

## Within Reach

**Text: John 1:32** *And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. <sup>33</sup> And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. <sup>34</sup> And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. <sup>35</sup> Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; <sup>36</sup> And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! <sup>37</sup> And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? <sup>39</sup> He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup> One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.*

**Introduction:** The plan of God has always been for your family either natural or spiritual to be **Within Reach!**

Your closest relationships at work and friends are **Within Reach!**

You must reach out also is for your needs to be met we are **Within Reach!**

1. Your family is **Within Reach!**
2. Your workplace and friends are **Within Reach!**
3. We are here to help you and are **Within Reach!**

### 1. Your family is **Within Reach!**

- Andrew brings Peter, James & John

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- Pentecost's first message preached – family is **Within Reach!**

**Acts 2:16** *But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; <sup>17</sup> And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: <sup>18</sup> And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: --- <sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

**Acts 2:38** *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. <sup>40</sup> And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward (perverse, warped) generation.*

- Peter's testimony at Jerusalem regarding the Gentile's Families being born-again.

**Acts 11:13** *And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; <sup>14</sup> Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. <sup>17</sup> Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? <sup>18</sup> When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.*

### 2. Your workplace and friends are **Within Reach!**

- Fishing business is **Within Reach!**

**Matthew 4:18** *And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. <sup>20</sup> And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. <sup>21</sup> And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. <sup>22</sup> And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.*

- Cornelius' friends are **Within Reach!**

**Acts 10:24** *And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And **Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.***<sup>25</sup> *And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.*<sup>26</sup> *But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.*<sup>27</sup> *And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.*

### 3. We are here to help you and Within Reach!

- **Help from the sanctuary Within Reach!**

**Psalm 20:1 (NIV)** *May the Lord answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.*<sup>2</sup> **May He send you help from the sanctuary** and grant you support from Zion.<sup>3</sup> *May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings.*

- **Two are better than one, get with someone Within Reach!**

**Ecclesiastes 4:9** *Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.*<sup>10</sup> **For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.** ---<sup>12</sup> *And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*

**Deuteronomy 32:30** *How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?*

- **Strength is Within Reach!**

**Romans 15:1** *We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.*<sup>2</sup> **Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.**<sup>3</sup> *For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.*

- **The most unrecognized parts are most significant to us**

**1 Corinthians 12:22 (NLT)** *In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary.*<sup>23</sup> *And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen,*<sup>24</sup> *while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity.*<sup>25</sup> *This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other.*<sup>26</sup> **If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.**

- **Wise men are Within Reach!**

**Proverbs 13:20** *He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.*

- **Good men and women are Within Reach!**

**Psalm 112:1** *Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.*<sup>2</sup> *His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.*<sup>3</sup> *Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.*<sup>4</sup> *Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.*<sup>5</sup> **A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.**<sup>6</sup> *Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.*<sup>7</sup> *He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.*<sup>8</sup> *His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.*<sup>9</sup> *He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.*<sup>10</sup> *The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.*

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**Acts 20:35** *I have shewed you all things, how that **so labouring ye ought to support the weak,** and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, **It is more blessed to give than to receive.***

**2 Corinthians 8:12** *For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not*

**2 Corinthians 9:6** *But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.*<sup>7</sup> **Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.**<sup>8</sup> *And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.*<sup>10</sup> *Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) <sup>11</sup>Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.*