

Summer at Lakeshore

Willing and Able
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Phil 2:13 CEV

God is working in you to make you willing and able to obey him.

Matthew 4:18-19 NLT

One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. 19 Jesus called out to them, “Follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people”.

Romans 2:4 NLT

Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

Why Reach People?

Reaching People is Exciting

Luke 15:10 NLT

In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 NLT

And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!”

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Reaching People is Necessary

Romans 10:13-15 NLT

For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”

Jesus Asks Us To Reach People

Matthew 28:19-20 NLT

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,[a] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Mark 15:16 NLT

And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone...

Luke 24:47

It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’

John 20:21

21 Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

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How To Reach People

Be Aware Of Your Opportunities

Ps 37:23 NLT

The Lord directs the steps of the godly.
He delights in every detail of their lives.

Proverbs 16:9 NLT

In their hearts humans plan their course,
but the Lord establishes their steps.

Col 4:5-6 NLT

Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

2. Leave People Better Than You Found Them

1 Corinthians 9:22 TLB

When I am with those whose consciences bother them easily, I don't act as though I know it all and don't say they are foolish; the result is that they are willing to let me help them. Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.

3. Share your Faith with them

1 Peter 3:15-16 NLT

Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.