

Message Series: MOVEMENT – Following Jesus into the Harvest (10-2-16)

GO & TELL

¹⁸And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. ¹⁹However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.” ²⁰And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled. (Mark 5:18-20)

I. PERSON OF PEACE

A. The phrase comes from Luke 10:6. The concept is found in many places in the Bible. God has been moving in a person’s life before you arrive.

¹After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. ²Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. ⁴Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. ⁵But whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. (Luke 10:1-6)

II. EXAMPLES OF PERSONS OF PEACE:

A. In Jesus’ Ministry

Women at the well (John 4:1-42)
Andrew got Peter (John 1:35-42)
Peter's House (Matt. 8:14)
Levi (Mark 2)
Lazarus, Mary, Martha (John 11:1-46)
Matthew (Lk 5:27-32)
Zachaeus (Lk 19:1-10)

B. Paul (in Acts)

Timothy (Acts 16:1-3)
Lydia (16:11-15)
Philippian Jailor (16:25-34)
Jason (17:1-9)
Priscilla & Aquila (18:1-4)
Titius Justus (18:5-8)

C. Others

Cornelius (Acts 10)
Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8)

III. THE POWER OF YOUR STORY

- A. Most of the Bible is stories, songs and poetry that tell stories, letters written to people. Even the most deeply doctrinal, theological portions like the book of Romans or Ephesians, are in the form of letters. Truth is important, but truth is not in a vacuum.

John 9:25 He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

- B. Paul's Story. Paul's conversion is described in Acts 9. In Acts 22, Paul tells his story to a mob in Jerusalem. In Acts 26, Paul tells his story to King Agrippa and the court).
1. 26:1-11 His life before Christ.
 2. 26:12-18 How he came to surrender his life to Christ.
 3. 26:19-23 His life-change since his conversion.

IV. 15-SEC STORY

- A. *"I didn't have time to write a short letter so i wrote a long one..."*
- B. It helps us organize, think through what is the main story-line in God's working in our lives.

Intro: *There was a time in my life when...*

Before Jesus _____

Then, I choose to follow Jesus and received His forgiveness.

After Jesus _____

Ask?: *Do you have a story like that?*