

WE ARE GOING TO PARTAKE IN COMMUNION TOGETHER THIS MORNING...

1 Cor. 11:23-26

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

WITH THE CRUCIFIXION and RESURRECTION OF JESUS IN MIND – THIS EXPLANATION JESUS GIVES TO HIS DISCIPLES HAS SUCH DEEP MEANING FOR US AS BELIEVERS TODAY...

THE BREAD SIGNIFYING THE BODY OF JESUS WHICH WAS BEATEN FOR US – IN HIS SINLESSNESS – UNDESERVING, HE WAS BRUTALIZED FOR OUR SPIRITUAL HEALING...

THE CUP REPRESENTING HIS BLOOD WAS Poured OUT FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF OUR SIN – ALL OF THIS IS SOBERING TO THINK ABOUT...

JESUS WENT THROUGH ALL OF THIS and HE KNEW THESE COMMUNION ELEMENTS WOULD CAUSE US TO REMEMBER ALL HE HAS DONE ON OUR BEHALF...

SO AS WE PARTAKE THIS MORNING – LET US DO THIS IN FULL MEMORY OF THE PRICE JESUS PAID FOR OUR SIN...

AS WE ALL KNOW, HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD HAVE SPILLED HIS BLOOD FOR US – PERFECT BLOOD....

WE ARE GOING TO PASS OUT THE BREAD and THE CUP – PLEASE HOLD THEM and WE WILL PARTAKE TOGETHER...

TAKE TIME TO REFLECT ON THE LOVE OF GOD THAT IS SO INCREDIBLE – ALL HE WAS WILLING TO GIVE TO US...

The Messiah's Validation

Matthew 4

So we remember last time Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist His cousin.

John told Jesus "I need to be baptized by you" But Jesus said **Matt 3:15**"Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

And John baptized Jesus, and then saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove upon Jesus, confirming that this was the Messiah, and God the Father from heaven confirms this by saying in **Matt 3:17**"This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

A great moment for this King of Kings, His identity confirmed.

He is the Son of God! He is God incarnate, coming down as we will see this morning to establish the Kingdom of Heaven.

But what does this mean for the Son of God?

If He is here to establish His Kingdom, He is here to make an opposing Kingdom to the one ruling here on earth now.

Why did He have to leave His heavenly place?

We see a clue in Hebrews. [Hebrews 2:14-18](#)

14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. 17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

He had to first come and defeat Satan and Death, only by coming in the likeness of man, so that He could live that perfect life, being that perfect sacrifice, and defeating death by being raised from the dead, in that, giving man a way to salvation.

We no longer have to fear death, because One has come, who defeated it, and brought an opposing Kingdom to Satan.

This morning we will see the start of this new Kingdom, but first our God, made Himself into a human, in that having our same fleshly weaknesses and limits.

So those He came to save would know the depths of His Love, and come knowing our God can truly understand our trials, and burdens.

He is a personal God, who allowed Himself to be weak, and tested so we can never say, "God, don't you understand what I am going through, this is too hard!"

He can lovingly say "yes my child I do know and we can do this together."

As we will see Jesus will be tempted every way we are tempted, and He undoubtedly was victorious through these testing's.

Why did Jesus have to be tempted?

It was authentication and proof He was who He said He was.

He truly was the Son of God, and the Kingdom of Heaven was truly at hand.

Jesus could not sin, because He knew no sin, and this was the proof.

Matt 4:1-11 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. 3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:

'He shall give His angels charge over you,'

and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up,

Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"

7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"

8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

So a lot taking place here, let's break it up now...

Satan Tempts Jesus(Mark 1:12,13; Luke 4:1-13)

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Jesus was empowered by the Holy Spirit after His baptism, and then we see why, because He was to be led up to meet His enemy from old.

That Serpent, who has used the same tactics since the Garden of Eden.

And we see a contrast here though, the first Adam was in a wonderful Garden, full of fruit and beauty, the second Adam(Jesus) here was led into the barren wilderness to meet this foe.

But we will see through Jesus' temptations that the Devil still uses these tactics that are laid out for us in

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

It says all that is in this world, which is ruled by Satan, is this lust to fulfill self, which we remember when Eve, was tempted by Satan in...

Gen 3:4-5 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Gen 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food Lust of the flesh, that it was pleasant to the eyes Lust of the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise Pride of life, she took of its fruit and ate.

We will see Satan's schemes were very similar for Jesus, and to you and me.

2 And when He (Jesus) had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.

Fasting is an interesting thing.... Here Jesus fasted 40 days and nights, and it says He was hungry.

It is said when you fast, after about 5 days, your hunger goes away, and you will have a time period with no hunger pains, but when that hunger comes back, it means you are about to starve to death.

So we have Jesus hungry again here, meaning He allowed His flesh to be at its weakest point, and then Satan comes with his temptations.

This is amazing to me, when I think God cannot possibly understand my trials, how foolish, I have never been in this state, I cannot possibly understand what Jesus allowed Himself to go through, just so we can have a High Priest who can sympathize with us.

Jesus is at His weakest and faces off with the Adversary... it is hard enough to stand against temptation with a full stomach.

3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

Satan knew who Jesus was.

Satan always hating this relationship of the Father and Son, in his jealous fury, tries to put doubt into Jesus' mind, "If you are the Son of God?" He questions.

"Would God allow you to be this hungry and weak, if truly you are His Son?"

“Make these stones here into bread?” to prove it. Jesus was probably looking at these stones in the shape of a loaf of bread.

I imagine as he is on the brink of starving to death, the proposition did not sound so bad...

And like Eve, the Devil is trying to use the lust of the flesh, and surely the Messiah's flesh was weak; could He stand against this onslaught?

How will He fight this fiend when He is so weak?

4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

Jesus quotes Deut. 8:3. Jesus fights here with the Sword of the Spirit.

He says this flesh is second to what my Spirit needs.

And as we will see He will continuously use the Word of God to fight His enemy.

How many times we fall prey to this scheme of Satan. To act because we think God is not acting.

Jesus could have said “I am the Son of God, I am hungry, and I deserve this bread” and could have acted outside of the will of the Father.

Our society tells you, get it now, you need it now! Don't wait, and you will attempt to make the stones

into bread, and you will act as God on your own behalf.

Don't fall to the schemes of Satan, the lust of our flesh, but live on the Word of God. Make it your main course for life.

Filter every decision with scripture.

So does Satan give up at this? No way look next what happens.....

5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:

'He shall give His angels charge over you,'

and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"

Satan says "alright Christ... If you want to use scripture, I know a few myself."

Satan here uses a scripture out of context....

One of his favorite tactics for believers and unbelievers alike.

And he still uses this strategy today...

Satan here uses Ps. 91:11-12.... But leaves part of the verse out. Ps 91:11..... **To keep you in all your ways.**

So Satan here using the pride of life.... Saying “You know who You are, you are the Messiah, you can do anything and God will protect you.”

“Let us prove it here and now, where the people are Jesus, what a miracle it would be if they saw you fall and rescued by angels.... They will truly follow you Jesus, what a Name you will make for yourself.....”

“Come on, it is what scripture says.....”

He is trying to get Jesus to start His ministry with an amazing event, an exciting thing that will get Jesus noticed.

The temptation of any ministry is let’s draw people to ourselves with a show and entertainment. Let’s have a flash bang influence on people.

And like Satan is trying to do here, he is trying to feed Jesus’ ego, His pride.

Remember Jesus came to do the will of His Father; He came to bring Glory to His Father, and be about the Father’s business.

To fall to Satan’s schemes here would interrupt the plan of God.

Remember how Jesus would constantly be telling those He healed do not tell anyone, or he would hush even the demons who tried to say He was the Christ.

Jesus wanted God's will to be done all the time.

You know this is the temptation of any ministry.

Even here, the pressure in the beginning of the work here in Victorville.

How will I get the people here, and Satan feeds on your insecurities, we have to come up with a program of some sort, we must create an atmosphere that dazzles the people.

You know Satan tells you, the guys down the street have thousands of people coming, you need to change it up here, you need to do something more relevant to the culture, more spectacular, and you need to be cool and hip.

And Satan manipulates what God really has planned, and it is usually not the spectacular, it is not the style of ministry, it is not the fun, God's plan for any ministry is for Him to be glorified.

And it is usually a slow process.

It's not just in ministry; it's in daily life as well...

The deceiver tells you things like God will give you the desires of your heart.

Your desires are to be seen as successful, valuable, wealthy, and popular. God will give you those things....

But the bible really reads...

Ps 37:4 Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

But you hear it said all the time... God will give you the desires of your heart, without the delight yourself in the Lord.

If we are not delighting and committing our ways to Him, our desires will be selfish and fleshly motivated.

And you know, He will give you the desires of your heart,

Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

It seems God reaches a point where He says you want that... have it...

Something I teach often, is to test everything you hear...We need to understand scripture in context and truth...

Look how Jesus responds to Satan's jealous plea.

7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"

Jesus quotes Deut. 6:16 to fight off His foe...

You see we may be tempted by Satan at times to tempt God... to test Him...

But we have to remember this powerful scripture.

We are children of the Most High God.... We don't need to live arrogantly or recklessly to prove it.

You know the "I am saved by grace, so I can get a little drunk and then ask for forgiveness."

I can cheat on my wife, I can smoke weed, I can lie and steal.... God will forgive me.... This is Satan's scheme as in the Garden **Gen 3:1**

"Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

He tells you does God's Word really say that?

And it is a scheme of hell... don't fall victim to him..... Be in your Word so you have a way to fight.

Satan will tell you go ahead and sin, because God's Word says "where your sin is Grace abounds more," but he leaves out stuff like

Rom 6:1-2

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

You see he is the master of twisting and turning scripture, that is why it is important to know the Word, it is our guide.

I cannot tell you how many times I am talking with someone, or just trying to make a decision, and I am filtering through scripture in my heart and mind.

Testing all things with scripture. It is a good habit to get into, or you can fall prey to Satan's schemes.

That is why it is important for Christians to read their bibles, how can we engage in spiritual battle without it?

How can life be discerned without the gauge of scripture?

We are left to our emotions and feelings, which cannot be trusted.

Read through your bible once a year, it is good and healthy.

Many people ask me all the time, "what is a good devotional I could be reading?"

I simply say the bible. "Well I just cannot get into it you know, it is not interesting." They say.

The Word of God is our life source as Christians, and I cannot believe how many Christians don't know it, or don't even read it.

Those devotional books are good, but if they are replacing your bible reading, throw them in the trash, they are just man's wisdom.

How can you even discern if what is being said in your devotionals are true, if we are not in the Word.

My wife reads the Word in the morning with a devotional, she sometimes comes across something that just isn't right in one of those women's devotionals she reads, but she only knows that because she is in the Word too.

I believe the daily devotionals are okay, but if that is it, you are in trouble.

The Word of God is our gauge.

You kind of see we are in the last days, when there are so many Christian books being passed around, and daily devotionals being handed out, and the Word of God is collecting dust.

The prophet Amos in speaking of the last days says this...

Amos 8:11-12 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord God, "That I will send a famine on the land,

**Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water,
But of hearing the words of the Lord.**

**12 They shall wander from sea to sea,
And from north to east; They shall run to and fro,
seeking the word of the Lord, But shall not find it.**

**So we see the start of this today... There is an
apathetic tone when it comes to reading God's Word.**

**In Amos' prophesy the people realize it when it's too
late, they search the world for the Word of the Lord
but to no avail.**

**Isn't it like humans to not realize something is going
away until it's gone?**

**Well what can we do now? Simple, read your Word,
while it is in abundance, don't let it collect dust...**

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A great way to get the Word in your heart and mind.

**My father's advice when I was a teenager, although I
did not heed it then, but years later, and it stuck with**

**me when I gave my life over to the Lord. He said
“Read it son, even if you don’t understand it, read it.”**

It has radically changed my life, I asked him where to start way back then, he said in the beginning, then read it through, then when you finish read it again.

So if this is not your practice, hear me, and look at Jesus’ example here, read your Word, know your Word, there might be things you don’t understand, but keep reading, the Holy Spirit has a way of making sense of it all eventually.

This is my challenge to the younger generation often, and when they don’t understand something I tell them to ask.

One who went off to college a while ago, just asked what she should do for devotion, I told Liana, “read the Bible, she messaged me after a month or so... she said these exact words “hey I am still doing my devotions, and it is getting a lot harder but changing my life!”

It is hard, but necessary. She was at that time a full time college student with a full schedule of studying, she made time, and is still making time, and it is still changing her life.

So if you are challenged this morning to read your Word there is a reading plan we follow as a church,

we follow the yearly plan, I read Old Testament in Morning and if I don't get to it in the morning I will read the New Testament with Jess in the evening.

And if you don't understand the reading, ask us.

I get excited at challenging questions; it causes me to study deeper. If I don't know I will tell you that, and I will search.

The Elders are also available. Ask us, blow up our Facebook's even more. 😊

But one thing that cannot be neglected is your bible reading.

Meats and Vegies, all important.

Story: Talk about my reading through Leviticus and Pastor Ray that night.

So vs. 8 Satan has one more tactic he uses as we will see... the lust of the eyes.....

8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

All Satan wanted from the beginning is to be worshipped like God.

And here he is asking Jesus to bow and worship him; he tries to allure Him with all the splendor of this world.

Jesus as we will see never argues with Satan that these earthly kingdoms were not his to give.

And we have proof all around us that Satan rules this world.

But as we will see at the start of Jesus' preaching a New Kingdom is here, one that will draw people away from this Dragon.

Satan must know why Jesus was here, and tries to stop Him by tempting Him with the riches of this world.

How many of us have been subject to this lust of the eyes?

Satan puts success, riches, comfort, or beauty in front of you, and you think..."I want that" and he says "I can do this for you"

"Just leave that Jesus, and all that you know is right, bow to me, pursue me, and it's yours."

And off you go, following that Serpent's lies... he forgot to show you the drug addiction, depression, loneliness, heart ache that comes along with this choice.

Do you think Satan would have kept his promise to Jesus? Look how Jesus describes him..... **John 8:44**

44 He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Satan will lie to us, promise us success and riches, our lust can take us so far from God, if we are not full of the Word of God.

I know from my own life... and the horrible choices I made in my younger years and my father told me when I was young to read the Word.... To pay attention to Bible Study... And I thought it was all foolishness.

But I realize now looking back... I had no defense against Satan, no ammo to fight with...

And I ended up so far from Jesus, with so many regrets, so many heartbreaks, so many hurts and pains.

Because I chased the image that deceiver put in front of me, and I had no way to tell the difference....

Look what Jesus says.....

10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

Jesus quotes Deut. 6:13... It seems that Jesus' devotions were in Deut. Because He used that book to fight Satan at every advance.

But Jesus says only the Lord our God do we worship, He will not bow to that fallen angel!

I imagine this temptation could have been difficult for Jesus.

This is why He ultimately came, to establish a Kingdom here on earth.

Why didn't He just take this shortcut, and have the earth now?

Well imagine if Jesus just took the world right then and there, it was Satan's to give Him?

Well Jesus would have bypassed the cross, and without the cross we are all still hopelessly lost in our sin.

Jesus here at His weakest was tempted to skip the very reason He came.... To defeat sin and death...

And to establish His Kingdom through one of the most selfless acts in history.

And thus saving man through faith in Him.

Rescuing us from this Cursed Kingdom, through a new way, through this Gospel of Grace, which is the power of God to save, not some tactical shortcut made up by this deceiver.

This new Way snatches us from gates of Hell, and brings us into a marvelous Kingdom of the Heavenly.

It saves us from darkness into Light.

Satan must stop Him, or else, he knows his end is Gehenna, that place of eternal torment!

Let's see how this testing finishes out....in

11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

This is the thing, Satan will eventually leave, and the testing and trials are only for a time.

James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

I imagine many of you are going through a time of testing and trials, I encourage you submit to God's Word, it will give you what you need to resist Satan.

We have to battle Satan.... We have to clash with our foe with the Word....

There will be dark times ahead for us... our faith will be tested and validated...

We have to stand on truth as those doubts and fears come rushing in.

The sad thing is... most Christians leave fellowship, leave their prayer life, and leave their devotional life when these dark hours come in.

Stand on God's Word, Resist that liar, and he will flee.

In these last days, with Christians not reading the Word, and we have this famine for God's Word in our land.

I see something; I see the church in a mad rush to defend the faith.

We need more apologetics we need more debate we need to prove our faith is true.

But I see it as a last resort, the shield is a defensive weapon to help the soldier stand against attack, so they will stand firm.

But because we have taken the sword of the Spirit out of the hand of the church it is left only with a shield, constantly defending itself, trying to come up with a better argument, a better proof.

And the church is swinging its shield, something that is good to protect our individual faith, but never meant to use on the offense.

The church has to put the Sword back in its hand; the Word of God needs to be its number one weapon.

There is something supernatural about the Word of God being spoken, that the Spirit uses its words to penetrate man heart.

We are not supposed to engage in arguments with the world, but we are to swing the one offensive weapon we have the Sword of the Spirit.

How can you use it, if you don't know it?

Allow it to change your life, and lives of those around you.

So now we have to move on.... Jesus is proven through these trials to be the Son of God.... The angels minister to Him... and He is now ready for His ministry.

And I will tell you through experience, when you go through these dark times of testing, usually God is using them to prepare you for what's next.

So when those trials and severe temptations come, and you are being tested to the max, hold on, because He is readying you for His plan and purpose.

Jesus Begins His Galilean Ministry(Mark 1:14,15; Luke 4:14,15)

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. 13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: 16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned."

So John is put in prison, and Jesus leaves the scene to go to a new area.

He leaves His hometown, as we will see later; they rejected Him, and not wanting to be put to death too early He kind of leaves to go to a new area...

And this is where most of His ministry will be centered from.

We see again Matthew making the Jewish reader aware this is the One who fulfilled all the prophecies about the Messiah and he quotes Is. 9:1,2

Jesus will go to this dark region, to bring in the Light of His Kingdom.

This is an area known for turmoil and war, foreign Assyrian and Syrian armies would invade through this region.

There were probably many gentiles, and half breed Jews in this area.

Jesus again shows His mission was for the outsider.

The religious Jews rejected Him, so He does not go to the central place for religion, Jerusalem, but goes to where the outcast is.

This serves as a good model for the church today, but sadly very few ministries go after the outcast anymore.

They are too messy, and time consuming, so the church today goes after the well to do, low maintenance crowd.

Jesus goes for the outcast and the Lost.

Look at verse 17

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Now that John is in prison, Jesus will keep the message going that John was preaching.

Except Jesus is the King of this Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

He is here to start the opposing Kingdom to Satan and his kingdom of darkness....

And as we will see Jesus starts immediately drawing followers into His Kingdom, and has not stopped since.

We are the continuation of this Kingdom that grows daily.

When someone gives their life to Christ, Satan loses one, and the Kingdom of Heaven wins another.

And as Jesus preaches it starts with repentance, turning away from this worlds system of sin and rebellion, and turning to Jesus.

So now Jesus will begin to pick His leaders for this new Kingdom on earth.

Four Fishermen Called as Disciples(Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11)

18 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Jesus is here to establish His Kingdom, and New Way, but unlike other religious leaders and even secular

leaders of the time He went to the most uncommon places to find disciples.

He sees Peter who will be His head disciple and his brother Andrew who we will see later is always bringing people to Jesus, and He calls them to follow Him.

Why would Jesus choose such ordinary men?

He chose these guys to be the head of His movement, because they would astound the societal elite, and bring glory to God.

He chose working men, not lazy slothful men, guys who were active, working hard.

He didn't want guys to just sit around and debate, these men would have to be on the move, spreading the Gospel, not afraid to get dirty.

These men would be ministering to the ordinary men; their movement would be like no other. The religious elite would have to humble themselves under fishermen, to be a part of this movement.

And fishermen who were no bodies would humbly have to rely on the Spirit of God to lead.

It is awesome to me that Jesus chooses them while they are fishing and says, "I will use that God given trait to fish men into the Kingdom now."

And like I said, we see Andrew always bringing people to Jesus in scripture, and Peter was the one who stood up and preached and 3000 people were brought into the Kingdom of Heaven in one day.

They truly are fishers of men.

It is a lesson for us, to come to Jesus when He calls, wherever we are at, whatever we are doing, because those very things you are doing right now could be the very things He wants you to do for His Kingdom building here on earth.

21 Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

Again Jesus calls these brothers where they are, and they left it all, even the comfort of their family.

And they were mending their nets; Peter and Andrew were casting nets, fishers of men.

We know John was the Apostle of Love, a mender of relationships, and the church.

And here he is mending the nets...

It is kind of neat to see their callings.

So wherever God leads you in this life, know He is preparing you for His Work.

It is all for His Glory.

So let's look now to Jesus' ministry style.

Jesus Heals a Great Multitude(Mark 1:35-39; Luke 4:44; 6:17-19)

23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

Teaching first, preaching second, healing third.

There are many ministries full of preaching, and no teaching.

There are many ministries that focus on the healing, and no teaching.

Teaching is a key ingredient to any ministry.

Again, a bible teaching church is a crucial part of our Christian walk.

I am so thankful for the ministry I was born again through.

Pastor Ray just simply taught the Word, and it was life changing.

I am thankful to have been brought up even at a young age, under simple Bible teaching.

So many people get caught up in the excitement of healings, and that is all they will focus on.

No preacher should call himself a faith healer... There is only one Healer, Jesus Christ.

Some churches only preach week after week, no teaching, so they are preaching to the sinner to repent every week, and the same people get saved every week, when all they need is solid teaching.

There has to be a balance, and teaching the Word, usually allows for both preaching and healings.

So let's read what happens with this style of ministry.

24 Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. 25 Great multitudes followed Him — from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

As His popularity spread, we see the kind of people He attracted.

We the plan to get Jesus to reveal Himself through the spectacular that Satan was trying to manipulate, God had already planned for.

Jesus waited on the Lord, and Word spread, without the help of that serpent of old.

And we see here, the ministry was bringing glory to God now.

And I love the crowd here, at the temple where Satan wanted to do the extravagant; Jesus would have commanded the attention of the Religious.

But we see He came for a different reason, to bring in the Lost, the outcast, the misfits. This was God's plan, not to entertain a bunch of church goers.

I wonder if many of us would still come to church if this was the crowd that came to hear God's Word.

It is a funny thing to me to what man has made church these days; we want the attractive well-dressed successful people sitting next to us. Greeting us at the door.

I love watching our church when the homeless come in.

Many of you are joyful and loving towards them, but every now and again I see someone get little uncomfortable. Or upset.

But just knowing scriptures like these, we see that is who Jesus would want at church.

We don't need to keep the sinners out, but this needs to be a place they can come to meet Jesus!

This is how He would want to build His Kingdom. He is our King, we follow His example.

You know if you start up a conversation with a lot of the young people out there today, even adults, they have some sort of church background, but they have walked away.

They are Lost sons or daughters, well I say it is time for these prodigals to come home, it is time for the Harvest.

There are not many days left, it is time for His Kingdom to Come, so again may we see many come into the Kingdom in these last days.

People are looking for the Truth found in this Book, know it, so you can speak it, share it, the Gospel that is found in this Bible is the Power of God to save.

May we have Jesus' eyes as we start this week. May He give us a heart and love for the outcast.

As you young people start school this season, keep your eye out for the outcast the kid who is a loner, those are who Jesus would be going after.

If you are an outcast, I want to welcome you, I encourage you to join this family of outcast, I want to encourage you to come to Jesus this morning.

And Join this family of God, we are all misfits, but it is the greatest bunch of misfits I have ever been around.

You just have to come through faith in Jesus, believe that He died for your sins, and turn from those sins, and let Christ began to reign over your life.

If God has spoken to you this morning on anything please come forward for prayer...