Doing the Impossible

**2—AN IMPOSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT**

**Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

**WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN A SUPERNATURAL CALLING… AND THE BIBLE SAYS THAT WE “SHOULD” WALK IN THAT SUPERNATURAL CALLING.**

**AND WHY DO WE NEED A SUPERNATURAL CALLING? BECAUSE, NATURALLY SPEAKING, WE’VE BEEN GIVEN AN IMPOSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT.**

**Matthew 28:19 (NIV)** Go and make disciples of all nations.”

**ALL NATIONS??? WITHOUT GOD, THAT IS AN IMPOSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT.**

**Luke 1:37 (NKJV)** “With God nothing will be impossible.”

**OKAY, SO HOW DO WE DO IT?**

**I’LL GIVE YOU FOUR WAYS.**

**THE FIRST WAY IS TO PRAY.**

**Luke 10:2 (NASB 2020)** And He was saying to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

**Romans 10:1** (NKJV): Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

**EX – A FEW MONTHS AFTER WE MOVED INTO OUR NEW NEIGHBORHOOD I BEGAN FEELING STIRRED TO PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY… I WOULD PRAY IN ENGLISH AND IN THE SPIRIT, ASKING GOD FOR AN OPEN DOOR. WE DID A CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS STORY EVENT IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE ONLY PERSON THAT RESPONDED WAS A LADY WHO WAS ALREADY A FOLLOWER OF JESUS. BUT GOD USED HER TO HELP US FORM A HOUSE CHURCH… AND A FEW MONTHS LATER, GOD USED HER AGAIN TO CONNECT US TO A FAMILY WHO DIDN’T KNOW THE LORD… AND NOW I’M DISCIPLING ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THAT FAMILY.**

**THE SECOND WAY IS TO SHARE OUR TESTIMONY WITH OTHERS.**

**NOTICE… JESUS SAID, “YOU SHALL MY WITNESSES.” A WITNESS TELLS WHAT THEY SAW… OR HEARD… OR EXPERIENCED.**

**WHAT DIFFERENCE COULD OUR TESTIMONY REALLY MAKE?**

**LISTEN TO HOW ONE PERSON’S TESTIMONY AFFECTED HER WHOLE CITY.**

**John 4:28–29, 39 (NKJV)** The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, **29** “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” **… VERSE 39** And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I ever did.”

**EX – STORY OF SHARING MY TESTIMONY WITH DANIEL AT CAL STATE FULLERTON… HE SAID HE’D BE WILLING TO GET TOGETHER AGAIN.**

**THE THIRD WAY IS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.**

**Mark 16:15–20 (NKJV)** And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

**AS WE SHARE THE TRUTH OF THE WORD… GOD WORKS ON PEOPLE’S HEARTS.**

**Romans 10:17 (NKJV)** So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**ONE OF THE GREATEST REVIVALS IN HISTORY HAPPENED AS A RESULT OF A VERY SHORT MESSAGE.**

**Jonah 3:4–10 (NKJV)** And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day’s walk. Then he cried out and said, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” **5** So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. **6** Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes. **7** And he caused it to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water. **8** But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. **9** Who can tell if God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish? **10** Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

**SO GOD SENDS US TO SHARE HIS MESSAGE, AND HE TOUCHES PEOPLE’S HEARTS TO HEAR AND RESPOND.**

**EX – KIMBERLY AND I WERE SHARING A MEAL WITH CINDY AND TODD ANDERSON… AND AS THE SERVER – IN HIS TWENTIES – WAS TAKING OUR ORDER, CINDY CALLED THE SERVER BY NAME AND SAID, “WE’RE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING WE CAN PRAY FOR?” AND TO OUR SURPRISE, HE IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED WITH A YES. AND HE WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT HE HAS BEEN SUFFERING WITH A DISEASE MOST OF HIS LIFE AND IS IN A LOT OF PAIN… AND THAT HE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE PRAYER.**

**AND THE FOURTH WAY IS TO FORM DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS.**

**JESUS WOULD PRAY FOR… AND THEN CONSTANTLY LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER PEOPLE TOGETHER TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. FOR EXAMPLE, DO YOU REMEMBER THE STORY OF MATTHEW THE TAX COLLECTOR? THE BIBLE ALSO CALLS HIM “LEVI.” IT SAYS IN…**

**Mark 2:14–17 (NKJV)** As He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow Me.” So he arose and followed Him. **15** Now it happened, as He was dining in Levi’s house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him. **16** And when the scribes and Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His disciples, “How is it that He eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?” **17** When Jesus heard it, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

**CAN YOU SEE THAT JESUS LOOKED FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER WHOLE GROUPS OF FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, FAMILY MEMBERS, ETC.**

**EX – BEING INVITED TO TRANG’S HOUSE MULTIPLE TIMES… INCLUDING FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER.**

**SO HERE ARE FOUR THINGS JESUS TELLS US TO DO TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS:**

1. **PRAY**
2. **SHARE OUR STORY**
3. **SHARE THE GOSPEL**
4. **FORM DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS**

**THERE ARE FOUR PRACTICAL TRAININGS IN THE FIRST TERRITORY OF JESUS DISCIPLE:**

1. **HOW TO PRAY FOR THE LOST**
2. **HOW TO SHARE YOUR STORY**
3. **HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL**
4. **HOW TO FORM A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP**

**GOD IS CALLING US TO A NEW LEVEL OF DISCIPLESHIP… ONE THAT INCLUDING MAKING DISCIPLES THAT MAKE DISCIPLES.**

**I’M ASKING YOU TO PRAY… FORM A GROUP… AND BEGIN THE FIRST TERRITORY.**