



# FISHERS OF MEN

## Pt. 1

*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.*

*-Galatians 2:20*

I am a nerd. A preacher nerd. I love listening to preachers. All of them. All styles. All denominations. All of them. And I heard a great one recently on Youtube by Ravi Zacharias. It was titled Apologetics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Let's be honest, times have definitely changed. Sometimes it seems the church is the last one to catch up. Like the "Brady Bunch Movie". We just seem stuck in yesterday. How do you know that you're stuck like this? You say things like, "We used to..." or "I wish it was like..." and "Back when..." But times have changed and we are confused what to say and what to do.

In his message, Ravi gave four things we can do to proclaim Jesus to a world that appears not interested.

**#1 -Set aside Christ as Lord.** You can't call people to something you don't have. Sadly, the Church today is scattered with people whose lives do not look any different than those who aren't in church. It almost seems many of these people are trying to "lower the bar" of righteous living declaring, "grace". What they fail to realize is that grace only comes after repentance not in place of it. The world will never see the need for a Savior until His Church sees the desperate need for their Savior. So, we must keep Jesus "set apart as Lord" of our lives. Only when we live it out before the world will it really matter to them. How do you do this? Memorize and live **Matthew 22:37-40**.

**#2 -Our [message] cannot only be heard. It must be seen.** Voices are everywhere. Everyone is screaming. Everyone is crying out. But very few live a life of worship and evangelism. Think I'm wrong? Think of all the commitments a Christian makes. Is there any commitment more important than the one to the church and to Christ? The world, for the most part, knows what we stand for and stand against. Their confusion comes from why we don't live our lives by these things. It **MUST** be seen, not just heard. And our ministry must be more than a lesson we tell our children. It must have hands and feet. It must be intentionally modeled before our families and the world. The saying is true. "They don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." That will always be a foundational truth. God spoke throughout the Old Testament, but He was seen and felt through Jesus. Are you heard or seen? Do you direct or lead? There is a difference and we must know it.

There are two more that I will bring you in the next devotion. **BUT DON'T WAIT.** Start with these two. Especially #1!! We have a message for the world. A message of salvation and grace. A message of LOVE.

Start today.

From My Heart,

*Billy*