

## Relationship Evangelism

**Text: Matthew 5:14** *Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.* <sup>15</sup> *Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.* <sup>16</sup> **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

**Introduction:** We all meet and interact with different people: at church, family, work, community, friendships, events, etc. The norm is that we generally relate the same way every time.

Today I charge you to be intentional with every relationship to see what work will bring light into that person. We will intentionally work the Word of God by:

1. Ruling the environment.
2. Being present in the moment.
3. Acting because God is working!

### 1. Ruling the environment

- **Take authority over the unseen enemies**

**Ephesians 6:10** *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.* <sup>11</sup> *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.* <sup>12</sup> *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.* <sup>13</sup> *Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

**Matthew 16:18** *And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* <sup>19</sup> *And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

- **Loose yourself from the last and the past**

Do not carry the baggage of the past into your present!

- **Remit people's sin**

**John 20:21** *Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.* <sup>22</sup> *And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: <sup>23</sup> Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.*

- **Don't let the accuser have your mind or conversations**

**Revelation 12:10** *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.* <sup>11</sup> *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

- **Speak God's Word into the relationships**

**Matthew 8:8** *The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.* <sup>9</sup> *For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.* <sup>10</sup> *When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.*

- **Romans 10:6** *But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)--10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; <sup>9</sup> That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt*

*believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

## 2. Being present in the moment

**Matthew 4:17** *From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. <sup>18</sup> 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.***

As we look into the Word of God we find that there are different accounts to the similar time frames. For example, when Peter and Andrew met Jesus; if you only read the account of Matthew, one would think that they were called together as they were fishermen, until you read the parallel chapter in John you see that Andrew ran to bring his brother to Jesus.

**John 1:35** *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.*

**1 John 4:17** *Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup> We love him, because he first loved us.*

**Declaration: The future of the Kingdom of God lies in my hands. There is no room in me for fear or shame. In the Name of Jesus, I boldly let God's Word and power flow through me to produce His proof right where I am and wherever I go.**

## 3. Acting because God is working!

**2 Corinthians 5:14 (NKJV)** *For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; <sup>15</sup> and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation' old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. <sup>18</sup> Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, <sup>19</sup> that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

**Declaration: Today I acknowledge I am God's minister! I have accepted His mandate "I am God's servant to all." Now I pour out myself, giving my time, my talent, my money, everything that I have, just as Jesus did by pouring His life out as a sacrifice for the world.**

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## Worship God with your First-Fruits, Tithes, Offerings and Sacrifices:

**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:*