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THEME: MAKING IMPACT IN OUR WORLD

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TEXT: GENESIS 22:18, DEUTERONOMY 4:5-10, MATTHEW 5:15

INTRODUCTION

Impact: To have a strong effect on someone or something; Influence.

Matthew 9:35-38 tells us that *“Jesus travelled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”*

In the text above there are four main points for us to see in ensuring our life has significant impact for Christ.

1. SEE AS JESUS SAW - When Jesus looked at the crowd, He looked beyond the surface and realized they were spiritually depressed and downcast. They had a spiritual hunger, and he offered to satisfy it. When you look out at the world today — your neighbourhood, your community, your country — what do you see? Ask the Lord to help you see the world as he sees it.

2. FEEL AS JESUS FELT - Once you begin to view the world through the eyes of Christ, it's only natural that you will begin to share his feelings about the world as well. When Jesus saw the crowds, he was moved to compassion for them. He felt people's suffering.

Are you moved to compassion when you look at the world today?

What breaks your heart about the world? Ask him to share his heart with you.

3. PRAY AS JESUS PRAYED - Jesus was saddened when he saw how much the people were suffering, but he wasn't discouraged. Instead, he asked God to send his workers to work in the harvest field, knowing his Father was greater than any problem we face.

When was the last time you asked God to send workers into the harvest field?

When was the last time you asked God to send you into the harvest field?

4. DO AS JESUS DID - Jesus didn't just ask God to send workers, he got involved himself. He saw the crowds, his heart was moved to compassion, and he rolled up his sleeves and got to work.

Are you willing to get involved like this?

How do I Impact the nations?

1. Give towards missions – Philippians 4:15-19
2. Go (go on mission trips) – Mark 16:15-20
3. Pray for missions – 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

CONCLUSION

Ministering to others is messy work. Thus, many of us put forward a number of excuses: “It’s too risky.” “What if people make fun of me?” “I’m too old.” “I don’t have enough money.” “I don’t have enough time.” “I’m afraid.” But no excuse is big enough to disqualify you from doing the work of Christ. You’re never too young, too old, too poor, too rich, too busy, or too fearful to serve God and impact the nations, because his Spirit within you will give you all the resources you need to obey. All God requires is a willing heart. If you give him that, he’ll take things from there.