

# A Vision of My Mission (Field)--part 2

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of having a vision for one's mission as a Christian, focusing on family, community, and the broader world in evangelism.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker continues the topic of having a vision for one's mission field. He emphasizes the importance of evangelism, particularly within the context of the family. The speaker shares a powerful example of three families who had a mission to raise their children for God and engage in family evangelism. Through multiple generations, this vision and mission can have a significant impact on society, bringing about godly homes and positively influencing marriages and children. The speaker encourages the audience to have faith, trust in God, and preach His word with passion, knowing that He will back up His mission with His Holy Spirit.

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## Transcript

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Hear the Savior cry. It is finished. Hallelujah.

What a Savior. I greet you this morning in our Savior's name. Amen.

The name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Messiah. The King of Kings.

The Lord of Lords. The Alpha. The Omega.

The Beginning and the End. The First and the Last. Master.

Savior. Jesus. The Everlasting Father.

The Prince of Peace. Our Savior. Jesus.

Do you love His name? Do you love Him? Welcome to each one. Thank you for coming today. I have been blessed.

Thank you, Brother Mel. Thank you, Brother Luke. Brother Irvin.

Thank you for that children's lesson. We could go home right now and say it was good to be here. I just want to be honest with you this morning and confess that I stand here today not by my own choice.

I know I just preached last Sunday. Here I am again. Please do pray for me.

I admit I struggled a bit yesterday. Felt a little sorry for myself. Complained a little to the Lord.

Then He reproved me this morning and I said, Lord, please forgive me. I'm sorry. So by God's grace and your prayers, we'll trust God to minister to our hearts today.

You pray for me. I want to share a message with you today. I shared last week a message entitled A Vision of My Mission Field.

And as I was praying about what to share here this morning, I felt I would continue and entitle this one A Vision of My Mission Field Part 2. And if I may even add another title. I don't know how many titles you can have, Brother Denny. Evangelism Family Style.

And I hope you're not offended at that. That that seems a little too common, but Evangelism Family Style. We will again refresh ourselves in Proverbs 29.18 Where there is no vision, the people perish.

But he that keepeth the law, happy is he. With those things on our hearts, let's kneel before the Lord our Maker, our Father in Heaven. We are your people.

The sheep of your pasture. You have made us and not we ourselves. What am I here for? Why did you make me, Lord? Why was I born? Why was I born to the family I was born in? What is the purpose for my birth in this time frame? Why am I here? Father in Heaven, we do ask in Jesus' name.

Open our eyes to see, to see the living God. To see the eternal purpose. To see the exceeding greatness of His promise toward us.

To see the working of His mighty power that He wrought in Christ when He raised Him from the dead. Oh Lord, and to see that that same power working in us raises us also, Lord. Oh Father, lift us up above the shadows.

Lift us out of our weakness and into Thy strength. Pick us up out of our weak faith and our unbelief. And give us the gift of faith.

Oh Lord, how I need You. How we as a congregation need You, Lord. Father, please look upon us in mercy today and command a blessing upon the congregation here at Charity Christian Fellowship.

And not only here, Lord, but Father, to whoever is listening to this message. Father, for those that are sick and are at home today, would long to be here, but they cannot. For those that are in a far land, listening maybe over the telephone, maybe they're alone, don't have any believers of like precious faith to gather with.

Oh God, bless them and encourage their hearts. And give us a vision, Lord, lest we say, oh, I alone am left and they seek my life also. And we don't know that You have yet 7,000.

Oh Lord, Lord God, please give utterance. Speak through Your servant. I confess I have nothing and am nothing.

Lord, You need to come and minister grace through Your servant. And Father, I pray You'll bless this congregation that as we open up our mouths and we share together, that we will have a fuller revelation and understanding of the heart and mind of Christ for each one of us personally and as a congregation, as a body of Christ, local. Oh Father, I thank You for Jesus.

I thank You for His saving grace and power. I thank You for the comfort of the Holy Spirit to teach us and to guide us into all truth. Oh Father, bless Your Word.

We pray in Jesus' name, Amen. A vision of my mission. What was number one last week? As a Christian, what is my mission? To glorify Christ.

Number two. If I am a married person, what is my vision of my mission? Number two. My marriage.

My spouse. Christ. My spouse.

Number three. What is my mission? If God has given me a family, it's very clear. My family.

My children. We could put in here the home. I believe that's all the farther we went.

I had it divided out a little differently. But what would number four be? And maybe it may not be exactly in the order of importance here as we go out farther. But what in your mind as a Christian, as a child of God, a born again believer, what's number four? I see a number of hands.

I brought it back. Claire. The church.

The body of Christ. Yes. That's what I had.

The church. The body of Christ. And if we continue this circle, what might the next one be? Anyone? Feel free.

No? The world? Okay. Yes, the lost. Alright.

It's good. I wasn't quite out that far yet. My neighbor.

My neighbor. But that's right, brother Mel. My neighbor.

Neighbor. Oh, let's see. I'm a poor speller.

As you know, last week I spelled field wrong. Didn't I? And El in this case, right? E first this time. And E I G H B O R. Is that right? Is that correct? Yes.

My neighbor. We had a message on neighbors, didn't we? The Lazarus. Remember that message? Brother Daniel Tennyson shared with us.

The Lazarus at our door. Our neighbor. Well, then, if we look in the book of Acts, I'll give you a little hint here.

In the book of Acts, looking at this circle broadening out, who would it be next? Yes. Jerusalem. My Jerusalem.

My Leola. My Lebanon. Count it.

That's big and narrowed down. Jerusalem was home. So, Jerusalem.

J E R U S A L E M My Jerusalem. And according to the book of Acts, what's next? Samaria. Judea.

Judea. So, now we're at Lancaster County. Brother Denny, thank you.

Somebody help me with this one. J U D E A So, this is local. You can read sideways.

This is, say, county. Do that. And then, if we keep going out, what is next? Samaria.

So, Samaria. S A M E Oops. S A M A R I A Samaria, could we say, that is... Somebody know the geographics of that? How big was... How far out were we now? Luke.

Okay. A different culture, but the same country. Oh, yes.

Okay. So, we could say that that is the U.S. Different culture, the ghetto. Cities.

And what's next? The uttermost parts of the world. U T T E R Uttermost. Parts.

Can you just say the world? Because we might just be too generalizing it all. The uttermost. Those way out there.

Tribes. That have never heard the name of Jesus. The uttermost.

Those ones where no missionaries want to go. Or have gone. The uttermost parts.

R T The uttermost parts. Jesus said, Go ye into all the world. Now, remember, this is part two.

We are not erasing last Sunday's message by this one. Okay? This is part two. Where there is no vision.

Webster's 1828 dictionary. I believe this is what it is there. It says, It's the act of seeing.

In scripture. A revelation from God. Where there is no revelation from God.

The people. Perish. They go back.

They let loose. They neglect. They cast off restraint.

They go naked. Where there is no revelation from God. The people become bored.

Yeah, the Christian called professing people become bored. Life becomes meaningless. So, what can we do? There is nothing to do.

Forbid. I guess I'll go play some video games. I guess I'll go read some more news articles.

My age group. I guess I'll look that thing up on the web. It's interesting.

Where there is no vision. No revelation from God. The people perish.

Yes. My people perish, God says. How do we get a vision? How do we cultivate vision? How do we keep from dying? How do we keep from losing out? Somebody answer.

Stay in the word. Let's hear another one, quickly. Ah, stay clear.

I have exercised myself always to have a conscience void of offense, said Paul, right? Yes. And open heaven. Ah, yes.

Then the sun is shining. How else do we get a vision? Meditate in the word of God. Yes.

Joshua, give thyself wholly to this word. Meditate therein. Chew on it.

Let it become meat. Let it become flesh and bone in you. Yes.

Conviction. Someone else. Yes, brother.

Prayer and fasting. Amen. Good.

Good. Brother Luke. Grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ adding to your faith.

Yes. Really, I thought we got it all when we got saved. Yeah, there is doctrines afloat like that.

But hallelujah, I got all of the sanctifying grace of God in my heart when I got saved. I want to try to save myself a little further. You know that aspect.

But to grow as a child of God and to mature. Amen. Yes.

Brother Mel. Yes. Brother Mel said Jesus spending time alone with the Father heard the Father's voice.

And the disciples said, all men seek you. Come. They are looking for you.

And Jesus had heard from the Father and he said, we must go to the other village. Hearing from God and obeying God. Very good.

Yes. By taking our eyes off of ourselves, we cultivate and exercise in the things of God. Seeing beyond my own little world, my eyes off myself.

Anyone else want to share before we move on? Or have we covered that well enough? Let's look at a man who had vision. And he was not afraid. Brother Mel, the love of God so captivated his heart, there was no fear in that love.

He was not afraid to carry out the vision and the purpose and the direction and the wherefore and the why that God had called him. And that he was born at a time such as this. Oh, there's many like that.

Our minds can just go through the scriptures and peruse through there. I want to look at one or two. Moses.

The Bible says in Hebrews 11, verse 24 through 27, Moses, by faith, Moses, when he was come to years, he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt, for he had respect unto the recompense of reward. For by faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king.

For he endured as seeing him who is invisible. Yes, seeing him who is invisible. All of the riches of Egypt couldn't hold a candle to the vision he had of almighty God.

I mean, would we sell out for fools gold when you can have the real thing? I mean, would we waste a life on all of the treasures that this world has to offer when we can have treasures in heaven reserved laid up for you that fade not away? Moses. Yes, he saw him who is invisible. After the apostles were filled with the Holy Ghost, there in the book of Acts where we can read that, God worked through Peter and John and the lame man was healed and he rose up and he went leaping and walking and praising God, it's caused a little problem.

So they brought Peter and John before the council and told them, you can't preach anymore in that name, Jesus. And if you promise not to preach anymore in that name, we'll let you go. Well, they said, you can judge that and decide that, whether it's right to hearken unto you more than to God.

But we cannot help but speak the things that we have seen and heard. My brother, my sister, what have you seen? What have you heard? Or is it just somebody else's religion? Is it just my parents' religion? Or have I tasted and seen that the Lord is good? I was lost and sinking deep in sin. But Jesus saved my soul, hallelujah.

And now I have a message. The love of Christ, brother Mel, it constrains me. Amen.

Well, you say this morning, I haven't been called. Yeah, this brother over here or this sister, they have a calling. But I haven't been called.

One day Jesus gave this illustration of the kingdom of heaven in Matthew 20. I want you just to listen. And the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, which went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard.

When he had agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace. And he said unto them, go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you.

And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did likewise. And again about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle.

And he said unto them, why stand ye here all the day idle? They said unto him, because no man hath hired us. He said unto them, go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right that shall ye receive. I don't know what you get out of this parable, and there would be a whole sermon here.

But if I may apply it in this way, you know, some of us, we came to the Lord later in life. And we were saved later in life. But I want to encourage us this morning, whether it was at the beginning of the day, or at the middle of the day, or at the end of the day, go out and labor in my field.

He came to hire laborers to work in the vineyard. And He'll give whatever is right. And when we look at this parable, there's another beautiful thing here.

At the end they all were paid alike. I mean, God is so good that people on the cross, dying, heard the voice of Jesus say, today thou shalt be with me in a little corner in glory, because you came so late. No! Today you're going to be with me in paradise.

With me! With Jesus! Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, said the Lord. And ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain, whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in my name, He may give it you. Can we still say, well, Lord, I just wasn't called.

That's why I'm standing here idle, Lord. Please understand. I just haven't heard you calling.

Maybe it's because too many other things are crowding our minds and clamoring for the attention of our ears that we're not hearing Him calling. Jesus gave one prayer request to my knowledge. He said, pray ye the Lord of harvest, that He would send forth labors into His harvest.

This is why I'm standing idle in the marketplace. This is why I can hang out at Green Dragon. This is why I'm just hanging out, idling away my time, fiddling it away, because I haven't heard Him call.

I don't have a vision. Lord, please open our eyes. This is why I work from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., 12 hours every day, putting all that overtime, because Lord, You never hired me to be a missionary.

This is why I'm saving up that big bank account. This is why I'm buying up all those properties. Oh Lord, give us a vision of the mission and why I'm here.

Now remember, yeah, we go to work. He that doesn't provide for his own is worse than an infidel. It's true.

But you know, you can take that verse alone and you can build a workaholic doctrine and ethic around that whole thing that denies all the rest of Scripture. That says, sell what you have and give alms. Yes.

It's a little hard for me to know just how to put this all together. I do want you then to share with me some real practical things of fulfilling the purpose, the eternal purpose of God in our lives. I think maybe what I'll do is I'll go to the body of Christ now and we will look at that a bit.

And then we'll come back and we will look at specific areas in which we can minister. The 90% of us that are left in the United States, praise God for the 10, the 12% that are in foreign fields, hallelujah. But can we just wash our hands and say, I'm supporting the missionaries, I put a little money in the offering.

I don't think so. We are all either missionaries or we're a mission field. It's not original with me.

Heard that from someone else. We're either men and women with a vision and a purpose and we're going about our Father's business or we need someone else to come and preach to us. Again, the first oracles of God.

God forbid. The body of Christ. Well, you might say I have some areas of struggle in here.

I don't think I can be any good in the body of Christ. But, you know, if we wait for perfection in all of these areas, it's easy to just focus inward and not have a view of an eye of faith toward God who is able to change and to work and to produce a righteous, godly life in us. And we can just sort of wallow around in

here in unbelief and woe me, poor me, you know.

But we shouldn't be ignoring these needs here and just focus on these out here. You know, it's good to be real and honest of where I'm at in my relationship with my spouse, with my family, and then outward into the body of Christ, to my neighbors. And we've had many messages here on the body of Christ, so if you will forbear with me that I won't make a whole message out of that subject or we won't get to the other parts which we need to get to.

But just listen to this. The body of Christ. I will just read a few verses.

God has given diversities of gifts in the body, but the same Spirit. Differences of administration, but the same Lord. Diversities of operation, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit with all in the body. And outside of the body too. Not just within the body there, but he's speaking here of the body of Christ.

And you can look this up later if you like. It's 1 Corinthians chapter 12. The manifestation of the Spirit is given to how many men? Everyone.

To one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another diverse kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But all these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. For as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of that one body being many are one body, so also is Christ.

Glory. Now that's a sermon. The body of Christ is made up of diverse members.

And you should read 1 Corinthians 12. You should read the whole chapter and just meditate on it. All of these gifts, all of these talents and abilities given by God, they all work under the operation of the Holy Spirit of God to blend together to a beautiful expression of the body of Christ upon the earth.

It's beautiful. And it's all working together as God designed. God gives to every man, dividing to every man severally as he wills.

To how many men does he divide? Every man. So what is my purpose or my calling for being placed in a body, in a local assembly? We will go through a few of them very quickly and there are many more. Hebrews 3.13 Exhort one another daily while it is cold today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Exhort, admonish, urge, and encourage one another daily. Now I want to ask you a question. Is that a commandment or a suggestion? It's a commandment.

Well, but we don't all live in the same village and rub shoulders like they did back then. But how many of us have a cell phone? How many of us have a telephone? Landline phone? We have communication today. And this speaks to my own heart.

But brothers and sisters, what will it mean if we will take this verse and get a hold of it and say, Lord, I am going to view this differently. This is not an option. This is my loving responsibility as a member in the body of Christ.

To prayerfully seek the face of God and pray one for another. And then to call a brother. I mean, what a blessing.

When a brother calls me, and I get these calls occasionally, and they just encourage my heart. Brother Aaron, just want to let you know, I prayed for you this morning. God bless you.

Have a good day. Hang up the phone. How long did it take? Ten seconds? What a blessing.

And especially, if you open your mouth in this congregation and testify, pray for me. I'm facing some trial. Imagine getting ten phone calls that next week.

My! Exhort one another. How often? How often? Daily. Oh, if we can get a hold of the value of the jewel that is tucked here, and what it will do for us as a body, and start exercising ourselves.

No, no, I'm not talking about the treadmill. Start exercising ourselves under godliness and exhorting one another daily. What a blessing.

And you know that exhorting, it means this. It means to encourage. It means to urge.

It means to admonish. Why am I here in this body? God placed the members in the body as it pleased Him. Why am I here? Oh, Jesus said, a new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another.

How, Lord? As I have loved you, says Jesus, that ye also love one another. That was John 13, 34. And then John 15, 12.

This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Is that a commandment? Or a suggestion? Jesus wanted to make sure we get it. He said, this is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you.

Just listen to these words from the scriptures. And I couldn't take near all of them. There are so many.

And we have beautiful sermons here. Shepherding one another. Romans 12, 10.

Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love, in honor of preferring one another. Yes. It's my responsibility in the body of Christ.

It's no question. It's my mission to in honor prefer my brother. Let us therefore, let us not therefore judge one another anymore.

But judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. That is my responsibility. I should think and prayerfully consider what I do.

Will this cause my brother to stumble? I shouldn't put a stumbling block in my brother's way. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus. That he may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wherefore, receive ye one another as Christ also has received us. How did Christ receive me? How did Christ receive you? We know how he received us. He took us just like we were.

Well, once you shape up, then I'll receive you. Once you measure up, no, no, no. Salute one another with an holy kiss.

Brethren, ye have been called unto liberty. Only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love, serve one another in the body of Christ. I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love.

Yes, I believe Mel touched on that this morning. Forbearing one another in love. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace in the body of Christ.

That's my high and holy calling. Yes, it is. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

You know, some people, they just sort of like to pick around and stir up trouble. But that's not of the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God endeavors to keep unity in the bond of peace.

That bond of peace. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, evil speaking be put away from you with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven you.

Oh, these things will go so far if I see this is my calling. This is my charge in the body of Christ. I can't just take it or leave it.

I can't just push that aside and take that juicy piece of gossip and pass it on. I can't do that. I belong to Christ.

And I belong to the body of Christ. Be kind. Be tender-hearted.

Be forgiving. Put on therefore as the elect of God holy and beloved bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness and long-suffering forbearing one another and forgiving one another. And if any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

And above all these things, put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts to which also you are called in one body. Ah, there it is.

Ye are called in one body and be ye thankful. Wherefore, comfort yourselves together and edify one another even as also ye do. Comfort.

Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works. Let's consider one another. That brother needs a word of encouragement.

That brother needs to know that I believe in him and I trust him. Provoke that brother to love and to good works. The accuser of the brethren.

He shouts at us all day long. You can't do it. You're nothing.

You're no good. Oh, but to have a brother come alongside and say, brother, I am so blessed with the grace that you are growing in in Christ. Beloved, let us love one another for love is of God.

I mean, the scriptures are just full. We could just go on and on and on. Now, let's move into Matthew 25.

And then we want to just, by God's grace, open our hearts one with another and seek how we can glorify Christ and put some definition and shoe leather into those words to glorify Christ. I see that clock is going faster than I thought and so therefore, I believe we'll just begin in verse 31 of Matthew 25. Stand with me

for the reading of the scriptures, please.

If you can. When the son of man shall come in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory and before him shall be gathered all nations and he shall separate them one from another as his shepherd divided his sheep from the goats. And he shall set the sheep on his right hand but the goats on the left.

Then shall the king say unto them on his right hand, Come ye blessed of my father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was in hunger and ye gave me meat.

I was thirsty and ye gave me drink. I was a stranger and ye took me in. Naked and ye clothed me.

I was sick and ye visited me. I was in prison and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him saying, Lord, when saw we thee in hunger and fed thee or thirsty and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger and took thee in? Or naked and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick or in prison and came unto thee? And the king shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

You may be seated. If I could ask the ushers to have the microphones ready. And we want to have a little interactive part of the sermon here.

And if you can raise your hands or the ushers can get a microphone right to you. For the sake of those who are listening on the telephone or listening to it later by tape so that they can hear what we have to share here together. For I was in hunger and ye gave me meat.

How do we carry that out? In 2007. Right here in Lancaster County. Does somebody want to share? Evangelism.

Family style. How can our family, how can we minister the love of Christ that was shed abroad in our hearts? Let that love of Christ be shed abroad. Raise your hand.

The ushers will get a microphone to you so you can be heard. We have a hand right up front here and a hand in the back. So the two microphones can be given there so those brothers can be right ready to share.

Thank you. Brother Luke. For you guys, how do we carry that out? In this day, well when it seems that there's plenty of food around in abundance, you know, how do we carry that out? Well, wherever there is maybe a need.

If your neighbor has a, or someone in the church has a sick child and you don't have time to prepare your own meals, you can go help on that way. If there's a death or, you know, in any way that there is maybe a need to assist in that way, that's how we can fulfill that right now to our neighbors and church people. Amen.

Thank you, Luke. And then in the back, Claire. Anyone else, get your hand up.

I thought one way I thought about was what you mentioned, just calling each other on the telephone, just blessing each other with a quick word. And I believe this is one way that we can just bring Christ to each other, speaking words of life to each other when we're in the midst of a world that's not always positive. Yes.

Anyone else? Get your hand up quickly. Yes, right up front here. Is there anyone else? Sisters are welcome to participate as well.

Feel free. Yes, Brother Daniel. I remember from just a small boy that we were always taking tomatoes or bread or milk or something to share with somebody.

And it wasn't always just because they were hungry. Some of those people actually were hungry. But it was a ministry of entering into fellowship with food and sharing.

And over the years, we've had open door policy. Many people have just popped in and sit down and eat with us. Praise God.

Amen. Is the other mic somewhere else? Okay, there's a hand in the center there with Brother Peter. You can go ahead, Peter.

Well, I just want to say that Jesus has been at the door yesterday at our house. And just the things that I saw in front of our door when we came home, I just sensed that Christ was at the door. There were lots of apples, oranges, sweet peppers, and just many bags full of it.

And almost more than we can eat. We don't know who bring it, but Christ was at the door. Someone did something for Christ.

Thank you, brother. Amen. Yes.

Brother Aaron, I appreciate how you have the circles on the board there and how you brought the two messages together. We need to see it visually. When I think of family-style ministry, it begins in that first circle.

Working out into our relationship with our spouse so that our prayers aren't hindered. And then working out into the family, keeping short accounts is what we like to call it at home. Making sure you're reconciled.

Not allowing little bickerings between the children, but teaching them how to reconcile. To go to their brother and sister and say, I was wrong for speaking unkind words to you. Will you forgive me? Making that a habit makes a family a living epistle.

And then when you start having hospitality in, it's inevitable that there's going to be conflicts with the children of the mom and dad that you're ministering to. But if your little ones are versed in how to reconcile, it just spreads that ministry of reconciliation. And some things are better caught than taught.

And if your children are reconciling and mommy and daddy are ministering to another mom and dad at the table and there's that kind of whole family ministry going on, I can't think of a greater form of stateside missionary work than that. But it begins in that first circle. Keeping in touch with Christ because mom and dad don't want to grieve the anointing on their home.

They're diligent to make sure their children are reconciling. And that mommy and daddy are reconciling and not letting the sun go down on their anger with their family. One of the greatest ministries that brought our family to Charity Christian Fellowship and away from our fast-paced evangelical past was we had a chance to stay with some living epistles.

Brother Aaron, your family being one of them. Where we got to live with families and see the interaction, the whole family ministry. It gave us a burden.

That's what we want to be a part of. Lord, bear with us. We've got a lot to learn.

But we saw living epistles and we couldn't get enough of it. It gave me a vision of what the Bible could do for a family. May God give us grace as families here in charity to walk through the order of those circles that you put up on the board there for us this morning.

Not to skip them, but to carefully walk through them daily till it's a spiritual habit in our souls. Thank you, Brother Jeff. Anyone else? Yes.

Brother Merle. As you're opening it up, I thought this morning I don't have anything to share. Where I'm at in my life right now is focusing on a specific area that God has called us to one of those circles and asking God how we can move forward.

It just seems He's putting His burden on my heart there. But I did think of one thing and it's right along this thing of food. A lot of this discussion last Sunday and this Sunday has been about families.

And I'm glad it is. And we're a family-centered church. But we aren't all families.

There are single people here. And I remember as a young man and there's just a little testimony about food and ministry. As a young man when I was I believe 18, we used to go into the city of Lancaster just kind of a loosely organized bunch of young fellows.

I wasn't with any of the ministries out of this fellowship necessarily. We went in there just with a heart for souls. And there was an evening when one of the young fellows wasn't myself had a vision to buy some groceries for somebody who was hungry who needed groceries.

And here this person I guess had got evicted or whatever and there we all sat the four of us in a vehicle. What do we do with these groceries? None of us had families. We couldn't just take them home.

I guess we could have given them to mom and dad but we felt like we were supposed to do something. Finally after a bit of prayer one of the young men said let's go over to this certain person we had been reaching out to building a relationship with. And we knocked on the door knocked on the door well okay I guess nobody's home.

About ready to leave and the door opened. And this single mom came and took the groceries didn't say much and we went on our way and just blessed her. It wasn't until quite a while later instantly she started coming to our church there was revival meetings where she got born again gave her heart to the Lord and I often wonder what happened.

And a while later I heard the rest of the story. She was in the back room crying to the Lord for food for our children's lunches. And when God sent of all the people that knocked on their door and all the relationships she had when God sent these young men she said they have something I want.

They listened to the Lord. And unfortunately in that situation because of people it's so interesting how food is integrally tied to fellowship. One of the things that was a cause of offense for this family this single mom that made it hard for her to find her way among other things was families feeling like they shouldn't feel obligated to have her over for lunch as she was attending this certain fellowship.

And there was a whole lot of other things but you know this thing of food is no light thing. Jesus said I am the bread of life. And I guess the reason I wanted to share this testimony is if you're a young person here mind the Lord.

Listen to what He's putting on your heart. Maybe it doesn't make sense but if you're ever going to have a family if you're ever going to have all these other beautiful things you're going to have to start by listening to the Lord and minding in the little things and He can use them in ways that you can never imagine. Amen.

Thank you Brother Merle. As we move on I was thirsty. Anybody thirsty right now? When I speak I get thirsty and I know as you've been sitting listening you're probably thirsty also.

It's really refreshing. You'll get your drink soon. But you know there's something about that.

To give a drink to one who is thirsty. Oh it's so refreshing. How can we do that? My brother, my sister.

Someone want to share? Be a servant. Brother Robert tells us. Amen.

These two tie together pretty close. But if someone wants to share something raise your hand. I was hungry.

You gave me meat. I was thirsty. You gave me a drink.

There's a hand all the way up front here on the brother's side. Amen. Thank you.

I remember being out on the job site one time and I always tried making a point in reaching out or somehow relating to the people that I was working for. And this older lady came walking out and I introduced myself. Then after I had done the job I stood around and talked to her a little bit and I found out some things about her life.

And she had gone through a very difficult time. I believe it was out close to Philly. She had gone through a very difficult time and now when I remember back I'm just overjoyed at the opportunity but I started just sharing and pouring blessings upon her.

You know, just blessing her and encouraging her. And she in the midst of that she just started crying. And I could tell that she she latched on to the words that I was giving her.

I was just telling her that God does love her and even though her husband had died and it was very difficult for her to make ends meet as I was blessing her she just latched on to the words. And I could just see life rising up inside of her and hope rising up. I just even remember the parting almost.

It was just so sweet and special and I think we can do those things if we go out there and we find opportunities. There are many. If we just open ourselves and bless other people.

People appreciate it. Yes. Thank you, Jeremy.

You see, we're about the King's business. Yeah, I'm building a deck or whatever you were doing that day. Yes, I'm putting on a roof.

Ah, but so much more. I'm a servant of the Most High God and I have a mission to make Him known. Yes, back there.

I already did share one but Jeremy's testimony just kind of prompted my mind of a time that walked out the lane to get the mail and there's a tractor trailer sitting at the end of our lane there loading up some equipment out of one of the buildings and a truck driver was finding his load down and just kind of sensed him watching after me as I was walking out the lane when I came back in with a mail seeing him watching for me again and I just felt prompted to stop and talk to him.

He's kind of a rough looking fellow but just asking where he's from and stuck up a little bit of a conversation and here it turns out that he's going through a very difficult time in his life. He had just had his 67th birthday and a whole string of events on his trip had gone wrong for him and stuff and he just started pouring his heart out and just had a time of listening him out and praying for him and gave him a big hug and he's this big burly man you know, you wouldn't have thought of it just broke down and cried and he said, you know he said, I haven't been to church in 20 some years but he said, I got more today and it wasn't me I had no intentions of talking to him when I went out there but the Lord really laid it on my heart how many times do I pass people by and I'm not sensitive to what he wants to tell me but I was so filled with that I walked away wondering who was the most blessed Amen Thank you for sharing that, Brother Clare Scripture is true, you know this is one of my favorite Proverbs He that watereth shall be watered himself He comes back, you know Amen, Amen Well, you didn't mention it yet so I guess I will I was hungry, you gave me meat I was thirsty and you gave me drink What about hospitality?

How many meals has your wife cooked? How many potatoes has she peeled for the hospitality? God bless you, sisters Amen We're pretty hungry by lunch time and I know, you know, that that is in a small way and yet it's not insignificant God bless you, sisters for your faithful labors of love all the canning and freezing and stuff in the summer and the fall and then we just get it out of the jar and we eat it and I hope we say thank you, brothers Amen It's so sweet when the little children come and say, thank you for the meal as they're going home What a blessing We want to move on and look at a few others But I thought too, you know, real practical here I was hungry, you gave me meat You know, we don't have any excuse to not help the suffering Christians in other parts of the world who are hungry, really hungry We have organizations and especially Christian Aid Ministries packaging many food parcels We can go out there, we can get our children to help pack those boxes and those boxes get shipped over to many places where we cannot go and someone will carry that box of those vital goods to sustain a family Many, many opportunities we have I was a stranger and you took me in In what practical way can we show forth the love of Christ to strangers and take them in?

Somebody share, yes Yes, I'd like to give you not an example but a testimony the time I met Merle about five years ago at a trade show and I asked him, I said I don't know what you're into but if you're into religion, I'm not interested and he said, I'm into Jesus Christ and I just thank the day that the Lord put Merle in front of me to tell me about Jesus Christ and I want to be that example and we all want to be that example to share the word of Jesus Christ There's our food He nourishes us through everything Amen and we are blessed people Amen Yeah, I'm going to a trade show Ah, but I'm on a mission for the king Hand up here, yes I really appreciate this Let's keep it brief and to the point I like that, so more can share Yes Yes, brother I want to share some this When I first met

Stanley where he was working I I just told him that if he could how do you say invite invite me to to Christmas night because I didn't have nowhere to go and I just was joking around about that but he took it serious Amen so after that yeah he answered me a couple days after a couple days later and he said yes and they opened their doors to let me be with them and as a as a stranger it's just amazing how they didn't know me and you see where I am now Praise the Lord Amen, thank you for sharing I'm so thankful about

it and that's a good experience too Yes, thank you Yes, thank you Amen Yes, in the hand, in the center there in the back and then one also up in the front all the way up on the front bench here Amen, thank you Yes it's been such a blessing to be here the last couple of weeks as

he was sharing that I just thought of a instance of my own we're talking about encouraging people to telephone and things you know there's times when we feel like we're making a nuisance out of ourselves especially it was that way for me last summer an old friend of mine a guy I had worked with for many years and he was a workaholic and he was into his business just so deeply and so he kind of got to the end of his rope back in August and he called me one morning and he was just so heavy under conviction, I could just hear it in his voice and he just didn't know where to go and I tried to steer him through the scripture and then until the end of the week the next day he called me again and he just couldn't think anything else but at the end of that week he got converted and he called me

that evening and he was just so excited and I made it a habit after that to every week give him a call for quite a while and sometimes I felt like I was being a nuisance to him I just felt like maybe I'm just stepping out of my bounds here but just recently I talked to him and he said you know nobody else did that to me he says he so appreciated how I just would consistently call him and encourage him over and over again and he was he was talking about this is an Amish brother and he was talking about he went to his bishop or his leaders for help and he said his bishop never did that to him he never came back and see how he was doing but he said you and another man that he talked about you kept coming back and encouraging me and seeing how I was doing so I we shouldn't give up because so

many times we feel like we're a nuisance to people but we don't want to feel like a nuisance we want to bless people that are in need Amen thank you for sharing that the body of Christ Amen yes the other microphone yes our family had the opportunity of being watered as we were watering too one time a number of years ago while we were still living in New Holland we had a foreign exchange student stay with us I guess it was over the Christmas holidays or Thanksgiving I'm not sure which but there's various peoples that make arrangements for that and so we did that that year, we'd done it for several years and it happened that that year my wife had a miscarriage just right before she came and this girl that came and stayed with us basically took over the kitchen for us for a few days she made

meals and helped us at a time when we had a need we thought we were going to be ministering to her but she ended up ministering to us and as it turned out we were in touch with their family for some time later on she was from Japan I think her parents came over and we visited them near Atlanta one time I don't know what all happened spiritually with them but at least it was an opportunity to make a contact and for them to be exposed to what a Christian home was like Amen.

Thank you for sharing that Brother John Mark You know that's good. How can we take in strangers? What about that opportunity of foreign exchange students? Amen.

You sisters are free too I know you have something to share Yes, in the back on the sister's side Yeah, just recently I heard in one of the houses in our neighborhood that there's a lady living there alone and as we were going for a walk one day we decided to go to her door and we were all sort of a little scared, me and my boys because this was a stranger, total stranger but we went to her door and ended up staying for a couple of hours she's very talkative and just talked and talked to us and so we're making it a practice, we're trying to every week to go see her and it's interesting when we go, I usually take something and she's been telling me that she don't need anything she has everything she needs and she talks a lot and

one time my after one visit my one son said well we don't

even have a chance to tell her anything about Jesus, do we? and I said no and it seemed like she wasn't wanting anything given to her either and so we just really feel like her talking tells me that she's lonely and one thing we do get to do right before we go out the door I always say may we sing you a song and she always lets us do that and we sing her a song and the Lord has just been directing us in that and I just really feel like even though she thinks she's not hungry or thirsty just listening to her is going to make her hungry and thirsty and singing her a song to her a song, I'm praying that it's going to make her hungry and thirsty for the Lord Amen thank you for sharing that other sisters up here in the front center others get your hand up I was once with a stranger and didn't

have anyone to go to after my grandmother died and the Rudolphs were there and they opened their hearts and their doors to me and God has blessed my life very richly from that and I'm very thankful praise God, Amen oh yes how many opportunities are just waiting Lord give us a vision maybe I'll share just a bit of our testimony I was a stranger you took me in for one summer right between two jobs I felt the Lord calling me to get out of the sales end of things of being a sales rep for a seed company and felt the Lord clearly laying in our hearts to build a recording studio of all things thinking we could make money on recordings and support our family so one whole summer there I was not much working the studio and I quit the other job and that summer our family they just went from one old

convalescent home to the next the office of aging in Lancaster gave us a whole big list and said go anywhere you want just call them and make arrangements and we would just go singing remember those days Andrea and it was Andrea and Janelle and Jason and the opportunities there are so many lonely people forsaken by their families in the state homes now Fairmount homes is a bit different but there are so many state homes and they smell bad and the people are in there almost to the point of severe neglect I mean it's pretty bad some places but to go in there and have your little children it doesn't matter if you don't sing on tune it does not matter at all what matters is that you take your little family in there and you get on those floors and you walk from room to room and you know

they'll hardly let you go sister they are just so blessed to have someone come and show them some love and your children can quote scriptures they can sing songs you can take a little gift for them give them a little snack I mean there are so many opportunities just waiting oh if I can just encourage us you say well what can I do I'm a homeschooling mom make it part of your homeschool and maybe maybe you can only do one a month maybe it's pretty much and maybe you're not at that stage maybe you have a little baby and it's not possible for you to do that now so I'm not wanting to lay any guilt trip on anyone but just rather to encourage us the opportunities abound and the other thing we found is you would be surprised how many Christians are in those homes ah yes can you please sing

amazing grace and the tears start trickling down the face when have you last had family visit you oh you know some of them they just put them away their children don't want them right here in Lancaster don't have to go far if you want to spread out farther go to Harrisburg Coatesville or if you want to really go far go to Philadelphia you know it's still only our Samaria and dad could we take off work maybe one day a month give up a little of that mammon to invest it in our family and take our family down to the train station in Philadelphia and we're going to sing and as the train rolls in they're going to see a family living epistle singing passing out tracks little children walking down the streets of Lancaster City singing as we go little children passing out tracks to those ruffins

and they'll take them from them one man stopped me one day and said sir do you have any idea where you are Lancaster yeah but he said I mean do you have any idea where you are he said this is the worst street in Lancaster and we knew there was gangsters hanging around there was groups of fellas here and there well you know those gangsters tough chains hanging on them Arlen just being three or four looking up with a little smile you know would you like a track they take it from him but not from me oh our families evangelism family style don't leave your children at home there's times you need to I understand but take them along hey we're not just going to the zoo to see some animals we're on a mission now I'm not opposed to setting up you know on purpose we're going to go to the train

station we're going to go to the subways we're going to go to the city we're going to preach and sing but you know sometimes we compartmentalize this thing too much and we forget we're always on a mission it's when I'm buying that gas it's when I'm taking that delivery slip from the UPS driver and you know if we have that mindset Lord make me a blessing today I don't just want to buy something I don't just want to go get that tire fixed I want to leave a fragrance of Christ well I was a stranger you took me in I don't know if sister Roselle is here today but she wouldn't want me to lift her up from the pulpit and I don't want to lift anyone up but you know what foster care strangers little children take them in nurture them bless them minister to them oh it's the heart of Jesus he loves

the little children and now yesterday we had the privilege of being at the celebration of the adoption of Billy and Ty into the Chapman home Roselle had them both as foster children now they're adopted into the family of the Chapmans their eternal destiny of those two souls is going to be affected forever because of that you say well I'm just single I don't have a family what can I do oh many many opportunities oh I just want to encourage you sisters and men you know like one of them said well I'm not just going to sit around and wait to get married if there's no one coming I have a mission for the king to serve God Amen and you know what might just happen you go serve God with a mission for the king there's a young man who didn't want to sit around and wait to get married either and God

might still get you married could happen because you both have the same heart you're sold out for God Amen I just want to encourage us there are many opportunities right at our doorstep I am a missionary I'm on a mission for the king naked and ye clothed me what's in your hand sister well I can't afford much go look in your attic what about all those leftover scrap materials from making dresses from the last 15-20 years for some of us you know they're piled up there in the attic you can take those scrap materials get your children involved and you can start cutting out patches and then you can sew them together for comforters and you can take them out to Christian Aid Ministries and they'll send them over to Siberia where it's cold and the people need comforters and you can bless someone

it was just scraps they were just laying there oh but when we get a vision and a revelation for the king we can take even scraps that seem like refuse and turn them into beautiful things for God that water can be turned into wine oh glory hey I was in prison and ye came unto me prison ministries brother Luke tells us the prison population has expanded by 10 is that right? in the last 28 or 30 years how about we get them before they go to prison like D.L.

Moody I want to teach a Sunday School class here in your church sorry there are no Sunday School students to teach you have to get your own class oh okay so you go out on the streets where those young children are and they're bouncing their balls and you get right in there and you develop a friendship and bring them into class I was so blessed with what John Colburn shared the other night at Couples Night another very similar occasion he said well you gotta go get your own class so he goes out on the street

and here the boys are playing marbles so he says to the young fellas hey come with me to Sunday School nah not interested come on come with me to Sunday School nah hey can I play marbles with you oh sure sat down and this fella knew how to play marbles and he beat him at marbles whoa

hey we gotta play again you know and I don't know how the thing went but you know really hey I believe this fella has something to say he's not just a flat old man he can play marbles hey there's a reason to play marbles for the king may I stretch our theology a little there's a reason to play basketball for the king those city fellas playing basketball hey but if all they want to do is play basketball no but if you can gain a friend to get down on their level and say hey come with me to Tuesday Church we're talking about the things that matter we're talking about God we're talking about purpose and reason for your life nah I'm not interested my that fella can play basketball I wonder what he has to say now that might be a stretch I don't want to go too far in this but really it's about

people it's about getting the gospel getting the gospel message to the people like I think of how Lancashire church ministry started there they sat on the street no place to go, no building you know just sitting there in the street playing some hopscotch or doing this or that hey would you like to hear a bible story let me tell you a good bible story did you ever hear of this one you know praise God and the rest of the story of what John Coleman shared was this man rounded up was it 13 or 14, 13 children and taught them in Sunday school and years later was it 11 11 of those 13 were serving God and were Christians so I want to encourage you who work in the children's ministry have faith trust God and preach His word with a passion you're on a mission for the King and He will back up His

mission and His word with His Holy Spirit oh there's so much more I can say this is really exciting to me as you can tell a vision of my mission I'll put one more thing on the board we had this last week but I'll just put it up here yet and then I'll close a vision of my mission I just don't have room anymore we'll make it small three families who have a vision for more than making money and bringing home a paycheck they have a mission for their family to raise them for God to be soldiers and they're involved in family evangelism the whole family gets involved and they have each five children and there's no room to put them here but you know what happens? you develop this thing three times with five three generations with five one Paul five children and then it happens all over again is

it 125?

I think it is I think it's 125 let's see five times five somebody help me 25 times five again 125 so when we get a vision for the mission I mean America is dying to see godly homes marriages are falling apart children are being neglected and I mean it's just going down imagine the power of the influence of a godly life with a vision for the mission God bless you well thank you Aaron I'm glad you said there's so much more you could say I feel too we've just gotten into the middle of it I think we have to have part three yet I mean that's that's the way it happens when you aim at the right spot and then you have this ripple effect I enjoy seeing a large body of water like a pond where it's still not much movement and then throw a rock out in there and then watch the ripples just keep going in that well that's what happens here that's the picture I got right when I saw this I thought of that there the ripple effect they have what you do get your throw your rock at the right place in the center of Jesus Christ and the far reaching effects we don't know what's going to really happen eternity has that answer to it so I'd just like to encourage you along with Aaron if you get involved maybe you think you can't do much but that ripple effect you don't know where it's going to end and also if you get bored throw a rock in it in some water and watch what happens and think of this and then go out and practice what you learn it doesn't work too well if you try and bypass a

few of them there maybe it's more exciting out there further and you want to have an effect there and you try and start out there it just doesn't turn out right you try and have a maybe you think that you're going to you see some people that don't love their wife anymore and you're you think well when I get married it's going to be different but if you don't have Christ in the center or you want to have a family that is different than what you came up or what you see around you but if you don't start with Christ it won't work and the same way with all them other ones that if you want to have an effect for the Lord aim for Christ and your relationship with Him and then He will build out from there I know we had some exchanges already but there may be some more that I can add to this the ushers are ready to get their mic to you does anyone have anything to share?

I'd like to say you know God doesn't put limitations on us but Satan does and Satan tries to deceive us but we got to live for God through faith grace and His Holy Spirit we got to step out and be bold because you know that's how I got saved someone was stepped out and told me about Jesus just try to do that once a day or once a week or just have a goal and a vision because we need to bring people to God so they can spend an eternity in heaven if not you know where they're going and that's an eternity there also anyone else? has another mic is anyone else ready? that Word First says that I was in prison you came and visited me there's also people in prison that don't know about God I experienced that I was in a prison ministry there in New York and one of the last times I was there there

was a man there that he just didn't really realize the depth of the scripture and he was in tears when I left and I said I'll pray for him and I was just reminded today about that I don't know where he's at there's still people going there and I just we need to be sensitive to the spirit and I was very thankful for the stirring in that area today God bless you all I've been meditating on the verse in Luke chapter 10 where it says behold I send you forth as lambs in the midst of wolves and some of what I get from that is that almost any form of ministry or outreach will take us out of our comfort zone it'll take us out of something that we're comfortable with and into something where we need reliance upon God whether it's protection or anything and just want to encourage us to be ready to

do that even brother Aaron when he got up this morning was feeling a little insecure I think and God took him past his comfort zone see what we got this morning amen I was so blessed over our trip God just he did so many wonderful things in my own heart I was thinking about everything that we heard this morning about reaching out so many times when we reach out we get ministered to in so many ways that we're not thinking of God wants to do things in our own hearts and God did something really special in my life over the years I've struggled a lot with fears and I've been growing so much and sometimes it seems like the enemy still wants to hinder me in the area of fear sometimes I've questioned whether my baptism was right and that made me question my salvation of all things this past week

or actually two weeks ago we were ministering to three ladies that struggle with very similar fear type issues that I have in the past it was so good for me because it just showed me how far I've come and it also showed me that I don't have to fear to minister to people that are still there and to help them and it was just such a blessing and I just saw in a new way how the devil has just really been lying to me in these areas because I was saved when I got baptized and it just like it was almost like a whole room opened up in my life and it's not been the same since it's like God just freed me in another whole area and I'm so happy about that and I'm so excited to see what else he wants to show me.

Praise the Lord. Amen. We have an enemy and he wants to stop us at every one of them rings but don't let him do that it'll just keep go out around there and keep going Thanks the church for the many practical

ways that you blessed me over the time of my surgery the many many cards my bed is just stacked with them and the flowers and the gifts and the prayers it is truly wonderful to have a new heart and have my energy back and be able to go again so I'm just praising God and thanking you all Yeah I know the hour is late I was just thinking what Aaron was saying about the convalescent homes especially the state run convalescent homes and what a beautiful ministry that would be for young couples with little children.

It's low income if I can say it that way it's a short drive to Lancaster City but I would highly recommend it. We used to take my children to Conestoga View and I recommend that place. It's a place where there's a lot of lonely hearts.

It's a bit shocking be prepared if you go we had one time we got off the elevator and a man was trying to escape in his wheelchair it was very sad and yet there's a lot of need there and to see some children to gather around and sing to these people would be a real blessing so I would highly recommend that the man who we had visited there has passed away but he was always thrilled to see us and he had very very few visitors if hardly any I think maybe his daughter came every once in a while so I would highly encourage that Yeah I would just like to share testimony on the receiving end of I thought about the verses of when you're hungry and thirsty. Since Rodney took the office job and we weren't having a lot of income so many people from church here, several people came and called and said hey we have a bunch of meat here would you like to, could you use some meat or people gave us money, someone came to the door with a basket of fruit and honey and different things and it was so encouraging for us to see how the Lord just keeps blessing us and supplying our needs so thank you to everybody that anonymously has given to us You see how it works We need a vision and a goal way out there but at the same time be not discouraged if we can't reach out there just do what we can here today and now and then it does grow from there and it does the child you're caring for today can have that far reaching effect and it does and so on Is there anyone else? This is good I don't see any hands Oh yes Here's one To add to what was just said as far as doing what you can do where you're at instead of worrying about or worrying about not being able to reach all those outer circles I had to think too when Luke was talking about the ripple effect if you throw a rock in the middle of a pond it's the energy that moves the water doesn't physically move it's the energy that moves through the water till it gets to the shore and then it makes a little splash there but if we do throw our rock in the center in Christ and those ripples go out maybe it's as we reach our neighbor he will reach out farther and that energy will just continue to reach the outermost parts of the world even if we can't physically go there ourselves You may be in a wheelchair and not able to get far but what you do to share to those of you coming in contact I can have that same effect, far reaching Anyone else? I thank the Lord for allowing Him to use you to stir us up to stir one another up this was a part of church and it has the effect it's supposed to have and hope this message isn't forgotten in a few weeks but that energy that's been put within us has a far reaching effect for eternity who knows where it will end John you have a song for us?

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