

The Revolution by Strategic World Impact - International Missions

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of taking the message of love to the Islamic shores and building relationships with the persecuted church to help build the kingdom for Christ.

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Description

This sermon shares powerful testimonies of individuals who have faced persecution for their faith, highlighting their unwavering commitment to Christ even in the face of extreme adversity. It emphasizes the importance of being part of a revolution of love, where ordinary people are empowered to do extraordinary things for the Kingdom of God, especially in areas of war, disaster, and persecution. The message calls for a strategic response to assist and empower the church in reaching those in the most difficult situations of the world, reminding believers of the eternal significance of living out their faith.

Transcript

I mean, you would not believe what it was like to meet this woman, because she was glowing like the sun, and I remember, in fact, I asked her, I said, Betty, what was your worst day in prison? You know, tell me. Now, she spent six months in prison, her first three days she was beaten with a metal bar with rubber wrapped around it. And she did this, took this beating, because she didn't want the pastor and the other Christians to be caught.

She wanted to have time to escape. And so I asked her, and I'm thinking immediately she's going to say, well, the third day of my beating or something. And she turns around, blows my mind, and she says, the worst day was my last day.

And I said, Betty, why? And she starts weeping right there on the camera. And she said, because I knew I was leaving the body of Christ in that prison. And you know, when you brush up against that, and you touch that, and you realize that, you know, we're just nobodies, we're just ordinary, common people getting to touch such holy things.

And all of a sudden, you realize, we're part of a revolution. It's a revolution. Our number one objective is to assist and empower the church in a strategic response for a strategic harvest.

I like to say that we're sort of a rapid response, new breed, short term mission agency. And I think we're just returning to that revolutionary old school missions of opening up new frontiers, except our new frontiers are war, disaster, and persecution. It's not just that we'll work in a war zone, it's that we'll work where there's an active war taking place.

It's not just that we'll work in a disaster, we'll be there while the disaster is happening. It's not just that we're willing to work with Christians who are suffering for their faith, it's that we're willing to suffer with them. We just want to help train the church, regular Christians, to be ready and effective in this.

You know, this kind of stuff is happening more and more. Jesus said it would. So one of the ways we want to prepare people is through our disaster assistance response training, or our DART conference.

This is a week-long conference designed to prepare Christians for the rigors of this kind of mission. Our mission is about being passionate for God and passionate to reach people in the most difficult situations of the world. In fact, we always say that when all hell breaks loose, it's our job to bring a little piece of heaven back in.

We run to the battle. I think it's about restoring the church's role in missions and seizing opportunities for ordinary people to go out and do extraordinary things. By this time tomorrow, I'll be headed for Tobitaxi, Pakistan.

I go there to help these people meet Jesus, and it seems like I meet Jesus while I'm there. The persecuted church is the most beautiful part of the body of Christ, and you don't know Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have, and I'm not so much afraid of dying as I am of living this life and not making it count for the things that really matter, the things that last. This is a very, very critical area.

The Great Commission says to go. Building the relationship is important. It's critical.

And the most important way to do that is to show them that their needs are your needs as well. That means bringing in food. That means bringing in medical supplies if needed.

From building these relationships, we can help build the kingdom for Christ. We're here with Hassan, our brother Hassan. Hassan has chosen to convert from Islam and become a follower of Jesus Christ.

We're here today to baptize him in this river as a symbol of what he's done. We baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. So when we got to church that morning, a second wave of attackers, and then the same group came, and they began pouring gasoline on the people, and at the same time making efforts to bomb down the church.

So when this event took place, as I was walking, I knew I was, it looked like I was walking towards my death, but inside of me I was joyful. Life here is a preparation for the hereafter, and we cannot allow the temporal things to cloud our minds of the eternity of the riches of Christ. That day, over 200 people had been killed.

The roof had been burned off, some of the walls had collapsed, but there in that shell of a building was the youth group. They were standing inside of a burned out church, facing where the altar used to be, and

they were singing a song. In the back, the smoke is rising up from where the church was still smoldering.

We're here on the Thai-Burma border. Seated behind me is the initial delivery of just under 10 tons of rice that is desperately needed for the Korean people that are being systematically annihilated by the Burmese military government. We've got school supplies for children, we've got medical supplies for the village, the small clinic that they have there, we've got our work cut out for us.

The project is just beginning, but it's an exciting project waiting to unfold. Iraq has been like a big prison, everywhere there are prisons everywhere. This is the room I was staying in here.

They close your eyes and, you know, close your hands and take you to the torture room or to the investigation rooms downstairs. All families are the same. These children are just like my children.

See, I can't do this. It's alright. These families are just like ours at home.

And I think that whenever there's a huge distance and you see things on TV, you don't realize that the mothers here are just like we are at home. The fathers are just like our fathers at home. And I pray for these families and I see the joy in their heart.

I see their hearts are soft, they're ready. They're ready to hear about our Lord. And they've just been an incredible blessing to me.

The revolution, it's about when the poor are actually rich. And I believe with all my heart that this world is not looking, they're not looking for a better sermon on love. This world is looking for a better demonstration of it.

We've come to a point, a crossroad, if you will, in the church. We can either take the message of love to the Islamic shores, to the shores of the terrorists, or they're going to bring their message of hatred to us. You see, the revolution, it's a revolution of love.

First to Christ, and then towards man. In the revolution, people are forever changed. I beg you, live for something greater than yourself.

In the revolution, it's those who have nothing that possess everything. Those who love their lives, lay them down. The revolution is in your hands.

Now you decide.

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