SERMON NOTES & LIFE GROUPQUESTIONS

PUSHBACK: FROM FEAR TO BOLDNESS IN SHARING CHRIST Curt Brunk 3.7.10

How to be inspired towards boldness in sharing Jesus?

Jesus sent out the disciples…Jesus sends us out

His directions concerning blessings are foreign to our ears / not part of our day and age? Mat 10:11-13

Blessing is something substantive, something that when given makes a difference, something that can even be withdrawn and that makes a difference?

How are we to understand this?

We are made in God's image. God is One who calls forth that which is not so that it is, Rom 4:17

We are to do the same to some degree:

Jesus modeled this boldness, confidence, authority, Mark 1:22

He was / we are ambassadors, sent in God's name, being backed by Him, 2 Cor 5:20

Deeper, we are His children, in the family business. He loves to do what His children ask according to His will, 1 Jn 5:14-15

Timothy is not to be in fear or trepidation when he shares Jesus, but rather to be in the power, love and sound judgment of God, 2 Tim 1:7-8

Power: the mantling, empowerment of the Holy Spirit / God Himself

Love: authority is not to lord over others, rather to lift them up, higher even than us

Sound Judgment: discernment, discipline, good, strong, accurate thinking, truth and reality of God

In this, we overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony, Rev 12:11

Blood of the Lamb: what God has done for us

Word of our testimony: your story…told honestly, vulnerably, transparently

This is the great equalizer, best way to touch another no matter the strata differences

Do this knowing how important it is: worse for them than those in Sodom & Gomorrah…carry this in your heart…

NEXT WEEK: YouToo – God's Empowers Us to

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LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

So What? Questions from the Sermon to Apply to your Journey (Life Groups are taking a break. Process these questions with a friend or family member)

1. What did you hear in the sermon this Sunday? How is God directing you because of this?
2. What adjustments would we have to see ourselves as Jesus' ambassadors or as "carriers" of His blessing? In what network of people or family situation is this adjustment of perspective most urgent for you?
3. Digging Deeper: In your journal or notebook write down Jesus' assessment and His feelings about the lost people He encounters in His ministry, as you read the Gospels over the next month. How does He see them? Approach them? Start in these passages: Matthew 9: 35-36, 23: 37- 39; John 4. What approach to people who have yet come to faith, that Jesus exhibits, will become a part of your approach? How can this happen for you?

TODAY'S OPPORTUNITY: (Remember to watch for God to move this week and tell us your testimony!)

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I will pray for _____ to come to Jesus