
The School of the Joshua Ministries

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All Hands on Deck

This a term said to mean that a particular situation requires everyone to work hard in order to achieve a goal.

Jesus said in a different phrase that "the harvest is plenty but the labors are few" (Matt 9:37-38). He also said to pray that God would send more laborers and thats exactly what Jesus did.

He prayed and on that day He didn't just send twelve out.. He sent 70 out by twos. All of whine He raised up as His disciples. When He prayed, He allocated them as the Father heard His prayers.

Evangelism and discipleship was made to be easy. Do you remember what He told the disciples when He met them at the boat? He told them to throw the net to the other side even though He knew they where there all night.

When they did, there was more fish than they could handle. All of their hands on deck was needed after their obedience. This is what we are called to do in this time and season. It would be near to impossible for one or two people to do this task alone.

Are you willing to take up the charge that God has sounded across the Earth?

Are you willing to take part in the vision and mandate given to TSOTJM?

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Your role is special in the sight of God and He has prepared us all for such a time as now. It is NOW the time to go and possess the land. He has revealed a strategy that meets the demands of today that only He can favor us within.

Dream Encounter

I had a dream that I was in what seemed to be in a back storage building or space that was connected to a huge field. I could tell that those from fellowship were there, but only a few of us. There was a leader who was instrumental in proclaiming my calling on the Earth during my teenage years that was in this dream and he was being used by God to speak a few things to me. He said "you can use this place". It was as if He lent this place to us to work the fields. He then said "if you need the back hole go ahead and use it". I could tell this building/storage space was in the field and the back hole was connected to it. When He initially said that, I could see it without completely turning to what he was talking about. There was a path there that was made of black mats (similar to those in a gym) that connected to the flooring we were on to the door that was open so that all I could see was a huge field. Lastly, he said "you all are doing the preaching and thats good, but you need to lay hands on everything." Then I awoke.

To summarize, I believe the Lord is calling us to lay hold of the fields He has opened for us to labor. Preaching is good in our church fellowships, bible discussion, Joshua Generation and other platforms God has given to equip the saints. He is directing us to build this house like Solomon and lay our hands on every opportunity He presents, orchestrate and gives us.

This is amazing when you think about it. God is authorizing something that wasn't there before to allow us to have access to. He has given us favor with man to do it and the versatility to do it. We have a space to perfect what we do to go into all the world to harvest the work. We must go with the ability He has given us with using our gifts like a backhoe, or excavator, to possess the land in order to build His Church, The School of The Joshua Ministries. This is the mandate He has given us.



Question: What is the strategy given in the symbol of the backhoe?

For us to "go ye into all the world" (your space of influence).

What are some of these places?

They can be your work place, the gym you work-out at, place where you hangout, the trail you walk, etc. The place you do normal routine are the places the Lord will connect you to people. It may be conversing with the person you've always said hello to, or a face you've never seen. Simple suggestions in the form of questions to engage the culture around you with the gospel of the kingdom.

These are some of the questions you can use when you approach someone. You can either go straight to them and ask the questions or just have a conversation and trust the Lord to lead you into asking one of these questions.

- If there was one thing I could pray for you about for what might that be?
- If you were to die today, where do you believe you will go?
- Do you have a totally committed relationship with Jesus Christ?
- How are you doing spiritually?

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These were just a few questions you can ask someone and of course the Lord can give you something different in the moment. These are straight to the point to get conversations started or even go right into the questions to fulfill the mandate Jesus has said which was to "Heal the sick and cast out a devil that is oppressing someone.



Fast

As we prepare, it is of extreme importance to sanctify ourselves through fasting and prayer. To make this huge shift to become a lifestyle change we need to transition and create a holy habit until it is as easy as doing your favorite hobby. We have prepared for missions, ministry trips and outreaches, but what the Lord is calling us to do is engage this assignment that will cause us to enter into our "new norm" inside, as well as outside the four walls of the Church. We have come into the close of this year of getting to the fullness of rebuilding our first love relationship and now the Lord is calling us into our first works.

No need to fret, get anxious and or worried. Philippians 1:6 says, "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." And in Jude it states, "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy," He is pushing us to the front by the unseen events that are taking place with us and around us to stir us up for the work and bring us into the glorified church.

So with all of that being said, we will be going on a 21-day fast as a sign of surrender and yielding for such a time as now.

Amen!

Fasting schedule

Starting from October 6th to October 26th.
From 6am-12pm. This is a water only fast between these times to demonstrate dedication unto the Lord.

Addition to fasting and praying do the following.

- 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 of God that will rule your heart and mind.

May the Lord supply all your needs as you seek His face during this time. Let's pray that our heart and minds become synchronized to move of God in the direction He is calling us. Amen!

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