

CAN'T IMAGINE



NOR DO WE REALLY UNDERSTAND There Are Times I Would Have Loved To Be One Of The Original Disciples.....

Then There Are Times I Am So Glad I Was Not.....



My Actions Would Not Have Matched My Words!

Luke 22:33–34 (NASB95) 33 But he said to Him, "Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!" 34 And He said, "I say to you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me."



Matthew 28:18–20 (NASB95) 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

The Original Commission Given To The Disciples.

John 14:12 (NASB95) 12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

Now This Commission Is Being Passed On To Us!

Reality

John 6:5–7 (NASB95) 5 Therefore Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, *said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?" 6 This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do. 7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little."

We Look At What We Can Do vs. What He Can Do.

Why Do Spirit Filled Christians Come To Church?

- Entertainment
- Music
- Gifts
- Healings
- Miracles

In All Honesty To Get!

Matthew 4:19 (NASB95) 19 And He *said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

- You have to catch a fish before you can clean the fish.
- Miracles will draw crowds.
- Miracles will provide evidence.
- Miracle will change lives.
- Miracles alone will not make disciples.
- God is not concerned with miracles as much as He is concerned with relationships.

The Christian Dilemma!

- Every Sunday the blind show up, yet they still have no eyes sight when they leave.
- The sick come in, yet they leave just as sick as when they came it.
- The broken come in, yet when they leave they leave a trail of broken shards.
- But nothing ever seems to change!!!!!
- If the church is to do greater things than Jesus did, then where has all the power gone?

Acts 2:17 (NASB95) 17 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'That I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, And your young men shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams;

I hear of the miraculous across the globe but in America nothing, where is the expectations, Pentecost was not the ending but only the beginning.

Dispensationalism

- To say that God's gifting has ceased makes no sense, if there was ever a time in America when the power of God needs to be seen the time is now.
- GQ says the Bible is useless.
- Scholars claim the supernatural is nonsense.
- Postmodern mindset believes there are no absolutes.
- We can fill up arenas but we can't clear out hospitals!

What Church Is Not!

It is not a sideshow.
It is not a circus.
It is not a place of magic.
It is not a place of self dependence.
It is not a franchise of Luby's where you can pick and choose.

What Church Is!

- Time to do all things in remembrance of our Lord.
- A time for sons and daughters to rise up with great expectation.
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- A time to remember that God is with us, never leave us or forsake us.
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How Does The Church Get To The Other side?

- First by Kingdom Principles and not personal interpretation.
- Second the Great Commission was to make disciples; are we not a disciple?
- Third Jesus Himself told His disciple that they could do what He did and even greater.
- Fourth should there not be signs and wonders, and prophesy, and wisdom, and gifts and expectations.

• When God's wants meet our needs all hell will break loose.

- The Spirit-empowered life doesn't make things happen but they avail themselves to the one that does.
- We don't have the answers, but we have been equipped by the One that does.
 Church we don't need another Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is here.
- What we need is the kind of hunger that was in the upper room that ushered in the Holy Spirit.

• You want signs & wonders then stop focusing on miracles and start focusing on your relationship with the Lord.

- Best way to get up to the Lord is to get down on your knees.
 - Hunger and thirst after righteousness.
 - Emanuel is here and because of that one proven truth, rise up, get excited, because with God all things are possible.