

Comfort Zone Visitation (excerpt)

The Visual Connection - Prayer Walking

Rooms to Roads..... I love Prayer Walking!

I really do.

Nothing connects me; nothing gets me more excited to GO than seeing the harvest fields; now more than ready to reap. Especially because they are souls in need of a Savior just like I was.

God's Word shows my marching orders in Matthew 28, while the drum beats of my heart begin the cadence and reminder that time is running out, is more than the world's cry.

So many church folks have that deep down burning voice that says they should share the Good News of Calvary through the Blood. But exactly what to do next and how, is something they'd rather ponder a few weeks more or better yet, let the preacher or deacons do it.

The honest truth is that Satan continually bombards us with his outright lies and shoots his half truths into us, most of every day. We allow our minds to drift into fields of sin and don't want to open our eyes to where we are really at and the erosion of time.

Accountability would be a topic to discuss here, but we're on to major missions.

IN SIGHT

In this step we want to fine-tune our Great Commission vision, allowing the Holy Spirit to sharpen our focus on the nearby harvest of souls we've been entrusted with.

What do you see? The answer to this depends on many things:

- Where/when you're looking
- How long you look
- How good your eyes are
- What tools you're using: contacts/glasses, magnifying glasses, binoculars, satellites, telescopes, microscopes, periscopes, and many other ...scopes.

Let's try an experiment. (3 homes) well-to-do, middle class , and trailer place.



With Comfort Zone Prospecting visitation in mind, what do you see?

1. (looking at the large expensive home). "Oh boy. If we can get that family in our church, we'll be able to afford that new sound equipment we've been looking at.
2. (looking at the middle class home). "Well this family is just what our church can really grow on.

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See the toys in the yard? Before you know it, we'll have to start training new teachers for the children.

3. (looking at the little trailer home.) “Skip these guys. Let's spend our efforts with some family that looks like they'll not bring in more problems than our church needs. Living in a trailer, they'll be gone in a week... they'll not be around long to help our church.”

All three of these observations are very very wrong. And much worse, they are most often our own observations as we begin most all faith-based visitation.

While our eyes are prized far above all our other senses, there are terribly important; guarded territories no man-made tools that can help us see into – namely the blessings and burdens in the heart of another person. But thankfully this is where our all-powerful loving merciful God does much of His best work; more-so, each day.

See with your heart.

That's how you tap into the heart beats of others; piercing the temporary; the tangibles; the toys of this life. Seeing with the heart taps the life blood of that soul. You can then see a person's rudder that directs their path and their sails that power them along.

Seeing with your heart allows you to:

- respond because of who you are, rather than how you think they'll react.
- It allows you to set person to person goals out there rather than just the present.
- It's Christ-like
- It's how we want others to look at us.

Our Great Commission directive is listed in Matthew 28:18-20:

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

The verses say we are to search out souls, befriend them, evangelize them and then disciple them. With great spirit and burden we are to use all of our senses to 'go to the whole world'.

1. EXPECT God to bless your best prospecting efforts.
2. SLOW DOWN! Too often we are in just too much of a hurry to be our best for God. Fast food. Fast moving. Fast communicating... I like the little word used many times in the book of Psalms and elsewhere... 'selah'. Selah is applied in a few different uses, one of which is a pause... pause and re-taste... pause and reflect. This process is extremely important in prospecting for God's harvest.
3. FOLLOW UP. Even after you've left the scene, ask God to help you to compassionately see the needs of those before you. He's extra good at that!