

THE CHURCH MISSION

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Mathew 28:19-20)

“Jesus replied: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mathew 22:37-39)

We are called by God to be channels of blessings to the other people. As we received the Lord Jesus Christ and we are blessed by following His example and the commands of His Word, we are called to share these blessings with other people around us. God out of His love for us He created us on His own image. And even when man sinned, God’s love for man did not change. God made a way for man to come back to Him when He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to save the world. Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He was buried but rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him and follow His steps in their lives. God in His calling to us He implanted in our hearts His love by the power of the Holy Spirit. And the Lord had taught us to love Him, with all our hearts, minds, souls, and our strength. In addition to that is to extend that Christ love to others who have not yet experienced that love, and this is the heart of the Church Mission. When we speak about the Church Mission we are speaking about the means that we can extend God’s love to others. The following scriptures will show us certain important aspects of the church mission.

1- “In reply Jesus said: A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’” (Luke 10:30-35) From this scripture we can see and grasp the genuine and sincere love and concern that the Samaritan man had in his heart toward that victim. The lost souls in the world they are harassed by devil like that victim but they can be won back to God. The extent and the capacity of the church to expand it depend on how many who are ready to be like this Good Samaritan; to put aside themselves and their own life and commit themselves to serve God. That Samaritan who cared for the victim he has family, he has children, he has responsibilities, but when he saw the victim his heart was moved with compassion to help, support, and to give care.

2- “Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you truly love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.” (John 21:1-17)

Here we find Peter whom Jesus called to do the work and to care for His church and the sheep of the Lord, his faith was weakened and went back to his previous job not trusting God that He will provide for him his needs. Peter love the Lord But he was not fully aware about God’s calling, and his anxiety and lack of faith draw him little bit back and started to think about himself more than what God want him to do.

My Dear and Beloved: Mission work is to go back to where God wants you to be. Although you love God but if you will not do what He assign for you to do you will be the same like Peter. Do not be worry about your own life, the Lord will provide for you your needs as you commit yourself to Him and to His service and agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried but rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord I surrender my life and my plan into your hand and I commit myself to serve you and carry the burden of the church mission that you want me to do. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.