

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. James 1:13-14

Sunday	Magnify: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good and His mercies endure for ever; magnify God for the gift of life, bless Him for His protection and provision; thank God for all good things He has done for us; thank God for the things you have asked Him for which are yet to manifest; let every thing that has breath praise the Lord.
Monday	Mercy: <i>Pray that:</i> the Lord will give you clean hand and pure heart; the mercy of God will over shadow you; as the dew pants after the water brooks so let your heart thirst after the righteousness of God; the Lord will make you holy and follow peace with all man; the Lord will make you perfect as your Father in heaven in Jesus name..
Tuesday	Manifestation: <i>Pray that:</i> the power of Christ's resurrection will be made manifest in your life, family, Church and community in Jesus name; many will come to our Lord Jesus Christ this Easter as their Lord and Saviour; as many as will be invited shall come to our Church in Jesus name; our Church will be prepared to keep those who will come to know the Lord as Saviour; the Lord will anoint our leaders for service in Jesus name.
Wednesday	Mighty: <i>Pray that:</i> wherever your name is being called favour will rise up to answer; the Lord give you knowledge for witty inventions, the Lord will move you forward in all areas of your life; you will be above only and not beneath; whatever you lay your hand to do shall prosper in the mighty name of Jesus .
Thursday	Mediator : <i>Pray that:</i> the Lord will mediate over you, your family and the Church; you will be kept by God's power day by day; no weapon of the enemy fashioned against you, your family and the Church will prosper; no evil eye will locate you in Jesus name; you will dwell in the secret place of the most high and abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
Friday	Miraculous: <i>Pray that:</i> you will not lack any good thing in your life in Jesus name; the Lord shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus; the Lord is your Shepard, you shall not want in Jesus name; the Lord will miraculously provide for you and every member of the Church to contribute to the new headquarters building project; the Lord will provide all the resources needed to complete the new headquarters.
Saturday	Ministration: <i>Pray that:</i> the peace of God will minister to your life in Jesus name; the peace of God will envelop this nation in Jesus name; more of the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus shall be sought by the inhabitants of this nation in Jesus name; there will be peace in Jerusalem in Jesus name; the gospel of our saviour and Lord Jesus will minister to this nations and all nations around the world in Jesus name.

Three Principles for Great Success

There is never enough time to do everything, but there is always enough time to do the most important thing. When you run out of time and the consequences for non-completion of a key task or project can be really serious, you always seem to find the time to get it done, often at the very last minute. You start early, you stay late and you drive yourself to complete the job rather than to face the negative consequences that would follow if you didn't get it completed within the time limit. There will never be enough time to do everything you have to do. Get that out of your mind. All you can hope for is to be on top of your most important responsibilities. The others will just have to wait.

Announcements

Special Women's Prayer Meeting: Tuesdays & Fridays at 6.00 pm
Please remember to redeem your pledge for our new headquarters building.

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Special Welcome

You are welcome to today's Sunday Service in Jesus name. Our prayer is that the Lord will do something special in your life today. Open your heart and allow His Spirit to reach out to you in His love and power in Jesus' name. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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| 1. Opening Prayer | 6. Worship |
| 2. Congregational Hymn | 7. Intercession & Offering |
| 3. Search the Scriptures | 8. Bible Reading / Hymn / Choir |
| 4. Prayer | 9. The Message |
| 5. Question and Answer Session | 10. Prayers & Blessings |

Hymn 06

Yield Not To Temptation

- Yield not to temptation,
 For yielding is sin;
 Each victory will help you
 Some other to win;
 Fight manfully onward,
 Dark passions subdue,
 Look ever to Jesus,
 He'll carry you through.

*Ask the Saviour to help you,
 Comfort, strengthen and keep you;
 He is willing to aid you,
 He will carry you through.*
- Shun evil companions,
 Bad language disdain,
 God's Name hold in reverence,
 Nor take it in vain;
 Be thoughtful and earnest,
 Kindhearted and true,
 Look ever to Jesus,
 He'll carry you through.
- To him that o'ercometh,
 God giveth a crown;
 Through faith we shall conquer,
 Though often cast down;
 He Who is our Saviour,
 Our strength will renew;
 Look ever to Jesus,
 He'll carry you through

Hymn 114

Brighten The Corner Where You Are

1. Do not wait until some
Deed of greatness you may do,
Do not wait to shed your light afar,
To the many duties ever near
You now be true,
Brighten the corner where you are.

*Brighten the corner where you are!
Brighten the corner where you are!
Someone far from harbour
You may guide across the bar;
Brighten the corner where you are!*

2. Just above are clouded skies
That you may help to clear,
Let not narrow self your way debar;
Though into one heart alone
May fall your song of cheer,
Brighten the corner where you are.

3. Here for all your talent
You may surely find a need,
Here reflect the bright and Morning Star;
Even from your humble hand
The Bread of Life may feed,
Brighten the corner where you are.

Summary of Last Sunday's Message

Topic:	Using All Legitimate Means To Save Souls
Preacher:	Pastor Funso Fabivi

The great commission that the Lord left for the church entails taking the glad tidings to every creature. In an effort to do this, believers need to show sympathetic consideration to the harmless convictions of the people that we are trying to reach. It may sometimes demand the renunciation of our pet preferences, personal rights and self comfort in order to fulfil the gospel mandate and maximise our ministries. This practice does not mean a compromise of Christian truth and principles or attempt to please others for the purpose of winning their esteem. What it means is that the soulwinner must be prepared to conform to the standard and convictions of those who he is trying to win, provided they do not violate God's truth and Christian principles. As a wise builder, he must understand that if he offends them by disregarding the legitimate cultural convictions, his ministry could be seriously hindered. It was Paul's conviction that truth and tradition be separated and every legitimate means to save souls is used to win the lost to Christ. Church members need to change some of their conduct and practice; adapt means and methods of saving the lost without compromising the principle of God's truth. Believers need to make a difference between tradition and timeless truth. The gospel must be accessible for its benefits to be experienced. We must communicate God's truth and faith in Christ in the language and culture in which we find ourselves and not to consider cultural relevance a compromise of the church tradition.

1. Barriers and traditions against effective soul winning.
2. Balancing truth and tradition for effective soul winning.
3. Biblical tactics for effective soul winning.

1. BARRIERS AND TRADITION AGAINST EFFECTIVE SOULWINNING.

Acts 15:1; 21:19-28; Galatians 2:11-16; Romans 2:28, 29; Matthew 15:3, 6; Mark 7:7, 8.

The Scribes and Pharisees were guilty of placing human tradition above divine revelation. As a church, we must resist the tendency of exalting our traditions and customs above the truths of God's word. The scripture is the only infallible rule of faith and practice in the ministry of saving souls and must never be depleted by human ideas and traditions. Traditional differences such as dress code, language and lifestyles must not be exalted above simple locally conventional manner of delivery to fulfil the purpose of saving souls. When believers fight change and stick to tradition, the church exposes itself to the guilt of compromising what Jesus sent us into the world to do. God's word is the only hope people have for final freedom and forgiveness. We must therefore present the gospel with doctrinal integrity and community relevance. Romans 1:16; 10:17; 1Tim 3:16, 17. We cannot help or impact people with the gospel truth unless we present it in a way relevant to our immediate community - 1Cor 9:19-23.

Here are some barriers that hinder effective soul winning.

- Rigid human method of delivery without consenting to the still small voice of the spirit on how and when - Acts 10:28, 29.
- Unwillingness to bridge cultural gaps that the people see as foreign to them and their environments - Acts 10:9-16.
- Inability to conform to the language of the people we intend to reach, thereby sticking to our foreign language - Acts 10:18-20.
- Unwillingness to leave our cultural comfort zone to go where the people can be found and sit where they sit - Jonah 1:1-3.
- Lack of courage to identify with the people's lifestyle on dressing, eating and living - Gal 2:11-15.
- Refusal to sacrifice personal interest to join others in reaching out to the masses - Acts 15:36-41.

- Prejudice and resentments against those we are called to reach - Jonah 1:1-3.

2. BALANCING TRUTH AND TRADITION FOR EFFECTIVE SOULWINNING.

2 Corinthians 9:16-19, Acts 15:13-20, 28-31.

Christ our Lord and Master, who is our perfect example did not allow tradition to stand in the way of scriptural truth during his earthly ministry. He varied His approach to different audiences. His interaction with the Pharisees and lawyers in the temple was different from his means of calling the fishermen, the publicans or zealous Saul of Tarsus. He knew the mode of worship in the temple thereby purging it to remain a house of prayer for all nations. But he condescended to the simple life and culture of the fishers, reaching them at the seas, Matthew at the seat of custom - Matt 4:18-22; 19:1-10; John 1:47-50; 3:1-7; 4:7-26; 39-42. Also Paul the apostle clearly patterned his ministry after Jesus. He communicated God's truth, with doctrinal integrity and cultural relevance throughout his ministry 1Cor 9:19-23; Acts 17: 10, 15-22

We must drop our traditional and conventional method of sitting to wait for the sinners in our church service doors, retreats and conferences. We are to meet the people where they are:

- a. at bus stops and taxi parks
- b. on the streets and lanes of the cities
- c. at the hospitals where they are hurting and in pains
- d. in the prison yards where they are confined
- e. in the shopping centre where they are busy shopping
- f. by the sea sides and club sites where they are relaxing
- g. at the football field and stadium where they are sporting and
- h. at the airports and air planes while they are journeying.
- i. at tourist centres.
- j. social networking sites

3. BIBLICAL TACTICS FOR EFFECTIVE SOULWINNING

Matthew 4:23; 9:35 Mark 2:3-5, 9-12; 5:1-8, 25-29,38-42;7:31-37 8:1-9; Luke 5:3-11; 4:18,19; John 8:3-11

A famous missionary Hudson Taylor started the China Inland Mission in the 18th century. He discovered that having joined himself to a typical mission society of his day; they were seeking to deliver the truth through ineffective system. The missionaries were dwelling in compounds among the English rather than living among Chinese people. They dressed, spoke, ate and acted English. Hudson Taylor found this to be ridiculous.

He thought it vitally important to live within Chinese and become like them. so he started growing his hair and dressing like them, eating with them which attracted the opposition of his fellow missionaries. but Taylor maintained that this is what Jesus did for us. Christ left heaven, took our nature and adopted the culture and language of the people to effectively deliver the gospel truth. We are called to follow his steps. he communicated the gospel truths with doctrinal integrity and cultural relevance. he taught and communicated the truths in the language of the people of his day.

- Christ left his comfort zone, heaven and came to us on earth. We must leave our comfort zone to go to those who need God's love and care, through hospital and prison outreaches.
- He spoke their language, not heaven's language and imbedded Jewish culture, thereby revealing the love of the Father to them. Most people today need to be talked to in their cultural language, than preached to in foreign language 1Cor 9:22
- He walked, talked with those in his cultural environments. He was like them in all points experienced their challenges and weaknesses.

Paul the apostle clearly followed Christ throughout his ministry - 1Cor. 9:19-23 thereby teaching us effective principles to adopt. We must change our outlook, lifestyle, presentation, passion, preferences and methods of relating to the people albeit with doctrinal integrity and cultural relevance 2Kings 25:1-5. We may use electronic and non-electronic correspondence to invade the exclusion and seclusion of certain individuals who we cannot reach by regular outreaches. We should explore friendship evangelism by our natural dispersal - Luke 24:13-15; Acts 8:4. Certain phone lines (care hotlines) may be dedicated for people needing help to call for prayer and counselling 24-hrs. Prayer alliance - HCFs and families arranged into teams may visit other families and neighbours to hold special prayer sessions with them, evangelizing them in the process