



Don't Forget the Last

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Dear Partner,

I pray this letter finds you walking in the favor and timing of God.

As a born-again Christian, there is one thing that we cannot afford to forget. **We must not forget the lost.** How many people do we encounter on a daily basis who don't know our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Jesus shed His blood on the cross for our covenant right to salvation. The word salvation comes from the Greek word **soteria** which means **healing, deliverance, safety, preservation and rescue.** Jesus rescued us from the bondage of Satan and now it's our turn to reach out to unbelievers and help them receive the awesome gift that we have. Jesus reached out to people from all walks of life---from tax collectors to beggars. He loved them where they were and brought them up to his level of righteousness.

Mark 5 tells of the story of the mad man of Gadara. **Mark 5:1-6** says

¹And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. ²And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, ³Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: ⁴Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. ⁵And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. ⁶But when he saw Jesus afar off, **he ran and worshipped him,**

This man was the worst of the worst. Even with all of the demonic oppression, notice in verse 6 --the first thing that he did when he came in contact with Jesus was to worship Him. This passage shows me that everyone really has a side of them that wants to worship God. **It takes sensitive, caring, spirit-filled Christians to seek them out and do three things: (1) pray for them (2) share Jesus with them and (3) win them to the Lord.** Many people are just waiting for someone to bring a message of hope and love. This mad man was mad because he didn't have a reason to be joyful; until he encounter someone that cared. This man not only received his deliverance but also went on to publish the Gospel (**Mark 5:20**) ²⁰And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men

did marvel. The truth is that we have family members, co-workers, friends and people that we pass everyday who need to understand that the Lord has not forgotten them, so how can we? We are His representatives on this earth.

As we become more sensitive in this area I believe the Body of Christ will not lack any good thing. The early church in the book of Acts lacked nothing because of their determined focus on what the Lord had instructed them to do. **(Acts 4:34)** They never forgot the Great Commission to the Church from our Lord Jesus and we too must not forget it.

It's not the quantity of words that you share that is most effective. It's the quality of your words that register in the hearts of people. As the Lord leads, just let someone know that Jesus loves them. You would be surprised of the amount of people who think they have been disqualified from His love. The Bible says in **Hebrews 10:17-22**

¹⁷And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. ¹⁸Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. ¹⁹Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; ²¹And having an high priest over the house of God; ²²Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Move beyond condemnation, intimidation and fear and begin winning the lost like never before!!

Bringing in the Harvest,

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If you don't know Jesus as your personal savior, repeat this prayer: I repent for all of my sins. I believe in my heart the Jesus died for my sins. I now accept His love, forgiveness and restoration in my life. Thank You Lord for saving me! Now use my life for Your glory, because I belong to You forever! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

MINISRTY UPDATE

The **Men Of Excellence** will be having a Fellowship on **Saturday, February 19, 2005 at 10:00 am** at the *Junior League of Raleigh*. Call the church office for more details! More lives were changed and souls saved at the **Rest Home** this month. The **Women Of Excellence** had an awesome fellowship meeting earlier this month. The women's lives were changed by the Word of God.