### 1: We have To get Close

You can't rescue anyone from a distance.

Go To Them

Eutycus was THERE but he had positioned himself on the edge, On the fringe. Living life on the edge makes it much easier for you to fall, and much harder for those around you to nudge you when you start to nod off, and to grab your arm before you fall out of the window. That's what small groups do.

#### 2. See Opportunity. Not Obstacles.

When we think about serving or look at the world we see work, and not an opportunity to doing the lord's work.

Change Your Perspective

We Have A Responsibility to Respond

Always Put Faith Over Effort

#### Gal 3:3-5 NLT

I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ.

Security in who you are makes serving life giving, not life draining. It's not about our effort, it's about our relationship with Jesus. Serving is not labor, it's really supposed to be a labor love!

## **Acts 20:35 NLT**

35 And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive

Look what happened with Moses.

The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites in

## **Exodus 17: 9-13: GNT**

9 Moses said to Joshua, "Pick out some men to go and fight the Amalekites tomorrow. I will stand on top of the hill holding the stick that God told me to carry." 10 Joshua did as Moses commanded him and went out to fight the Amalekites, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11 As long as Moses held up his arms, the Israelites won, but when he put his arms down, the Amalekites started winning. 12 When Moses' arms grew tired, Aaron and Hur brought a stone for him to sit on, while they stood beside him and held up his arms, holding them steady until the sun went down. 13 In this way Joshua totally defeated the Amalekites.

Why Not? Why Don't We Do These Two Things

### **1. We make it about us.**

Serving has way more to do with our hearts and our intentions, and less to do with our time.

Philippians 2:3-4 NLT

3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. 4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too

### **2. Serving is a punishment.**

Our obedience and faithfulness are more important than our results.

### **3. We see interruptions.**

#### **1 Peter 4:10**

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

But Jesus didn't see the needs of others as interruptions. Almost every time we read about a miracle, about him healing someone, or raising someone from the dead, he's on his way to do something else.

Compassion for people always proceeds miracles!

So if you're a Christ follower, serving others is not a distraction from the most important work in your life. It's actually a piece of the most important work in your life!

**1 John 2:15-17 NLT**

15 Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. 16 For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions.

These are not from the Father, but are from this world. 17 And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

**What Now? How?**

1. Pray everyday that God gives you compassion for people and that God would show you the Eutychus in your life.
2. Take advantage of the opportunities that are right here.
3. Find your gift, your passion, your purpose!