

LOVE THE WORLD

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I. MISSIONARY LESSONS FROM NORMAL PEOPLE

- *Missionaries are normal people who said YES.*

John 6:1-14

Sometime after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee, and a great crowd of people followed Him because they saw the signs He had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with His disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for He already had in mind what He was going to do. Philip answered Him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" Another of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, He said to His disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."

A. Lesson #1 Offer what we have.

- The Lord asks us to join Him.

Ruth 1:8-9

Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Ruth 1:16-18

But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

B. Lesson #2 Give even when it’s not expected

- Giving even when it’s not expected is the easiest way to be a missionary right where you are.

Luke 10:30-32

“A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

Luke 10:33-34

But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

C. Lesson #3- Love others even when it’s uncomfortable

D. Lesson #4- To not make excuses

II. THREE WAYS THAT YOU CAN PRACTICE SAYING YES TO GOD.

1. Pray

- That God will show you what to offer.
- That He will help you give when it’s not expected.

- That He will give you someone to love that makes you uncomfortable.
- That He would strengthen you to not make excuses.

2. Give

- Figure out what you have to offer! It might even be a smile.
- Look for ways to give when people are not expecting it! Mow your neighbor's yard!!
- Take a cupcake to the person who is hard to love.
- Every time you make an excuse – give a dollar to missions!

3. Go

- Go across the street and care for someone.
- Serve a monthly meal with Calvary.
- Go on a short-term mission trip.