

In preparation for writing Gospel of God Ministries' first quarter newsletter article for 2015, the Lord led me to revisit an article I wrote back in December of 2013. That article was based on Galatians 6:9: "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary." We are now four months into this year and this verse shows true time and time again. We live in a day and age where instant gratification is king in our culture. However, this verse flies in the face of the modern mind and encourages a Christian to not give up doing good. This verse is wrapped up in the context of sowing and reaping and so I'd like to review the past four months as a way of encouraging us all in God's faithfulness to His Word.

We have spent the last four months living out why we exist as a ministry "Proclaiming the Gospel to see lives transformed". We have sown the truth into parched and barren hearts all over our nation. When faced with opposition in open air proclamation of the Gospel it is easy to lose heart, but the God of all creation says (in Matthew 5:11) "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me." This gives God's view of persecution. Wow! Instead of getting down and being depressed, we should rejoice. I believe that in the near future true Christians will have more opportunities to rejoice than ever before. Why? Because the darker a culture gets, the brighter our light shines. If we are all standing in a pitch black room and someone strikes a match, what would happen? Instinctively, everyone's eyes would be transfixed on that glimpse of momentary light. Adrian Rogers states, "Study the history of revival. God has always sent revival in the darkest days."

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### Remaining Faithful to What the Lord Desires

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Earlier this year we were in Phoenix sowing hard for four days, being a light in our dark nation. Did we have hundreds fall on their face and repent and place their faith in Christ? No. Actually it was rainy and cold for two of the four days we were there. Some took the Gospel seed we had to offer. Others mocked and scoffed at the proclamation of the Word. On the third day, the rain cleared and we continued doing good in the city of Phoenix in hopes that God would give fruit. Toward the end of that preaching day God allowed us to see a glimpse of the fruit. There was a gentleman who was convicted of his sin and wanted to know how to be born again. At the same time there was a family of five under the conviction of sin. God just decided to move at that particular moment not because of how eloquent we were, but because of the power of His Gospel to call his children home. (Visit www.gospelgm.com/superbowl to see a brief video about the preaching done at the Super Bowl.)

We have remained faithful, when in Raleigh, to preach once a week at an abortion clinic. We had the opportunity to see a young lady turn away and not abort her baby. We work in conjunction with a nonprofit ministry called First Choice Pregnancy Support Center that has a mobile unit that is essentially a rolling Doctors Office. They provide ultrasounds, counsel, and nursing care. The young lady was referred to them to receive further assistance.

I have spent the past two weeks visiting old partners and sharing the vision of the ministry with new partners. It has been a time of encouragement and I am thankful for those who opened their homes to me and for having the chance to visit. I have many more of you to see before year's end and look forward to personally visiting each of you. Please pray for new ministry partners for GGM. Our vision continues to grow; however, my plate is remaining the same. I am committing the next 80 days to doing some focused partner raising. Pray that I would have a fruitful time in finding new partners. Pray for our Board as they get more involved with this process - that we would all have wisdom as this ministry continues to grow.

Pray for the second quarter of the year that we will continue to do good regardless of what we physically see. If we remain faithful, fruit will come. We love you and appreciate you. Go proclaim the Gospel to see a life transformed.

Tommy Waltz

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# INTERVIEW WITH Paul Roepnack GGM evangelist/preacher

- Q: Why is supporting local missionary evangelists/open air preachers important?
- A: Because "He (Christ) commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead". Acts 10:42.
- Q: How do missionary evangelists/open air preachers encourage the local church to share the gospel?
- A: By hearing testimonies of people transformed by the hearing of the Word, but also by being encouraged in sharing together the righteous Word of God as brothers and sisters together in Christ.
- Q: What do you think hinders the local church and believers from partnering with missionary evangelists/open air preachers?
- A: Churched people say "it is not loving". When we say that, we forget that we are actually calling Christ unloving. "From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:17. "Therefore I (Jesus) said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." John 8:24. That is Love.
- Q: Would it benefit the local church if there was a missionary evangelist/open air preacher in every church? How?
- A: It is the model of God to follow in Jesus' footsteps. "He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15. People need to be taught by a teacher. By going and watching the Word be spoken in action.
  - "And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" Romans 10:14. So many unchurched people don't know what the true Gospel is. Why would you not tell them yourself?
  - "And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever." Daniel 12:3



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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May: Out Raleigh, Artsplosure, Animazement

June: Kirkland Prison

July: The Works, Preaching in Boston

September: Kirkland Prison

Learn about more events at www.gospelgm.com/calendar

#### TOOL SHED

We here at GGM have come up with an acronym that will help you share your faith in Jesus clearly and biblically. The acronym is ORDER. We have written a full-length booklet tract that will give you a template to memorize that will help you communicate your faith. All who order 50 copies get the first 25 free!! We ask you to give as the Lord leads. Place your order by emailing tommy@gospelgm.com

## Nervous, fearful, anxious, and excited.....

These are the feelings I have when I am about to go out with Gospel of God Ministries (GGM) to an event. Once I get on the streets, all those feelings quickly go away with the first tract given, the first conversation had, or the first prayer said. I am able to talk to the people who stop to hear the preaching. I get to ask them questions like, "Where will you go when you die?" or "Have you ever heard about Jesus?" These simple questions stop the person and get them to think, "What do I believe will happen when I die and what do I know about Jesus?"

I am amazed at the responses I get. Responses like, "I will go to the dirt", "to heaven", or "I don't know." Or when asked "Have you ever heard about Jesus?" the response is, "yes", "who cares", or "no." Did you catch that? The response sometimes is "NO." How can this be? We live in America, we live in the South. How could someone, especially an American in the South, not have heard about Jesus? It amazes me each time I hear that reply. People need to hear about Jesus. This is why I go out with GGM - to tell people about Jesus.

When I go to an event I typically hand out Bible tracts with a message about Jesus, talk to those listening to the preaching, and pray for the preaching. This is not hard. As Charles Spurgeon said, "Let each one of us, if we have done nothing for Christ, begin to do something now. The distribution of tracts is the first thing." Any one of us can pray for the preaching. Any one of us can hand out a Gospel tract. Any one of us can ask, "What do you think about what they just said?" The encouraging news is that even if I cannot answer the person's reply, there are other team members at the event who can. I don't have to have all the answers and the team doesn't even have to have all the answers. I just have to be faithful to share the Gospel with all those who need to hear. Jesus does the rest. Praise God, it's that simple.

Will you join us? We need lovers of Jesus to join us in sharing the Gospel to all who will hear. Don't feel equipped? Let us train you and give you the tools to share the Good News of Jesus. We provide training sessions to help prepare people to share their faith. Contact us today to find out more.

Melanie Waltz