

Monday, 8 September 2014

1 Corinthians 9:16

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship.

I and each member of Your Church is entrusted with the necessity to preach the Gospel. It is not something that we can choose to do or not do—it is something we must do. The Great Commandment is not the Great Suggestion.

I MUST PREACH THE **GOSPEL**

Tuesday, 9 September 2014

Psalm 108:1-4

A Song. A Psalm of David. My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Step 1 In preaching the Gospel must be a hymn of praise to the Lord. My life and every aspect of it must be a paean of praise to You. There must be nothing in my life that brings dishonor to Your Name. Guide me, Holy Spirit.

Wednesday, 10 September 2014

Psalm 108:5-6

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth! That your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by your right hand and answer me!

Lord, that Your beloved of Syria and Iraq may be delivered from the relentless and horrible persecution that they are suffering today. Sustain them, Lord, in the face of the hatred of their attackers.

Lord, that their witness may cause many of the fanatics of

the Islamic State to come to You; that they may see the true peace, joy and courage of those who follow You and desire it for themselves.

Thursday, 11 September 2014

Psalm 108:7-9

God has promised in his holiness: "With exultation I will divide up Shechem and portion out the Valley of Succoth. Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim is my helmet, Judah my scepter. Moab is my washbasin; upon Edom I cast my shoe; over Philistia I shout in triumph."

Syria is Yours. Iraq is Yours. Somalia is Yours. Iran is Yours. Afghanistan is Yours. India is Yours. Pakistan is Yours. The United States of America is Yours. It is the duty of Your people to make disciples of all these nations and to proclaim Your triumphal shout.

Friday, 12 September 2014

Psalm 108:10-13

Who will bring me to the fortified city? Who will lead me to Edom? Have you not rejected us, O God? You do not go out, O God, with our armies. Oh grant us help against the foe, for vain is the salvation of man! With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.

Lord, lead Your Church out in battle, not armed with the weapons of man but equipped with Your full armor. Fill us with the boldness to declare the Good News without fear and timidity; bring our lives into conformity to Your Word; saturate us with Your love and peace; equip us with the sound judgment to know exactly how to approach every opportunity; use us unsparingly to advance Your Kingdom in the here and now.

Saturday, 13 September 2014

Hebrews 12:3-13

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your

struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

Lord, when I hear of entire villages being decimated, wiped out, slaughtered for their faith and then read of a proposed Religious Freedom Summit in NYC in October, I find my stomach churning in disgust and shame. How can Christians in America have the hubris to protest that our freedoms are being curtailed when our brothers and sisters throughout the 10-40 Window are being unimaginably persecuted?

Our faith is weak and flabby, we are cowards. Discipline us for you love us. Heal our faith, Lord Jesus.

Lord's Day, 14 September 2014
Psalm 119:139

My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget your words.

Yes, Lord, frequently my zeal consumes me and I do not speak with compassion, gentleness and respect. Teach me, Lord, according to Your word and lead me in Your righteousness.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Psalms



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