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**Go and make disciples!**

E-votional 23

## **Transforming Evangelism**

Psalm 51:10-13 (ESV)

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.*

As I was reading this passage I was reminded of King David and his adulterous affair with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband.

Now as King over the people of God we have to first realize that the King was to be a representative of God for the people. Now, although we are not earthly kings, we are a kingdom of priests (Rev. 5:10). And as such we too are Christ's representatives or ambassadors on the earth (2 Corinthians 5:20).

When there was a godly king the Kingdom and people flourished. When there was a wicked king the Kingdom and people perished.

Proverbs 29:2 (ISV)

*As the righteous grow powerful, people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, people groan.*

These are really just God-given principles. But also the history of the Israelites shows this principle to us over and over.

When King David committed this vile act he was later rebuked by Nathan the prophet (2 Samuel 12:1-15). At this rebuke, David repents and Psalm 51 is born. One thing that is important for us to realize is what he said in the chosen passage. Psalm 51:10-12 (ESV),

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to*

*me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

David is appealing to God very simply for inner transformation. I found it powerfully appealing to see that David realized at his being rebuked that he was missing a key spiritual ingredient for his righteousness. That ingredient was for the work of the Holy Spirit within.

Create in us a clean heart O God and renew a right spirit within. Do not take away your Holy Spirit from us. Restore the joy of your salvation and uphold us with a willing spirit.

David realized that he cannot keep himself but God can. Right after this David says, Psalm 51:13 (ESV),

*Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.*

O that we fully understood this concept. Lord open our eyes and heart and reveal this to us, in Jesus name.

David realized and so should we that we cannot expect to teach sinners apart from the anointing of God's Spirit. God must have His way within us to produce outside of us. There is really no method that can be repeated like some physical exercise we repeat over and over to achieve this. It is, however, by our first realizing our need for this inner work and then stopping at nothing in our souls in true humility and faith-filled prayer to receive it; that for which God already has prepared for each surrendered soul.

I am also reminded of last weeks E-votional about being a distinct people. This is definitely in line with it but to a little further degree. Much of this weeks E-votional is dovetailing on what we started to talk about last week in terms of being a distinct people filled with God's Presence and what that can do in and around us.

Now, we may not be living in vile sin as David had. But the point is that any sin or rebellion will, in fact, quench the Spirit and so suffocate the life of Christ within us. Something else to note is that sometimes rebelling against God is very simply not doing what He tells us to do, just like Adam and Eve did. The consequences are dire. If we want people to be saved and enter the Kingdom we will also want purity of heart, holiness, and the very Presence of God within so that the people we live around and encounter will be encountering the One who lives in us.

The best form of evangelism starts with having a clean heart and a fulness of God within. Like we shared last week, how will anyone know the God we serve if they can't see Him in our lives. We really want for everyone to first experience the

goodness of the Lord and then to experience the goodness of letting that light shine for all to see.

We pray that as you journey through this week that God would bring you to a new depth of purity, holiness, and Presence and that He would lead you in such a way that people would want to know the God you serve. In Jesus name. Amen.

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