

Finding Our Voice

Voices lost, not from over use, but through pride and fear are never properly exercised.

Silent Witness!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- OK for dead Bodies.
- But for Living Active Members of the Body of Christ.....
- There is Power in:-
 - Prayer.
 - Praise.
 - Proclamation.
 - Preaching.

Acts 3 & 4

- I Can't Help it.
- Acts 4:18-20 So they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all, or teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

Acts 3 1-10

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked for alms. And, fixing his eyes upon him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." And he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked, and entered the temple with them - walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God: then they knew that it was he who sat begging for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Jesus' OUTreach Plan

Matthew 10 & Luke 10

- Find the Man of Peace.
- Eat his Food.
- Heal the Sick.
- Raise the Dead.
- Cast out Demons.
- Then Proclaim The Gospel of the Kingdom.
- And it worked!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Paul's Example

- We are Ambassadors for Christ.
- Compelled by the love of Christ.
- An Ambassador spends the Majority of his time in a Foreign Country.
- Even in Chains, brought Good News to his “Captive Audience.”
- All things to ALL MEN.

Paul's Letters

- Written to Believers.
- Encouraging.
- Instructive.
- Correctional.
- Bringing Moral Judgement.
- Assuming Faith and Obedience.

Have we got Jesus' & Paul's Instructions the right way round, in our practice?

- We have our healing services and prayer at the end of our meetings.
- We offer deliverance and exorcism, to our members.
- We even occasionally pray to see some of our members raised from the dead.
- This is preaching Jesus to the church:- Lots of Jolly Amens and Hallelujahs.

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- And we have the arrogance to attempt to bring correction to the world outside.
- This is preaching Paul to the World.
- Which Paul never Did!
- Preach Christ, and Him Crucified.

Back to Peter and John

- Did they do Jesus or Paul?
- Jesus.
- Where did it Happen?
- Outside the Temple.
- What did they Give?
- What they Had.
- What was the Result?
- The Man Followed them into the Temple.
- What Happened Next?
- The Gospel was Preached.

A Voice in The Nations

- Healing the Sick.
- Proclaiming the Gospel.
- Leading people to Christ.
- Encouraging the Believers.
- Teaching in the Churches.

Man Of Peace



Healing, Deliverance & Salvation



Encouraging Believers



A Voice at Home

- In The Family.
 - Sharing the Gospel.
- On the Allotment.
 - Praying for the Sick.
 - Sharing the Produce.
- On the Streets.
 - Praying for the Sick.
 - Helping those in Difficulties. “Being an Angel!”

Conclusion

- For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Practical

- Who do you want to speak to Outside the Temple?
- How do you find your voice?
- Follow Jesus' example:- Find God's voice.
- Seal it in prayer with the person sitting next to you.
- Don't Bottle it, by letting fear or pride get in the way.