

Who Does This Anymore?



“Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and

took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, "Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here."

Jesus Christ | Luke 10:33-35 (NLT)

I was floored as a man at church, a new believer, shared this story... While driving to town he noticed a broken-down car, a despondent woman standing by it. He pulled over. Being a mechanically gifted man, he needed only a quick assessment to determine a part was needed. He drove to the store, got it, then returned to make the repair. He covered the tab too! A blessing, as he came to learn that she had no money... Who does this anymore?

Years ago, I was on the receiving side, a witness too. Two friends and I were driving to go fishing when the trailer tire blew. We had a spare but no lug wrench. At a loss, we were standing around looking at each other when a pick-up stopped. "What do you need?" The man had the tool! As he parted, one friend asked if we could pray for him; turns out he was in great need... Who does this anymore?

"When Jacob heard that grain was available in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why are you standing around looking at one another? I have heard there is grain in Egypt. Go down there, and buy enough grain to keep us alive. Otherwise we'll die." Genesis 42:1-2

Could this scene of Jacob and his sons depict today? Amid a collapsing world full of despondent people his sons are standing around looking at each other. The alarm of Jacob's question woke them. Ultimately, their action led to many saved lives. Isn't the world around us collapsing, full of despondent people? Are we like Jacob's sons, standing around, not acting?

Jesus sounds the same alarm... a broken man needed help. Of all people, a Samaritan stops... Who does this anymore?

Sure, it's risky to help someone along the road, and repairing things likely is not your expertise but, do you need to look this far for opportunities?

*Reflect: **Have I been missing ministry opportunities?***

When my friend asked to pray for that man, his boldness startled me. Asking this had never even occurred to me! The man's receptiveness surprised me... should it have? Aren't all hearts desperately crying out in their way? This lesson still lingers...

It's been a challenge, but I'm learning to tune into other's cries by focusing on my Mission daily. Each morning I ask God to open Mission opportunities; for him to help me spot them and engage. More attuned, I've become bolder... like my friends were. Bolder... but hardly a day

goes by without me reflecting on missed opportunities. Thankfully I'm gaining resolve through this process.

*Consider: **Opportunities to advance my Mission cross my path daily.***

Many become trapped thinking their Mission resides in the perfect job, the realization of a distant dream or is dependent on first making millions. Baseless fear of the thought of sharing the gospel "door to door" freezes us too. Meanwhile the days pass and people drift by unnoticed... despondent people headed nowhere good. Could this be what Jesus wants?

"And a servant who knows what the master wants, but isn't prepared and doesn't carry out those instructions, will be severely punished." Jesus Christ (Luke 12:47)

Of course not... He's given us a great command to carry out his work. My church friends demonstrated this well. They responded to the situations presented using their giftings. Your Mission is served using your giftings too. Why not use them boldly in the situations presented today?

*Imagine: **My Mission being a primary focus of my Daily walk.***

One of the most profound behaviors of Jesus was his pace. He walked. And as he walked, he encountered opportunities to carry out

his Mission; to share the good news with all he encountered. His Mission was a primary focus of his daily walk. Is yours?

“By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.” The Apostle John (1 John 2:5-6)

Will you abide in Jesus and walk as he did? Let the evidence show! Imagine if all his followers did. People would no longer be asking...

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach’s Questions

- What keeps me from focusing on my Mission daily?
- How will I add “God please open Mission opportunities for me today. Help me spot them and engage.” to my morning routine?
- What will I put in place to remind me to reflect over my day, looking for successful and missed Mission opportunities?

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Post this where you will see it regularly.

My Mission is a Daily Walk

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

The Apostle Paul | Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)



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