

THE SCHOOL OF THE JOSHUA MINISTRIES

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Go and Make Disciples

Dream Encounter

Last month, I had dream in the night that I was walking in what looked to be a bank that was in the mall. I was preaching evangelistically and I had everyone attention then suddenly it seemed as if I came to a complete stop. I couldn't move, I couldn't speak and then a thought in my mind comes to me to tell the man to my right to follow me. I tell him to follow me and whatever had me stopped in my tracks broke off of me. He then follows me and others begin to follow me as well. I then lead them out of this bank outside. I then I notice the guy who followed me became my translator to those who needed to understand my language. It was like I was a foreigner to them but they listen to every word I spoke with the translator. They were all outside with me. Then I awoke.

Have you ever wonder why the scripture states that we are foreigners? I'm sure you will answer that question with a yes because we were outside of covenant. Then I can hear one say that we are no longer foreigners or strangers due to now being grafted into the family of God. That is true but what if we haven't converted the kingdom into our daily life with the existence of the Fathers will. Ummm. We will be in this world and not able to translate or communicate the kingdom to those who are strangers from its existence unless they hear from us. Romans 10:13-17.. [13] For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. [14] How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? ... [17] So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

It's one thing to preach, prophesy, pray for people then forget the true mandate which is disciple them. These three things are important because it is the net in which draws people to our nets. But what we fail to realize is the key to the ministry Christ called us to is discipleship? The most simplistic way to begin discipleship is being open to grow in authentic and purposeful relationship that assist in one's life entering into the life of the Spirit.

As you can see from my dream that my steps treaded upon the resistance that I could not see (serpents and scorpions) by simply following the principle of Christ model of "Follow Me." Evangelism can only go but so far because the power of the kingdom is truly transferred with the goal of discipleship. Now that we have come this far with evangelism with "all hands on deck," let's go unto perfection (Acts 18:26). I believe the Lord is saying now perfect what you're doing by leading those who are foreigners or strangers into a relationship with Christ that gives them the opportunity to follow you as you follow Christ.

Be not afraid the Lord is with you and will favor you. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 28:20, when we step out by faith into heavens pattern there is favor from above that affirms our words and actions (Isaiah 44:26, Mark 16:20). Now let us trust God, as we've been trusted with carrying His presence, His word and mandate to make disciples of all men.

We are in our new norm inside as well as outside the four walls of the Church here at TSOTJM. As it says in Joshua 3:5, "And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

Our Fasting Days



We will be fasting once a week in the month of November. It will be every Wednesday for the month. We start November 3 and the times will be from 6 am-12 pm. This is a water only fast between these times to demonstrate true dedication unto the Lord.

Addition to fasting and praying do the following for your success.

- ♦ Read: Read and study your Bible on scripture verses that are in the newsletter.
- ♦ Prayer, Praise and Worship - Separate some time to pray. It is not the fast that makes things move but rather your prayer while being on a fasted that moves heaven. Praise keeps your mind set on Him and worship bring your emotions under subjection to the peace, joy and gladness of God that will rule your heart and mind to assist you in serving with freedom in your spirit. Amen!

Let the God of grace be with you and grant you favor with man as we go the extra mile with serving His kingdom purpose.

Shalom,
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