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**Going Fishing,
Reflecting Light**

Some go to church and think about fishing, others go fishing and think about God. Tony Blake

- Should we not think about going fishing for God.

MONDAY – Keep walking



Micah 6: 8 *“He has made it clear to you, mortal man, what is good and what the LORD is requiring from you— to act with justice, to treasure the LORD’s gracious love, and to walk humbly in the company of your God.”*

As we conclude The Walk series, hopefully we have been encouraged to keep walking and growing with God this year – regardless of what we may have to face.

Just as our physical bodies need to be exercised, so do our spiritual lives. We had better be in shape if we want to keep up with God! He will leave us panting and tired in no time at all. We need to shape up to go where God wants to lead us.

If we keep practicing Worship & Prayer; Study; Serving; Giving; Sharing and telling people what He has done for us, THEN we will grow

strong and be able keep go the distance. We will see the tops of the mountains and not have to stop half-way up!

We long to travel again, to celebrate in gatherings, to worship together; and to live virus free – but perhaps now is the time to build our spiritual bodies up and strengthen our minds and souls to be ready for the walk that God wants to take us on. And now is when we need to go fishing for men.

You have something other people need. Be strong and courageous and present your Lord to the world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NM2CyeLzMng>



Prayer: Lord guide me in Your service. Help me to strengthen my mind and soul and guide me to do Your work. May I bear witness to Your Love. AMEN

TUESDAY – Set your light upon a hill



Matthew 5: 14 & 16 *You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

You have message to share and this is it: Jesus loves me this I know, because the Bible tells me so!

We are called to bear witness to God's undeniable longing for peace amongst His people. (Church of Resurrection). As our life and light shines, we pray that it emanates this peace. We need to re-present God to our world – over and over. And as we do so, we represent God – that God of love and peace.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He assured His disciples that the Holy Spirit would give them the power to take His work and Word into the world. We can be confident that this same power is given to us.

How do we tell “our story” in a manner that is compelling, not pushy and inauthentic?

Perhaps by:

- Telling someone you are thinking and praying for them.
- Giving a tangible gift of caring.
- Sharing links to sermons and devotions you feel would be appropriate.
- Having your profile picture depict your Christian life in some way.

God is moving through this world today, but He needs us to tell our stories. Do others not deserve to know that with Christ the worst thing is never the last thing? No matter how insignificant you feel you will touch somebody.

Reach out today.

“.... and you will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1: 8).
“the ends of the earth” could be your office, neighbour or family or where you trust the Lord to take you!



Prayer: God teach me to listen closely and to obey the whispering of Your Spirit. Equip me to help curious people make sense of the Gospel. AMEN

WEDNESDAY – Fishing



Matthew 28: 16-20 *Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. 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."*

This passage is known as the Great Commission. It is both challenging and comforting. We are commanded to go and make disciples. Is this exciting and energizing; or daunting to you?

The journey of the past five weeks brings us to the ultimate culmination: GO! And be my witness. I'm sure that Mathew put this at the end of his gospel for a reason – having heard and seen what Jesus taught and did, they were ready to take the message out. This is not only a gospel for

each one personally, it is a gospel for all.

The Christian story is a powerful one. It has the ability to change lives. And you have been entrusted with this task. God is moving through this world – and through your story you are a witness to His redemptive work.

- What do you need to do in your life to more fully share hope and forgiveness to those around you?

As Peter said *"So if You find it in Your heart to let me start again, I'll be Your witness, Lord, to the end of my life. **Let's go fishing!**"*



Prayer: Lord, help me walk the walk in a way that makes disciples. Let me be conscious of the effect that I have on those around me each day. Let me never forget the need to be a positive influence on all, that they might become Your disciples. TODAY help to make a difference. AMEN

THURSDAY – Be ready



1 Peter 3: 13-16 *Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.*

Have you ever rushed home bursting to tell someone what you have seen or heard – “You’ll never believe.....” Yet we are not quite so eager to share the one thing that has made the most difference in our lives – Jesus.

This reading instructs us to be ready to give evidence of Jesus in our lives. To have an account that supports our faith confidently, compassionately and comprehensively.

We will meet people who challenge our beliefs with a good amount of skepticism and criticism. Few of us would not become flustered and fumble along in such a confrontation – losing the moment of witness. We are being strongly advised to BE PREPARED, so that we may in any circumstance, with

confidence, share why our hope is in the Lord.

Adam Hamilton suggests we know what our story is – **how does faith make a difference in our lives.** And then express that in one sentence. As that might be all the time you have to hold the attention of a skeptic!

- Are you able to put your story into one sentence? Are you ready to share it with confidence and compassion?

Some will be put off by your witness, but others will be drawn to a caring, genuine testament of what God can do. It is about having faith and boldness in why you follow Christ. It is worth being prepared.



Prayer: Lord, stir up in me a passion to share my faith. In so doing, keep my humble. Let Your loving kindness flow through me as I represent You in the world around me. AMEN

FRIDAY – Send out the workers



Matthew 9: 37 & 38 *Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.”*

There is work to be done out there. Jesus saw a great need in the world around Him and He had compassion. He saw many lost people and He drew them in. In our world around us there is just as much need. And still many people who are searching for meaning in all the wrong places. Jesus is asking for our help.

– **We need to see as Jesus did.**

Jesus saw in people what His disciples did not. He saw beyond the physical to where the need was greatest. Hurting people do not wear signs around their neck indicating the problem. We need to ask God for eyes to see what isn't obvious.

– **We need to feel as Jesus did.**

Jesus felt compassion for everyone. He felt compassion

for all the hurting people, with no judgement of their circumstances. We tend to be a bit more picky in what we feel and see.

– **We need to do as Jesus did.**

You can use your gifts to serve and help others. You can tell your story of how Jesus makes a difference. You can teach what you have learned. You can pray for those who need the loving touch of Jesus.

Jesus is calling for more workers. Not preachers, evangelists and missionaries; but ordinary workers like you and me. You do not have to be the “are you saved” type of witness – just be Christ to the world around you. Just share your story.



Prayer: Lord thank You for my life in You. Let me be a worker for you. Let me draw people closer to You. Let me reflect you to others. These Lord, are my prayers as I continue to walk and fellowship with

You. AMEN

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