



FRESH ENCOUNTER

CONSISTENT DISCIPLESHIP

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"My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, 20 I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you." (Galatians 4:19-20) building character

"Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:" (2 Corinthians 3:2) living letter

INTRODUCTION

- teaching from spiritual babies to full spiritual maturity
- Jesus is the example of spiritual maturity

Quote: "If I would have asked customers what they wanted, I would have given them a faster horse." - Henry Ford

1. THE Pattern FOR MINISTRY (v. 19b)

A. A Christ Centered pattern - the servant

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:5-8)

God's will for Jesus to die on cross for every one's sin

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:" (1 Peter 2:21)

B. A Christ Centered purpose

- 1) Lord's Prayer - "Thy will be done," (Mt 6:10)
- 2) Prayer in Garden of Gethsemane - "Your will be done" (Mt 26:42)
- 3) Lord's Prayer - "Your will be done." (Lk 11:2)

Christian: purpose-unity of the faith ... speaking the truth in love

Quote: "Growing together in Christ"

"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:" (Ephesians 4:13-15)

2. THE Process IN MINISTRY (v. 19a)

A. Personal relationship (of family)

MY CHILDREN - Paul's spiritual children

"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. 19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. 20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him." (Matthew 4:18-21)

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?" (Matthew 16:13-15)

"Now if Timotheus come, see that he may be with you without fear: for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do." (1 Corinthians 16:10)

I DESIRE TO BE PRESENT WITH YOU - longing of father for his children

B. Practical labor - work of the ministry

4 WAYS

1. Travail in the Word self study in Bible

"If a man desire the office of a bishop..." (1 Timothy 3:1)

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;" (2 Timothy 4:1-3)

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

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- 2. Travail in Trials (testing/hardship) ^{testings}
"Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:"
(1 Peter 1:6) ^{burden of trials}
- 3. Travail in Prayers
"I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;" (2 Timothy 1:3)
- 4. Travail in Oversight
"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;" (1 Peter 5:2) - ^{volunteer mindset}

3. THE product IN MINISTRY (v. 19b)

A. Inward molding - be transformed (Rom 12-2)

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." (Hebrews 10:22)

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." (Romans 8:29)

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:10-14)

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." (3 John 1:4)

B. Outward manifestation (character) (revealed)

"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." (2 Corinthians 4:1-5)

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:2)

Quote: "The greater our difference from the ^{world} ~~work~~, the greater our testimony for Christ and against sin..."—**C.H. Spurgeon**

A DISTINCT OUTWARD TESTIMONY - witness of life

A DISTINCT OUTWARD DEMEANOR - character, lifestyle

CONCLUSION

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." (2 Timothy 3:1)

PRAYER LIST

CHURCH PRAYER REQUESTS

Pastor and Family Open House
Leadership Team and Ministry Staff

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

SLC Dining Hall Remodel Worship Center Remodel

SPECIAL REQUESTS

President Biden Laborers for the Harvest
Armed Forces Law Enforcement
Firefighters Medical Personnel

RECENT HEALTH NEEDS

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Linda Brookins—Recovery Colleen Green—Cancer
Val Crockett—Health Tess Garcia—Cancer
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