

Equipped for Service

Part 6: How to Share the Gospel (part 4)

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Full Text (for reading on your own)

Cast Out into the Harvest!

In Luke 10:2 Jesus said *“The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”* The harvest was people. Pentecost was the Jewish festival of the agricultural harvest, but when Pentecost fully came in Acts 2, it was a celebration of the harvest of souls for the Kingdom. It is worth noting that the first effect of the Holy Spirit poured out on all flesh as Joel 2 had prophesied was the salvation of thousands of souls!

The fishing is good! The harvest is truly great, but the laborers are few. The fishing is good but there are not many folks that are willing to go fishing. Jesus wants to make you a fisher of men. If you follow Him, He will make you fishers of men. It's the nature of being with Him that we want others to know Who He is.

So, what's the solution? Pray! Remember that the righteous are to live by faith! Don't turn the harvest into a heavy burden ... instead PRAY that the Lord of the harvest would send you out into the harvest! Jesus has called us as a body to “go out and to reach out, to deliver to our neighbors what He has delivered to us.” It's already happening!

Ask God to *ekballo* (expel, forcefully send out) you into the harvest!

Turning Around to Share the Gospel

Megan was late driving the boys to meet her sister and a worker along the road caught her eye. Knowing she was late, she prayed for someone to minister to him. She felt like the Lord prompted her “not someone else ... you :)” So, she turned around, walked up to him with a gospel tract and said “have you heard about Jesus?” He said “yes.” She said “have you met Him?” He said “no. Do you have a card?” She said “as a matter of fact I do!” She opened up the tract and said “this will show you about how to have a relationship with God.” The whole exchange was very brief. She handed the tract to him and said “God bless you.” As she left, Megan saw him already reading the word of salvation in that tract!

Megan experienced that when she responds to the voice of the Lord she hears Him again - even more strongly the next time! Hebrews 3:15 says *“Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.”* If you hear His voice, please don’t harden your heart. For Peter, if he hears the voice of the Lord to witness to someone or to even just approach them to see if there is an opportunity there, he has to harden his heart to not go. That leaves him to have to go through the process of softening his heart later.

A Theological Question Tee-d Up!

In Acts 8, the Lord tells Philip *“Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza ... Go near and overtake this chariot.”* We know from Acts 6 (when he was appointed a deacon) that Philip was a faithful man; he would be consistently thinking about what the Lord was doing. So if the Lord tells Philip to go to a certain place he is going to be waiting for his direction from the Lord - probably figuring he was going to minister to someone!

So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?” Because Philip was waiting for an assignment, as soon as he heard the prophet Isaiah being read - about Jesus no less, Philip immediately knew he was supposed to share the gospel with the Ethiopian eunuch. *“Do you understand what you are reading?”* The eunuch responded *“How can I, unless someone guides me?”* How can they understand unless we guide them! How can they hear unless some one preaches! (Romans 10)

And what was the eunuch reading right then? *“He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth.”* The eunuch asked Philip *“of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?”* This is a theological tee-up! Philip didn’t even need to ask the question. The eunuch asks Philip to share about Jesus! *“Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.”* This is a key! The devil wants to keep your mouth shut. Just start. Just open your mouth! Philip opened his mouth, beginning at this scripture, he preached Jesus to him! The man was baptized.

Here’s Peter’s story. One morning, very early, he received a message from a friend saying something like “would you be able to explain to me how the Law of Moses relates to Jesus?” Immediately Peter thought of Romans 10:4 “Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness for all who believe.” In other words, Jesus fulfilled the Law so that whoever would believe in Him would be righteous through Christ instead of trying to fulfill the Law. Turns out this person had been reading the Bible all night long and decided to message Peter very early in the morning with that question! Peter got to share the gospel with his friend who received that Lord that morning!

Delayed for God!

As we are faithful with little opportunities to share the gospel, he will give us more! Peter and Megan have started to notice a pattern in fact. They will sometimes become unexplainably delayed in doing errands, etc. and nearly every time it turns out that they run into someone! For instance, one time Megan had met a gentleman and she wanted to get to pray for him again. She prayed “God I pray that I would meet him again!” A month or two later, Peter and Megan were experiencing one of those “delays” in the grocery store. Cheese aisle. Met him. Saw him again! Another time, Peter was totally delayed, ran into someone he went to grade school with and got to share the whole gospel with her.

Here was another delay: Peter was carrying a load of material on his shoulder and a cart with 16 feet of material cut in front of him! Peter guarded his heart to not get into offense. Mark Crawford says that our breakthrough is on the other side of offense. Turns out the person in front of Peter (big cart) ends up paying \$55.55 for their material. This caught Peter’s ear because 5 is the number of grace in the Bible and duplication means an emphasis (e.g., 6 means “flesh” whereas 666 means “the devil”). Peter checks out and decides to purchase an additional item at the counter. Guess what his purchase came out to? You guessed it! \$55.55.

This was a divine set up! The person at the cash register says “that’s crazy. They were just \$55.55 too. It must mean something!” That was an invitation to Peter to share the interpretation! He said “do you know that 5 is the number of grace in the Bible?”

If you are not following God in your life on a consistent basis, you are getting held up because you are not doing what he has for you to do. If you are following Him on a consistent basis, if something is not working right or clicking right it often is the Holy Spirit telling you to wait! It makes ministry so much more easy because now the vast majority of signals you are getting are from the Holy Spirit - not from disobedience!

So Peter said “do you know that 5 is the number of grace in the Bible?” She said “no way.” Peter said “yep, it is. In fact Romans 5:17 says that we can receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness and thereby reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.” She said “wow, that’s interesting. Boy this is interesting.” As great as that exchange was, Peter thought “she is not going to be able to receive the Lord based on that alone.”

So, Peter prayed, went back into the store, and looked for her. He was a bit rusty in sharing the gospel at the time so he walked around the store a bit to pray and get his heart right. He did not want to come off as nervous because if you are nervous sometimes your nervousness comes off as awkwardnesses and it will make them think something is wrong when in fact everything is right! Peter walked up to her “hey it’s me again, the 55.55 guy. I brought in something for you to read that follows up on what I was telling you about - it tells you how to have a relationship with God. Would

you be interested in that?” She said “sure!” Peter said “if I give it to you, do you promise to read it?” She promised and then Peter and her talked for a few more minutes.

“Could I talk with you about the Lord?”

Pastors Brad and Peter were at a mall. They had prayed for the Lord to direct them to the right people to witness to. Two young ladies (18-20) caught our eye and they walked up to them. Brad said “excuse me ladies, could I talk with you about the Lord?” When you ask this question, you will see the people’s brains go through a few thoughts: (1) oh, someone I don’t know just talked with me, (2) what did they say? (3) they are talking with me about God. These mental calculations occur very quickly and once they start to wonder if you are crazy or not simply smile and say something like “I know it’s pretty different for someone to ask out of the blue if they can talk with you about the Lord.” At this point, they will often laugh as they realize “oh good, he is fine!” If they know that you know that it’s odd, then they will know that you are fine :)

These two young girls start looking back and forth at each other and then to Brad and Peter saying something like “this is so crazy! We were just standing here and talking with each other saying ‘what does it mean to have a relationship with God?’”

“How can I, unless someone guides me?”

Brad and Peter said “well that’s exactly what were wanting to talk with you about!” They all sat down at a table in the food court. Genesis to John 3:3 to Romans 10 and they were are again! They were so overjoyed that someone found them in the very moment they were wondering how to have a relationship with God!

Praying for Physical Healing

Peter was in an airport. He had a few hours to get some work done. He got some Starbucks and felt led to sit at a specific table even though it didn’t have an outlet like he needed for his computer.

Psalm 37:4 says “delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.” A clear conscience is one of the most powerful tools of the ministry. I am not talking about being righteous before God. You got to be 100% righteous before God when you received Christ. This is about what 1 John 3 says ... if your heart condemns you, God is greater than your heart and you are actually still fine with God on His end. But on your end your heart will condemn you and you won’t have what you ask because you are timid before Him.

Additionally, if you know that your heart is not always delighting in Him you will know that the desires of your heart are not always His. If the desires of your heart are not always His, it becomes a problem in ministry because you don’t know if you are being led by the Spirit of led by the flesh. If

the desires of your heart are His, you start to wonder sometimes ... “was that me or was that God” and you start to realize that it was one-in-the-same. So, when Peter felt led to sit at a specific table even though it didn’t have an outlet like he needed for his computer, he believed that it was probably a good chance that the Holy Spirit was speaking to him. So, Peter sits down at that table without internet. So, he gets out the Word to read that. Like Philip in Acts 8, Peter expected that he was going to minister to someone. So, he simply enjoyed his time in the Word, peacefully waiting for a lead from the Lord.

At the counter, a young man who was apparently gender confused shared that he wasn’t sure which pronoun he wanted folks to call him. Now, Jesus said in Mark 10:6 *“But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’* There is sex, it is biological, XX and XY, and God set it up that way. So this young man was confused - God bless him. So Peter is sitting there wondering if this was the guy the Lord had him to minister to. Peter told the Lord “I’m willing, but I would need help if you want me to help him.” But, we minister out of lead, not out of need. 10 minutes go by, and Peter still has no lead to minister to him.

So, Peter is sitting there in peace, still waiting for the lead of the Lord. “He keeps him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Him.” “Let the peace of the Lord rule in your hearts.” “He will make your taskmasters peace and your magistrates righteousness!” God will make your taskmaster peace. Peace is going to tell you what to do! Your to-do list sometimes is making you fret. But fret not because it tends only to evil. Make your to-do list out of peace. He will make your taskmaster peace and your magistrates righteousness. He will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Him. Let the peace of the Lord rule in your heart. So, as he was sitting there, Peter consciously stayed in the peace of the Lord. He was not trying to put himself out there in ministry even though he was aware that he was sitting there for a ministry opportunity!

Around that time, Peter saw a Starbucks worker walking like her back was hurting terribly. Peter instantly engaged her in conversation because he knew he was there to minister and as soon as he saw her, he knew it was her he was there for. She was about 15 feet from Peter so he needed to talk loud enough that she can hear him, gentle enough that he doesn’t scare her, and compassionate enough that it engages her. You can’t plan for all of that. Your heart is right and the fruit of the Spirit comes out ... patient, gentle, kind, etc. Peter said “oh, is your back hurting?” She looked to Peter “it’s terrible!” Peter asked “how long has it been hurting?” She briefly explained.

Then Peter said “I’m a believer, I’m a Christian, and actually the majority of time I pray for people’s backs they are healed on the spot. Would you like me to pray for you?” She said “really? Sure!” Peter offered “would like to get a seat since your back is hurting?” Since she was clearly in pain while standing it was not going to be very easy for her to receive prayer if she was still standing so she finds a seat and sits down. Peter sat down across from her and began to share a bit about God’s will for

healing as evidenced in Christ's ministry. She was grimacing in pain every 10 seconds. "I don't know if you are familiar with Jesus and what the Bible tells us about Him? ... well what did He do when people were sick?" They all know "He healed them!" Peter will then say "well you might not know this but He actually said that believers ought to do the exact same thing and for the last many years when I pray for people they are often healed." (If you don't have your own personal testimonies, share Jesus' testimony and someone else's testimony maybe too).

So Peter prayed for her and felt the anointing (not necessary but affirming!) The girl felt nothing. Peter said "even Jesus prayed twice for a blind man before he could see totally better, so I could pray again for you?" Humble! Peter prayed again, and she felt the peace of God but still no physical healing - but she felt so loved. Remember love is the safety belt of all ministry.

So Peter said "let me ask you a little bit about Jesus. Do you know if you are born again?" She said she wasn't sure so Peter shared the gospel with her in about a minute or two because she was still on the job technically (although she couldn't even work currently her back was so bad). Peter also gave her a gospel tract, encourage her to read it that night and pray so that she could guarantee her salvation. She was very appreciative!

Do you know who was sitting next to them the whole time? The gender-confused young man! She has picked was 2-3 feet from him - who found himself having to hear the entire gospel and hear Peter pray for her with authority. Peter knew the young man might have been antagonistic to the message but he thought "greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world so we are going to rock and roll!"

We can see anything healed by the power of Jesus! It has already been paid for on the Cross! As believers we have a utility - a function - we can serve to the world and God wants you to serve that function to the world! By offering to pray, Peter got to share the gospel with her.

About 15 minutes later, Peter is back to reading the Word at his special table and the young lady pops out from behind the counter carrying a very large box and exclaiming "thank you SO MUCH - my back is better than when I came to work today!" Incredible! Peter did overhear her sometime say she took 5 Advil after they had prayed. That said, Advil doesn't necessarily work that quickly, nor do they make your back better than it was before. Additionally, with all that put together she somehow knew it was God that had healed her back "thank you SO MUCH - my back is better than when I came to work today!"

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A Framework for Healing

Another time, recently, Peter offered to someone else to pray for their aching back but they said “no thanks.” Peter realized afterwards (with the help of his wife) that he had communicated too quickly and that probably made the person a bit nervous - potentially leading them to say “no thank you.” Peter is practicing. Remember that skill is when faith meets experience. So, you have faith for healing, but just know as you step out to share the gospel, experience will develop over time - creating skill.

If you follow someone else’s framework, you benefit from their experience. Please study the framework on the last two pages of this document which describe God’s will for healing (from Brad Ettore) and a 5 Step Model for Praying for Healing (from Randy Clark).

A Word of Knowledge

Recently Peter had a headache even though he never has headaches. So, he said “Lord if that pain is meant to tell me something, cause it to leave please.” Immediately the headache left - telling Peter it was a word of knowledge for healing. Peter and Megan had friends coming over. So, Peter walks in to their kitchen where Megan and one of their friends are standing Peter says very loudly “Man, I have a terrible headache. Do you have a headache?” Their friend immediately says “I was just telling Megan what a bad headache I have.” Peter said “this headache isn’t actually mine, it was a word of knowledge for healing so let me pray for you and God is going to heal you.” She said “sure.” Peter invited God’s presence and power and commanded all pain to leave and rest and peace to come into her head. Her headache was instantly 90% better. Peter praised God and then asked her where her last 10% of pain was. It was in her temples. Peter put his fingers on her temples, thanked Jesus for what He had already done and for the fact that the last 10% was going to go NOW in Jesus’ name. Totally gone! Instantly! Praise God!

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Points to Ponder . . .

- Testimonies ... what stood out to you?!? (*about 10 minutes*)
- READ THROUGH the HEALING ONE PAGER (next two pages of this document if you weren't able to get yours at church). As you do each section listed below, spend 3-5 minutes discussing each section. (*about 25-30 minutes total including reading*)
 - What's God's will for healing?
 - How was healing paid for?
 - What is the role of faith in healing?
 - How does the 5 step healing prayer model work?
- USING THE 5 STEP MODEL Pray for any physical sickness / disease / healing need as a whole group or in smaller groups for the sake of time and more people getting to pray.

God's Will for Healing

- John 5:19 "Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."
- John 14:7-10 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works."
- Matthew 9:35 "Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing **every sickness** and **every disease** among the people."
- Matthew 12:15b "And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all."
- 47 times individual or small groups / 17 times multitudes or large groups "Healed them ALL"
- Mark 16:17-18,20 "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; **they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover** ... And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen."
- John 14:12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."

SO, WHAT IS THE WILL OF THE FATHER???

Sickness WAS Dealt With at the Cross

1. Sin is the disease. Sickness is the symptom of the disease (mankind's sin).
 - "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned" (Rom. 5:12)
 2. Jesus connected sickness w/ mankind's sin issue.
 - "the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is **My body** which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in **My blood**. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." (1 Cor. 11:23-25)
 - "Surely **He has borne our griefs (SICKNESS in Hebrew)** and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But **He was wounded for our transgressions**, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And **by His stripes we are healed**." (Isa. 53:4-5)
 - "Bless the Lord, ... and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your **iniquities**, Who heals all your **diseases**," (Ps. 101:1-3)
 - "For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" (Matthew 9:5-6)
 3. Since God has already taken care of the entire sin issue, its byproduct, its offspring (sickness) is also done with!
 - 1 Pe. 2:24 "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you **were** healed."
- It is not even a question about God's will to heal - any more than it's a question about God's will to forgive! He's already done it on the Cross!*

Faith is the Issue

- Mark 9:22-23 "And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But **if You can do anything**, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "**If you can believe**, all things are possible to him who believes."
- Mk. 11:22-24 "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, **whoever says** to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and **does not doubt in his heart**, but **believes** that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

5 Step Prayer Model

buy this book: *Power to Heal* (by Randy Clark)

1. Interview In the interview, you have 2 Goals: RELATIONAL & INFORMATIONAL

- RELATIONAL goal = be loving, kind, friendly, etc. Represent the fruit of the Spirit / Nature of Jesus
- INFORMATIONAL goal = looking for specific pieces of information to guide your prayer selection
 - "When did this start?"
 - "Did any other significant (traumatic) things happen around the time it started?"
 - "What do the doctors say?"
 - "Does this run in your family at all?"
 - "Was there an accident or related cause to this?"
 - NOTE: since the goal is relational, once you have a lead, MOVE ON to the next step (prayer selection)
 - NOTE ALSO: You are not a doctor or psychologist, just a believer getting enough info to pray :)

2. Prayer Selection You select how you are going to pray quietly / internally. There are two basic options:

- COMMAND = the default prayer mode for healing. Jesus already paid for it. Speak to the mountain!
 - Mk. 9:25 "He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I **command** you, come out of him and enter him no more!"
 - Mk. 5:41-42 "Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, **arise.**" Immediately the girl arose and walked"
- PROPHETIC ACT = sometimes the Lord may lead you to either do or suggest a prophetic motion or act.
 - Mk. 8:23-25 "So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had **spit on his eyes** and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly."
 - Mark 3:3-5 "And He said to the man who had the withered hand, "**Step forward.**" ... He said to the man, "**Stretch out your hand.**" And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other."

3. Prayer Ministry Praying for effect

- Lean on the Holy Spirit!
- Good idea to start prayer by saying "Come, Holy Spirit, with Your presence and healing power!"
- Encourage the person receiving prayer to just receive
- Ask for permission before laying your hands on them
- Keep your eyes open as much as possible
- Ask the prayer-receiver to let you know if they feel anything (hot, cold, increased or decreased pain, pain moving)
- Thank God for what He is doing

5. Post Prayer Suggestions

- Encourage the person's walk with the Lord
- Lifestyle adjustment?
- Perseverance in Prayer
- Prepared to Fight to keep their healing
- LOVE LOVE LOVE!

4. Re-Interview

- Lean on the Holy Spirit!
- Ask them to quantify any change they feel ... "be honest; don't be nice"
- THANK GOD for any and all progress - it's a miracle!
- Be humble and Relational
- No progress? Here are some hinderances to Healing
 - Unforgiveness in the life of the person you are praying for (help them forgive)
 - Un-repent of sin (tactfully help them repent)
 - Afflicting Spirits (did the pain move or intensify when you prayed?)
 - Need for Inner Healing
- When to stop praying
 - They are all healed
 - You or they feel led to stop
 - You have no more prayer ideas / traction right now