

“ONE WORD” (part 5 of 7)

GO

THE WORDS THAT COME FROM OUR LIPS MATTER!!!

-7 weeks of POSSITIVE words that can shape us!

Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

SERIES: 7 words that connect to our hearts! (REVEAL HEARTS)

PLEASE: A humble heart
THANKS: A Grateful heart
GROW: A Hungry Heart
SORRY: A Contrite Heart
GO: A Willing Heart
YES: A Surrendered heart
NO: A Protected heart

TODAY: GO

As followers of Jesus, We ALL Have a calling!

Mark 16:15 He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to everyone.

-Last instructions Jesus gave is disciples! GO....make more disciples!

Back up just a little bit!

JESUS, Speaking in the last week of his life: (in the upper room at last supper)

John 14:12-14 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Jesus was explaining that he was going to sacrificing his life soon!

Jesus EMPOWERED His followers to keep the message alive!

John 14:15-19 “If you love me, keep my commands.¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

-Jesus was saying that there was a plan.....there was a PROMISE!

John 14:25-27 “All this I have spoken while still with you.²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

-Jesus said He was going to send the Holy Spirit to teach us and empower us!

AND “WE” WOULD KEEP THE MISSION GOING!

JESUS, Speaking in the last night of his life: (in the upper room after last supper)

John 17:18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

-Jesus is betrayed and arrested in John 18 and crucified in John 19.....

-Chapter 20 The disciples are hiding in fear!

John 20:19-21 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

THEN.....Shortly after this, Jesus last words on a mountain in Galilee:

Mark 16:15 He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to everyone.”

THEN JESUS ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN! HIS LAST WORDS!

PRAYER

NOW: PICK THIS UP IN THE BOOK OF ACTS (Written by Luke)

Acts 1:1-5 In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach² until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit.³ During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.⁴ Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before.⁵ John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

- Luke mentioned Jesus had appeared over 40 days after his death
- Nex major Jewish holiday was Pentecost (50 days after Passover)

Acts 2:1-4 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

THEY WERE EMPOWERED WITH BOLDNESS TO REACH THE WORLD!

- Went from hiding....to seeing 3000 saved and baptized that day!

-NT CHURCH WAS BIRTHED AND LIVES ON TODAY!

FROM HIDING IN FEAR.....TO BOLD WITNESSES OF CHRIST!

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

- So, back to the words Jesus told to his disciples right before the day of Pentecost

Acts 1:8 “You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth.”

LET ME START WITH THESE TOWNS:

“You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth.”

“Jerusalem”	= the people closest to me
“Judea/Samaria”	= people near but different from me
“Ends of the earth”	= everybody else!

KINGDOM BUILDERS BOOKS AND TRIP! (Pray....Give.....Go)

2024 183 people raised their own money to go on 13 trips!

2025 Guatemala, Honduras, Alaska & Vegas (52 people) El Salvador 29!!

-18 heading to LGCC Single Moms Serve team

-POH Middle School, 2 Family trips to Tree Top Farms

-350 packed food in April for KIDS FIGHTING HUNGER

-POH Monthly meals and Sole Care for Souls

-Pre K Serve day!

WHY WE PLANT NEW CHURCHES!

-Launching this fall in Wyzetta HS in Plymouth! (94 last week)

-OVER 2000 WEEKLY.....BEYOND OUR WALLS!

GIVEN OVER \$6 MILLION TO KB!!! (Eyes are outside our walls)

SO: BACK TO OUR TEXT:

Acts 1:8 “You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth.”

-YOU.....WILL BE MY WITNESS!

SO LET'S LOOK AT WHAT IT DOES NOT SAY:

"You will be my defense attorney." (You don't have to defend God)

"You will be my prosecutor." (He says he will take care of the judging)

"You will be my salesman." (The product sells itself....just LOVE)

HE SIMPLY SAYS: YOU WILL BE MY WITNESS!

What is a witness? A witness is somebody who just tells what they have seen.

-I saw this, and then I saw this; and this is what happened.

-And a witness tells what happened to them.

-You don't have to be an expert.....just tell what you saw!

WE NATURALLY TALK ABOUT THINGS THAT CHANGE OUR LIVES!

PICTURE OF DESTINATION BURGER: (Sunday night @ 5PM)

-We naturally talk about whatever gets us excited!

-I have that picture in my favorites and it often comes out!

One of the greatest witnesses of the NT church just told his story:

-PAUL HAD AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE JESUS THAT CHANGED HIS ENTIRE LIFE!

Acts 22:6-21 “About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me. ⁷ I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, ‘Saul! Saul! Why do you persecute me?’ ⁸ “‘Who are you, Lord?’ I asked. “ ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting,’ he replied.⁹ My companions saw the light, but they did not understand the voice of him who was speaking to me.

¹⁰ “‘What shall I do, Lord?’ I asked. “ ‘Get up,’ the Lord said, ‘and go into Damascus. There you will be told all that you have been assigned to do.’ ¹¹ My companions led me by the hand into Damascus, because the brilliance of the light had blinded me. ¹² “A man named Ananias came to see me. He was a devout observer of the law and highly respected by all the Jews living there. ¹³ He stood beside me and said, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight!’ And at that very moment I was able to see him.

¹⁴ “Then he said: ‘The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. ¹⁵ You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard.

PAUL UNDERSTOOD THIS CALLING:

Acts 20:24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.

-Paul wrote more than half of the New Testament!
NO ONE WAS MORE INFLUENTIAL IN SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS
AROUND THE WORLD THAN PAUL!

1 Timothy 1:6-16 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

PAUL UNDERSTOOD WHO HE WAS....AND NOW WHO HE IS IN CHRIST!

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

-WHAT A BEAUTIFUL THING! PAUL LIVED IT!!!!

“OUT WITH THE OLD.....IN WITH THE NEW”

SIGN UP: WATER BAPTISMS ON FATHERS DAY WEEKEND!!!!

THAT IS THE “GOOD NEWS” OF THE GOSPEL!!

-We have been SAVED from the wrath and punishment of our sins!

-THROUGH JESUS!

-We have been given the gift of Eternal Life!

-WE ARE MADE NEW!!!! FRESH START!

****OUR PURPOSE IS TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS (OUR STORY)**
WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

-We have HOPE!!!! (Peggy's dad's funeral)

-NOONE CAN TAKE AWAY THE STORY!!!!!!

You don't need to know the 16 fundamentals truths of the AG, or the 4 Cardinal Spiritual Laws!!

JUST SHARE YOUR HEART!! (YOUR STORY)

-In Luke chapter 8, Jesus cast some demons out of a man:

Luke 8:38-39 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

RESPONSE:

-What is your story?

-Who can you tell?

-GET BAPTIZED!

-KB: Pray.....Give.....GO!

PRAYER TEAMS