

THE GOSPEL: POWER UNTO SALVATION

Acts 2.37-41 // May 29, 2022

PETER'S FIRST CATCH

At some point this Pentecost event must have made its way into the open air, because we see that Peter preaches and 3,000 are saved and baptized that day. And this happens simply from the words of a man who *at best* had been a believer for no more than 3 years, and *probably* a true believer for only 3 months.

God is not concerned with your ability, but your availability.

As a matter of fact, your *inability* will often serve as a *bonus*, because it is when we are wholly dependent and unsure of ourselves, but sure in the power of God and His Gospel that God is truly glorified in and through us.

FOOLISH PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

**If we doubt God's ability to use us to lead others to Christ,
it's not because we lack faith in ourselves,
it's because we lack faith in God.**

God has made clear that He has chosen to save us to send us, and then use us to preach the Gospel so that others would be saved. In this way, we are instruments in the hands of the Great Physician. We, by the indwelling of His Spirit and those who speak His Word, are the Physician's assistants. To many who would hear this, it is a foolish and silly plan; but this, again, is all to show God's greatness as He is able to use a story of weakness (His own demise at the hands of His own creation) and have it spread through uneducated nobodies, and in doing so He will save many and show Himself as sovereign King of kings.

James 1.21 // 1 Corinthians 3.5-9, 1.21

SAVED TO BE SENT

It is easy to get discouraged in our parenting, friendships, and evangelism. But we walk by faith, and not by sight, and we remind ourselves that "success" for us does not mean the conversion of souls (while that is our great hope!), "success" for us is simply obedience; trusting in the work and ways of God and trusting Him each day with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Ultimately, our hearers need the Holy Spirit to open their eyes and hearts. We can be, like these devout Jews, morally upright with correct doctrine, and not be saved. We are unable to open those eyes, but as the Physician's assistants, we can administer the one great power that has that ability: the Gospel of Christ.

**Right belief is not the same thing as true faith.
Does right belief matter? Absolutely.
But we can understand and affirm
all the right doctrine and not be saved.**

-Courtney Doctor

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Leviticus 17:11

For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Acts 2.37-41**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Seeing Peter be used to save souls is incredible! What Gospel truths do you need to remind yourself of to keep you encouraged not just in God's *ability* to use you, but even His *desire* to use you? What weaknesses do you have that you think God may be wanting to "use" to bring Himself glory?

Your Life Mission

We are all wired differently, but all called to the same thing: to be witnesses to world that needs to know Jesus. Who did you write down on your "Monthly Life Liturgy" that you will be pursuing in a particular way this month, and how could you use prayer to do God's will in that?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

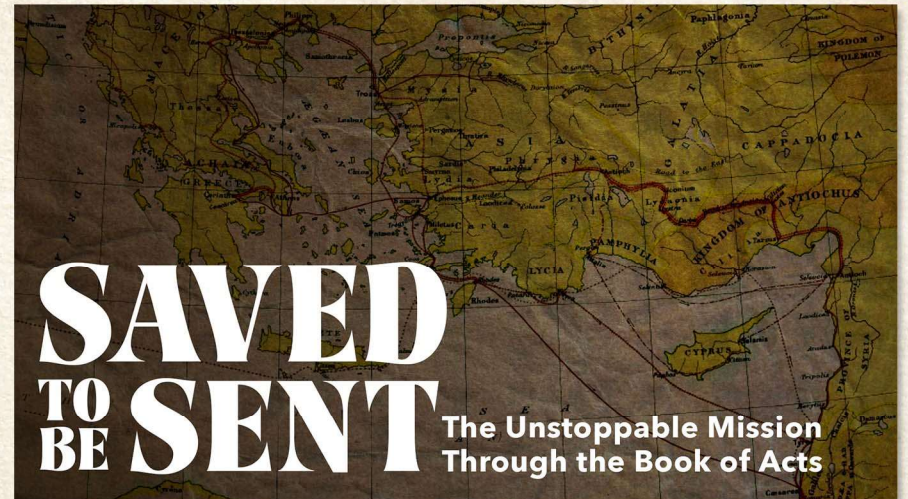
- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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