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## "Unto Me"

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It's going to be a wonderful thing when we get to the kingdom of God to have somebody come to us and say, "You won my soul to Christ." This is our privilege. And we're studying in this class of beginning soul winning, how to work for others, how to win them to Jesus.

Now let's go back to Acts 1:8, the text we were looking at yesterday. You remember this text, don't you? What is it that Jesus has invited us to be?

*Witnesses:*

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be *witnesses*" Acts 1:8.

A witness is one who tells what he knows. But now, this morning I want you to notice those next two words after witnesses. What are they? "Unto Me":

"...ye shall be witnesses unto me" Acts 1:8.

You know, if I were a witness concerning what some physician had done to help me get well, and I should try to get someone else that had the same sickness to get help, unless I could get him to that physician, all my witnessing would be in vain, wouldn't it? So it is in soul winning, my friends. Unless we can get people to Jesus, all our witnessing is in vain.

Now, this has some very practical implications and applications. Soul winning is not talking about us, it is talking about Jesus.

Well, somebody says, "I thought, Brother Frazee, you said yesterday, and read yesterday, we are to tell our experience." Exactly. But our experience is not telling how good we are. It's how good Jesus has been to us. It's not telling what wonderful things we have accomplished. It's telling what wonderful things God has done in and for and through us. It is Jesus who saves people, not us. It is Jesus who must win them for eternity.

You see, soul winning is a miracle. I can go out here and I can talk in the community about how good a certain automobile is, or how good a certain bar of soap is, and whether the Spirit of God is at work or not, certain things will be accomplished. But soul winning is a miracle. Conversion is a miracle. Being born again is a miracle. If any changes come in our lives it's because of the miracle-working power of God. The souls we are working for are lost in sin. Dead in sin, the

Bible says. And unless Jesus can work the miracle in their lives, all our talking will not accomplish a single thing.

Think of that scene at the tomb of Lazarus. There are all the people gathered around. There's Martha and Mary weeping. And then by and by, Jesus comes. Does it make any difference? Does Jesus coming make any difference, at the tomb of Lazarus? Why, yes. It makes all the difference in the world. Before he was a dead man, now he is a live man. It's the presence of Jesus that does the work.

Men can go out and get other men to join a lodge or a union or a club. But, my dear friends, if soul winning is that sort of thing, then the church is just one more club. But it isn't. The church is a community of born-again souls. That's what it is supposed to be. And only by the miracle of conversion are men born into the kingdom of God.

We could give Bible studies for a whole year. We could talk and plead and unless the soul looks to Jesus and a miracle takes place, it's all in vain.

Notice this statement:

"We want more of God; we are not to feel that our talking and sermonizing can do the work" *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 6, page 50.

Now, why is that put in there? Why, apparently there is danger that we would feel that. That if we go through the motions of giving Bible studies, and appealing to people, and placing inducements before them of one kind or another, that that will finally get a soul won to Christ. No, my dear friends:

"We are not to feel that our talking and sermonizing can do the work. Unless the people are reached through God, they will never be reached. We are to rely wholly upon God, pleading His promise: 'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts'" *Ibid.*

You remember Brother Martin was telling us about a dear old lady who had reached that point in life where unreal things looked real to her? And she carried around a doll. That doll was a real baby to her. And she would prepare food for that doll; bring it water, change it, and do other things indicating her loving care. But now after she had done that for a year, it turned into a real baby and began to cry, didn't it? *Didn't it?* How long would it take? It would never happen. And that is what this is talking about.

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So, we are witnesses, but we are witnesses unto Him:

“...ye shall be witnesses unto me” Acts 1:8.

Now let's go to John 1. I want to take a Bible example of how this works. This is right at the beginning of Christ's ministry. Jesus had been baptized by John in Jordan. He had gone out to the wilderness and been tempted and come back to Jordan:

“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith,  
Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the  
world” John 1:29.

John knew that his business was to point men to Jesus. Can you do any better? No. We can never do more than that. We sometimes do a great deal less than that. We hide the cross of Christ with our many words.

John the Baptist: Jesus said there was none greater that had ever been born, than John the Baptist. John the Baptist I repeat, knew his work was to point men to Jesus:

“...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the  
world” John 1:29.

The burden of sin is what is crushing people. There is only one hand that can lift that burden. It's the hand that was nailed to the cross. It takes Calvary to take sin away. And there's only One who has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows, and died in our place. So our work, my dear fellow soul winners, in beginning soul winning and all the way through soul winning, is to get men to look to Jesus.

All right, what happened? The next day John is doing the same thing. John is standing there with two of his disciples, and seeing Jesus walking, he says what?

“...Behold the Lamb of God...” John 1:36.

Now notice what happened:

“...the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed  
Jesus” John 1:37.

They'd been following John. Now they began to do what? Follow Jesus. Do you suppose John was sorry? Do you suppose he felt left out? Why, he knew that that was his business, to get people to look to Jesus. And so Jesus turned and asked them what they wanted. And they said, “Where do you live?” And He said, “Come and see.”

Now the 40<sup>th</sup> verse says:

“One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus...” John 1:40-42

That is our business, bringing men to Jesus. And this happened the very day that Andrew came to Jesus himself.

See, here’s John the Baptist. He points out Christ. “Behold the Lamb of God.” Andrew and John (the evangelist, the one who wrote this book) were the two that followed Jesus. They wanted to talk with Him. Down by the Jordan River they sat under the willows and talked about the kingdom of God.

But something was kindled in Andrew’s heart. “Oh,” He said, “I have found something, and my brother must have it, too.” So he went and found his brother, Simon Peter. He said, “Oh, Simon, we’ve found something. We’ve found Somebody. We’ve found the One that all the Old Testament tells about. We found the Messiah.” Then what did he do? He brought him to Jesus, and Jesus took over, as you read on, and dealt with that man’s soul.

This is our work, my friends, to bring people to Jesus. You know, it’s one thing to be a physician. It’s another thing to be an aid that just meets people and brings them in to see the doctor. Our business is not to operate on people. Our business is to get them to the surgeon, to the physician who can work with their problems, and help them.

Oh, friends, so many people today are looking to human counselors, human advisors, human beings, to tell them what’s wrong with them and what their problems are, and what the answer is. And there’s a grain of wheat and a bushel of chaff in a lot of them. Let us, let you and me, as simple beginning soul winners, learn that there’s something that we can do that too many of the highly educated of this world know nothing about. We can bring men to Jesus. And He says:

“...I, if I be lifted up... will draw all men unto me” John 12:32.

All right, now let’s go a little further here. Jesus finds Philip, and what does He say to him? “Follow Me.” What does Philip do? Andrew had found his brother and brought him to Jesus. Philip finds his friend, perhaps his partner, Nathanael. And what does he say? “We have found Him.” Now had he heard Andrew say that to Peter? Why, no. It was just welling up in his soul. “Oh, we found something. We found Somebody.” And what did he do? Why, he said:

“...We found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph” John 1:45.

But what was Nathanael's response? He wasn't quite as responsive as Peter. He said:

"...Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" John 1:46.

Did Philip get into an argument with him? What did he do? He said, "Come and see."

You notice the whole effort of Philip was to do what? Get him to Jesus, get him to come to Jesus. And you read on, Jesus took over as soon as Nathanael came. And by the end of the chapter, we find Nathanael rejoicing in an experience with Christ. He's full of faith. He's believing. What did it? The interview with Jesus.

That's our work, friends, is to get people to look to Jesus. Now, I am going to read something on this. This is one of the most wonderful presentations of the point that we are studying this morning that I know of, anywhere:

"Oh, Christ is able, Christ is willing, Christ is longing, to save all who will come unto Him! Talk to souls in peril and get them to behold Jesus upon the cross, dying to make it possible for Him to pardon. Talk to the sinner with your own heart overflowing with the tender, pitying love of Christ. Let there be deep earnestness; but not a harsh, loud note should be heard from the one who is trying to win the soul to look and live. First have your own soul consecrated to God. As you look upon our Intercessor in heaven, let your heart be broken. Then, softened and subdued, you can address repenting sinners as one who realizes the power of redeeming love.

"Pray with these souls, by faith bringing them to the foot of the cross" *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 6, page 67.

Now watch. Here we are. We're praying with a soul. But what are we trying to do? We're trying to get them to look to Jesus:

"Pray with these souls, by faith bringing them to the foot of the cross; carry their minds up with your mind, and fix the eye of faith where you look, upon Jesus the Sin Bearer. Get them to look away from their poor, sinful selves to the Saviour, and the victory is won" *Ibid*.

You've had the experience of getting somebody to see a star. Perhaps it is the first star out in the evening. And you say, "Oh, there is the evening star."

Somebody says, "Where?"

“Why, right there. Look!”

“But I don’t see it.”

And perhaps you get them to stand by you and follow your finger out there.  
“Look, look.”

“Oh, yes. Now I see it.”

This is our business, friends, to get people to look to Jesus. And down on our knees in prayer is one of the ways, one of the places, where this is to happen:

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Now they may not have heard about the Sabbath yet. Maybe they have, maybe they haven’t. That isn’t the point. There may be a great many things they don’t know or they may know all the doctrines. The point is, conversion doesn’t take place until the soul looks to Jesus. That can take place before they know many of our doctrines, or it may take place after they have heard them all their lives. Life comes into the soul when the sinner looks:

“Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth...” Isaiah 45:22.

Look and live.

You remember back there in the desert, the children of Israel in the wilderness got to murmuring; and God let the serpents that were all through those deserts come in and bite them. Then as they cried to God, God said, “Moses, make out of brass a serpent, and put that brazen serpent upon a pole, and send the word out through the camp that if anybody is bitten, if he’ll look, he’ll live.” You remember? What happened? Ah, many of those who were bitten did look and they lived. The ones that wouldn’t look, that didn’t look, what happened to them? They died.

Ah, friends, do you see our job is to get people to look? Can you see this poor man in this tent? He’s been bitten. What are his relatives and his friends trying to get him to do? *Look!* I can see them pulling him out of that tent, perhaps carrying him, to some point of vantage where he can look. They are turning his head and they are saying to him, “Oh, father, oh, brother, look, look, look!” And when he looks what happens? He lives.

Oh, let us not lose the simplicity of soul winning, dear friends. Let us not be afraid to tell people that their only hope is in Jesus, and that if they will look, they will

live. If they will ask, Jesus will do for them what He has done for us. Isn't He willing? Doesn't He want to? Ah, this is our job.

"...Ye shall be witnesses unto me" Acts 1:8.

Notice the danger that is pointed out here. This was written to a minister who had it all figured out, just what all the steps in conversion were, and how to reach the point of perfection. And the prophet of God was inspired to write him a letter indicating he was trying to do too much of the work himself:

"Lead the people to look to Jesus as their only hope and helper; leave the Lord room to work upon the mind, to speak to the soul, and to impress the understanding. It is not essential for you to know and tell others all the whys and wherefores as to what constitutes the new heart, or as to the position they can and must reach so as never to sin. You have no such work to do" Selected Messages, Book 1, page 177.

When I hear some of the theological discussions today I think, "Oh, God help us to get to our business of simply bringing souls to Jesus, and letting Christ take them into these experiences of step by step coming to the point of perfection." Now, back to the reading:

"All are not constituted alike. Conversions are not all alike. Jesus impresses the heart, and the sinner is born again to new life. Often souls have been drawn to Christ when there was no violent conviction, no soul rending, no remorseful terrors. They looked upon an uplifted Saviour, they lived. They saw the soul's need, they saw the Saviour's sufficiency, and His claims, they heard His voice saying, "Follow Me," and they rose up and followed Him. ...

"... The great work to be done in every case is to win souls to Christ. Men must see Jesus on the cross, they must look and live. It is not your ideas they must feed upon, but it is the flesh and blood of the Son of God. ...

"The soul that accepts Jesus places himself under the care of the Great Physician, and let men be careful how they come between the patient and the Physician who discerns all the needs of the soul" *Ibid.*, pages 177-178.

Here is the doctor. He is working with a patient. Here is the receptionist that has met that patient, and brought that patient to the physician. Get the picture? There's danger of that helper getting in between the patient and the physician. That wouldn't be good work, would it? That wouldn't be helpful.

"What the soul lacks, Christ can best supply. But men are so

officious, they want to do so much, that they overdo the matter, leaving Christ no room to work.

“Whatever molding and fashioning needs to be wrought in the soul, Christ can best do. The conviction may not be deep” *Ibid.*, page 178.

Watch this!

“The conviction may not be deep, but if the sinner comes to Christ, viewing Him upon the cross, the just dying for the unjust, the sight will break every barrier down” *Ibid.*

Oh, friends, I’m so glad that God has given us a simple work that we all can do. What do you say? We can bring people to Jesus. We can tell them what He has done for us. We can tell them that whatever their problem is, Jesus has the solution. Whatever their question, Jesus has the answer.

We may not know very much, but Jesus knows everything. We’re weak, but He’s mighty. “Come to Jesus then! Come to Jesus!” And there on our knees together we ask Jesus to give them the help, and work the miracle.

Kind Lord, help us to be Thy simple witnesses to witness for Thee and unto Thee; to bring men and women unto *Thee*, that Thou mayest do the mighty work of conversion. We ask it in Thy dear name, and thank Thee. Amen.

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