

Overflow Ministries

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Preach Good News



In a world where it seems that the darkness is getting darker, Christians have an awesome opportunity to shine! I can think of no better time for the LIGHT to be turned on than in darkness. God is calling us to step up and speak out the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 61:1 says "Arise and shine for the Glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Deep darkness covers the earth, but the Lord will shine upon you." That, my friends is Good News! That is the message that we need to proclaiming (preaching) because that is the message that Jesus Himself was anointed to preach. He came that we might have life more abundantly (John 10:10) in order that we could share that life and light with others.

Jesus told His disciples (by the way that included women) to go to Jerusalem and wait for the Promise of the Spirit that would empower (anoint) them to BE WITNESSES. Jesus did not say to DO Witnessing; He said that we were to BE WITNESSES. There is a huge difference in being and doing.

***Scripture Matthew
28:18-19 Jesus***

came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

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Being refers to something that you are all the time; doing is something you may only do part of the time. Going door to door, sending cards, block parties, even worship services might fall into the doing category (not that these are bad, they're just not all that we need to do). Jesus wants us to know that because we are empowered by God, everything we do is part of sharing the good news of Christ.


Consider Romans 12:2 in the Message Bible; Take your everyday, ordinary life, your eating, sleeping, working, getting up, going to bed and walking around, and offer it to God as a living sacrifice. That tells me that everything I do from grocery shopping and cooking supper to going to work and putting gas in my car should be a lifestyle of witnessing the power of Jesus in my life. That's an awesome responsibility and one that Christians should not take lightly. There is no such thing as a private faith!

We live in a time where people are not interested in programs that they haven't yet seen produce good results in others. They are in need of real people that have lives that show that Jesus has and is making a difference in their daily lives. They need to see people who are in the middle trials that are full of joy and peace. They need to see people that have faith and

confidence that no matter what comes, God is good and He is on our side. People are hungry for the Gospel of Good News that Jesus wants us to preach by living a life wholly devoted to God. You may not have a seminary degree, teach a Sunday school class, or sing in the choir but you do have a ministry and a mission field. You have an opportunity everyday to be a witness for Jesus and someone somewhere needs your message "preached" to them.

Deep darkness is trying to cover the earth, but God's Light through His people will overcome the darkness. As the song Pass It On says, "It only takes a spark to get a fire going." I pray that you will allow the Lord to use you as a spark of Good News in a dry and thirsty land. The fire of God is rising in His People. Preach Good News so that they will hear, repent, and begin their journey of shining for God. Go into all the world (that includes Wal-Mart, Kroger, your work place, your school and your home) and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and Lo I am with you always!

Prayer: Dear Lord, Thank You for choosing me to shine Your light into my little corner of the world. Forgive me for hiding my light under bushels of fear, selfishness, and complacency.



Give me the courage to boldly proclaim
the Good News of Your love, joy and
peace. Let Your Kingdom come and
Your will be done every place that I go
today. In Jesus Name, Amen

