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GO INTO THE BYROADS

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Jesus tells the Pharisees a parable that the reign of Heaven is like a king giving a banquet for his son. He sends his servants to call the invited guests to the banquet, but each of the guests had excuses why they cannot come. Some simply ignored the invitation, and others had to tend to their business. The king then summoned his servants with the instruction **"The banquet is ready, but those who were invited were unfit to come. That is why you must go out into the byroads and invite to the banquet anyone you come upon. The servants went out into the byroads and rounded up everyone they met, bad as well as good. They filled the banquet hall with banqueters."** (Matthew 22:8-10)

The Day Of Pentecost

On the Day of Pentecost, the Apostles did just that; immediately after receiving the Holy Spirit they went into the streets of Jerusalem to invite everyone they met to come and know that Jesus is the Lord and Messiah. They told the people in the streets that if they repented of their sins, and accepted Jesus as Lord and Messiah, they will receive the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38) That day, some 3,000 accepted the invitation to make Jesus their Lord and Savior; however, many more refused or ignored the invitation from the Apostles.

Matthew's Banquet

When Jesus saw Matthew, He said to him **"Follow Me."** Matthew left his tax collecting post and became a follower of Jesus. Then Levi (Matthew) held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax



collectors and others were eating with them. (Luke 5:27-29) Matthew (Levi) invited everyone he knew, including **the bad as well as the good** to come and meet Jesus. Matthew had come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, and he wanted everyone he knew to believe in Jesus as Messiah too. In both instances, there was no pre-qualification of who was worthy to be invited to come to the banquet. The invitation was given to everyone Matthew knew.

Paul's Mission

After Paul was converted and accepted Jesus as Lord and Messiah, he was given the mission to bring the message that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah; the Anointed One of God) to all the Gentiles. Jesus said, **"This man is the instrument I have chosen to bring my name to the Gentiles and their kings and the people of Israel."** (Acts 9:15) Paul then began traveling the streets of the Pagan cities preaching to everyone he met that **Jesus Christ Is Lord!**

Hit The Streets

In each of the instances above, we read that after Matthew, Peter and Paul (and the other Disciples as well) recognized Jesus as Lord and Savior, they went into the streets of the cities proclaiming to all the people that **JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!** As Charismatic Christians, can we do anything less? The parable that Jesus tells is very simple to understand. The King (God) is planning a celebration feast for His Son (Jesus), and He wants His banquet hall (heaven) to be filled with all of His creation. The King sends out His servants (us) to invite everyone to come to Heaven and celebrate with Jesus. When some people refuse to come, or make excuses (because of ignorance or apathy), God then tells us to **hit the streets** and invite everyone, including the bad as well as the good, because **"my banquet table is ready and must be filled!"**

As you can see, this parable that Jesus tells is a great call for evangelism. As Christians, we are called to be evangelists and witnesses for Jesus. If we consider ourselves to be the servants of Jesus then we must follow His instructions **"to go out into the streets and round up everyone we meet to come to the banquet with Jesus."**

What Can You Do?

One of the ways that we, as Charismatic Christians, can help people to meet and know Jesus is by inviting everyone we meet to our weekly prayer meetings. There they will have the opportunity to meet Jesus personally and also have an opportunity to receive the Holy Spirit, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is a great opportunity for "lukewarm" Christians to renew their faith in Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As you can see by the parable, we are not to just go to those who we pre-qualify; such as just those in our parishes or other good Christians. Jesus says **"I have come not to call the self-righteous, but sinners."** (Matt 9:13) Jesus' parable tells us that His servants (us) must invite EVERYONE we meet; **"the bad as well as the good!"** He will decide who is qualified or not. And it is He who can change and renew someone with His New Life!

There is no doubt that as we move forward, we will receive a multitude of objections as to why many people cannot or will not come to the prayer meetings, just as Jesus says in the parable. The excuses will be many. That is why we must go into the streets; the highways and the byways with the invitation that Jesus Christ is Lord! Are you ready to go forward into the streets with the message of evangelism?

In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul says, **"But how shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe unless they have heard of him? And how can they hear unless there is someone to preach? And how can men preach unless they are sent? Scripture says 'How beautiful are the feet of those who announce Good News!'"** (Romans 10:14-15)

So it is up to you and me to "hit the streets" and announce the Good News of the Gospel to everyone we meet and know. We must pray that God will give us "Holy Boldness" to proclaim his word. We should take the example of St. Peter's prayer, **"Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness."** (Acts 4:29) If we were to say this short prayer daily, I believe God will bless you with His "Holy Boldness" and enable you to bring the Good News of Jesus to everyone you meet, and invite them to come to the banqueting table.

Suggestions

- Print and pass out tracts of the Four Spiritual Laws
- Make Bookmarks to pass out that includes a well know Bible verse; such as John 3:16
- Design a Business Card that includes your Prayer Group Meetings & contact person and phone number

These are just a few examples to begin. Be sure to include information when your prayer group meets, and extend an invitation for everyone to attend.

NEW LIFE RENEWAL

In our last newsletter, we mentioned that we will begin an evangelistic outreach to introduce and invite ALL people to come and meet Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be **"hitting the streets"** with the Good News that **JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!** We will have sent out 1,000 post cards beginning in the South Minneapolis area surrounding St. Albert's Church, in the 55406 zip code area. There are approximately 10,000 homes in this area, and we plan to complete reaching all the homes in this area, before we move on the next 10,000 homes in the 55407 zip code area.

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD



COME AND RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Come share a Joyful song. A word of Scripture, a prayer of healing and a time of Christian fellowship!

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We want to thank all of you who have helped to make this evangelistic outreach possible with your donations so far. We have been able to meet some of our initial costs. However, we have a ways to go to meet our goal of \$4,500. Several larger donations will help us to realize our goal and any donation will be greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for the success of this mission. May our God bless you abundantly with His **NEW LIFE!**

NEED PRAYER?

If you or someone you know is in need of personal prayer, we would like to include you in our daily prayer requests. Please cut out the form below with your prayer request and mail it to us. We will add your request to our prayer list. **Please pray for all those in need of prayer.**

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THURSDAYS 7:30 PM

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