

THE INSIDE RUNNING

The most powerful way for most of us to influence others and potentially bring them to salvation is through our friendship and being authentic.

Men are usually isolated with few friends. Add to this the many challenges we face and a common response we can have is anger, which isolates people further. With this background it is quite easy to stand out from the crowd by simply taking a genuine interest in people, making time for them, proactively reaching out to contact them, and finally, being a peacemaker.

I have learnt from a new friend that in his culture relationship is everything and they have no interest in caring for people they do not know. Instead, if we follow Jesus' example, we will automatically be different and have a degree of leadership.

This opens doors to sharing our story and why we believe what we do. It allows us to invite our friends to Men's Groups, seminars, Promise Keepers, church, Alpha courses etc, when appropriate.

People are watching us – often more closely than we realise. They are looking to see if we really are living in a different way.

Be prepared to be different and reach out!

With gratitude

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Reaching Out

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From the onset of Jesus' ministry to the day He departed, the pronouncement of the Kingdom of God being close at hand was His catch cry, exemplifying His mission. Jesus' call to mission has been, at times, seriously missed by many of His followers.

So what is the mission He calls us to?

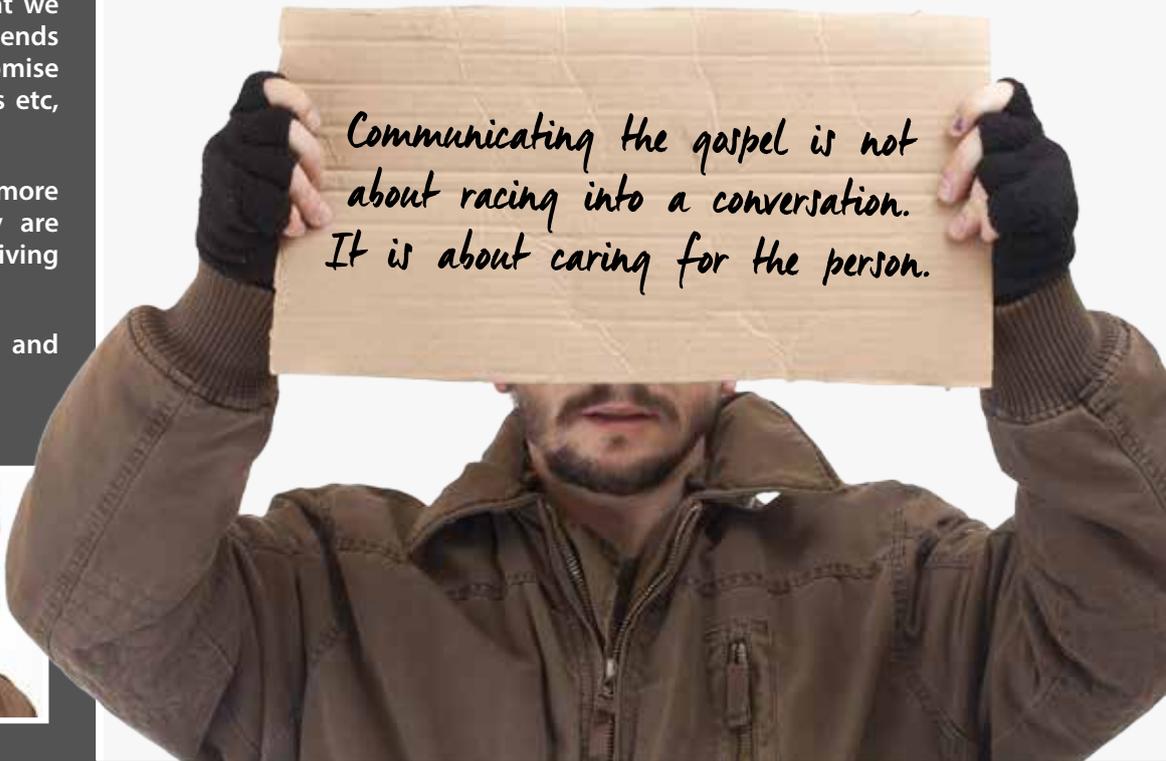
We are called to live a new life, an impacting life. The model Jesus set was one of community, drawing others into the community of faith through the reality of God's power and presence touching their lives. This means that understanding the spiritual dynamics around people is important. It is never about a formulaic method.

When the disciples unsuccessfully prayed for a demonised boy with the presumption that there was a formula they could follow, Jesus said they were faithless and perverse. He then instilled a new idea - that each situation is different and that this one needed prayer and fasting. It was clear that fleshly ideas don't work.

Acts 4:29-31 shows the disciples had learnt these lessons when they prayed, "Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." Powerful things happened!

They clearly understood the implications that the gospel included all these components.

Communicating the gospel is not about racing into a conversation. It is about caring for the person. When Jesus befriended the Samaritan woman and disclosed what He discerned about her, her response was astounding. She invited everyone to come and hear the One who told her >



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everything about herself.

In the light of this, it is not surprising the Billy Graham Association discovered that 90% of people taking a first step into the Church to follow Jesus do so because they felt someone was being a real friend.

Not only is the woman touched by Jesus, but her testimony then becomes incredibly effective. Your testimony is one of your most powerful impact points. As with the woman, there is no real argument with what is your experience. But it has to be a present, living story.

I wonder what Jesus would say to us? Are we being faithless and perverse like the disciples, or in trouble like the churches of Revelation 2 and 3? Would He be harsher today on the selfish nature of people who never operate in His community with His power, even refusing to carry the message of the hope of the world?

The basics of the good news of the gospel: how Jesus came from heaven and died on the cross, taking on the punishment that we deserve and rose from the dead so that you and I might live, has never been the *whole* message of the mission of the gospel.

That information is true, but without the methods of communicating it that Jesus modelled, it is a powerless, shallow, ineffective message. The 'E' word (evangelism) has been distorted and hated because of the powerless western world's 'mind centred' approach.

Greg Laurie says, "What happened when Peter, James, and John went out fishing on their own? They caught nothing. Why? They were going out in their own ability and trying to make something happen. They needed Jesus there to guide and direct them. After He came aboard Peter's little boat, everything changed for them".

We all need Him in our boat.

The New Testament states that it is a responsibility, immense privilege, and enjoyable journey together as little 'copies' of Jesus, to do what He did the way He did it.

Our congregation has been experiencing a little of the full gospel, with 268 guests in our services in the last 8 weeks and a number of them making first steps to being followers of Jesus through experiencing God's power in our midst. This only happens when we step up to Christ's call.

His call after all is,

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

(Matt 4:19)

PROMISE #7

A Promise Keeper is committed to influencing his world being obedient to the Great Commandment (Mark 12:30-31) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).

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What's on the DVD



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27 min 30

PANEL: Insights for Marriage - Perspectives from single to 55 years married bring a wealth of insight from this diverse panel.

Sharpen up your marriage skills here! 31 min

Improve your marriage!

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- **My Story: Kael Tuhimata** - Drawing from his dramatic life journey over recent years, Kael demonstrates the power of Christ in his life. 7 min
- **Angus Buchan: Power of God** - An incredible natural event at the Dead Sea recreated the power of Acts as Angus spoke to 4,500 visitors to Israel. 4 min 20
- **PK Music: Hosanna** 5 min
- **Amanda Gore: Why Women Are Different from Men** - A humorous explanation of the differences between men and women will make you laugh and may change your life! 5 min
- **Afraid:** What if a character from the Bible did an interview for us today? 2 min
- **GO 2015 Event Promo** 1 min 20

HUMOUR CLIPS: Scissor lift king; Changing room prank; Rocket-powered bicycle 6 min

BETTER WORK STORIES: Car crusher 2 min 40

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RESOURCES: Including *Weekly Studies* for Men's Groups with Facilitator Guidelines; *Men's PK Stories* WLG 2014; *GO 2015 Event Brochure & Group Leaders' Resources*; David Dishroon *Study Questions & PowerPoint*; *Bible Reading Plans* and more...

MP3s: Including Derek Prince *The Regathering of Israel* 66 min; Mel Lawrenz *Spiritual Influence* 46 min; **PK Canada: Fearless Prayer** with Max Lucado 22 min; **Friends in a Man's World** with Mark Buchanan 22 min; **PKNZ Classics: Mike Connell Roadtrip** 30 min; Tak Bhana *Tomorrow's Man, God's Man* 33 min

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