

Just Walk Across the Room Week #2
Developing a Heart Like Jesus

Intro: I don't cry a lot, but there are times when the reality of the struggle people have to live is overwhelming 4 or 5 years ago John and I took a trip through Cuba that I had been trying to take for a number of years Vast Majority of Christian work in and around Havana. I wanted to go out to the villages, other cities Finally received an invitation, so we spent almost two weeks Traveling, Covered almost who country 40 churches Something unexpected happened in my heart. The further we got away from Capital, worse "conditions" became I found myself dreading what the next day would bring: It CANT be any worse...and yet...every day it was

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By the end of the trip I was emotionally exhausted and couldn't cry anymore. It wasn't enough. I needed to DO Something!

It was on that trip, after a visit to this house...with this man...that God spoke to my heart about the books for Pastors Something else happened on that trip. I experienced the reality of the passage we look at today. Became life...not Words Today I want to talk to you about How To Develop A Heart For People Like Jesus Had
Matt 9:35-38 Pg 687

1. Understand and Embrace the PROCESS That Creates A Heart Like Jesus'. Vs 35-36

Circle three things: Jesus Went; Jesus Saw; He Had Compassion

We think of this process exactly backwards! Give me Compassion and I will Go! (As we hold the remote)

- **Action: Obedience Precedes Compassion** (First DO what God says..then you will feel it!) Went, Saw, Felt
- **Vision: Need dictates Ministry** (Pray, God tell me what ministry I should do) Go...You will see!
 - ~Taught
 - ~Preached
 - ~HealedJesus provided what people needed. You cant know until you go!
It wasn't until AFTER I had been in ten or twenty churches that it clicked...So foreign to me!
Suddenly you say... "I can do that"
- **Compassion: When your HEART is engaged in the process, everything falls into place**
But, you have to SEE the reality of where people are...not just physically...but spiritually
 - ~Harassed: lit = plundered, having been set upon and beat up, torn (aftermath of battle)
 - ~Helpless: lit= thrown down and abandoned, neglected, thrown away, cast away

APPL: Understand the process: First you are Obedient...You Go, do what God tells you to do
Then, when you go...You will SEE the reality of the need around you
When you see...It will move your heart... You will HAVE to act.

If you want to develop a heart like Jesus, then you have to...

2. Pray The Prayer Jesus Tells His Disciples To Pray. Vs 37-38

- **Recipients:** Notice WHO Jesus is Talking to: Disciples (We have fans...) A disciple...Follows Master (Mentor)
- **Reality:** Notice the difference in Viewpoint: Harvest PLENTIFUL Workers FEW (We think opposite)
- **Reinforcement:** Notice the reinforcement (Truly) I am serious...
- **Request:** Throw them out into the HARVEST.
Disturbing trend in American Christianity. WE define what it means to be a follower (fan)
 - Worship: As long as nothing else important going on
 - Study: When it interests me
 - Ministry: When I have time...and I want to
 - Sharing: Not so much...

The real need is NOT for People's hearts to be made open...They are...EVERYWHERE...If you will Just GO to them!
People say...Pastor...you don't understand...Not in my life...One of two options.
Jesus was confused...Didn't know what He was talking about
Or, You aren't Looking very closely...

CONCL: Do you want a heart like Jesus: Then you have to Do what Jesus Did

You have to Hold two things in balance in your mind and in your heart, and in your vision

1. Glory and Majesty and Compassion of God...See Him for who He IS...not what you want Him to be
2. See people...Struggling, Hurting, Confused, Alone and W/O God and w/o hope

When you do that...The two come together...and You CANNOT be Inactive

Isaiah 6: Here Am I Send me

CHALLENGE: Take your Card Home....Pray...God...Here I Am...Open...Available...Willing Send Me