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INTRODUCTION

When we read about Jesus's life, one thing that stands out is that He always lived His life for others. He was about ministering hope, healing and encouragement to everyone He came in contact with. As I have grown in my Christian walk, I have experienced Christ living in me but the Christian life does not stop there. Christ wants to live through us as well. We see this in Romans 15:18

*"For I will not presume to speak of anything except what
Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the
obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed"*

Why does Christ want to live through us and what does that look like? The answer to that question is what this study is all about. Therefore, I pray that as you read through this book you will see not only why He wants to work through you but how He wants to do it. The truths that I will be sharing continue to give me the understanding and the Christ-confidence to live more and more for others. I pray it does the same for you.

Chapter One

God Has Given Each Of Us Six Square Feet

What Is Your Six Square Feet?

One morning in my time with the Lord, He brought a sermon to mind from 40 years ago. (I knew it had to be the Lord because most of the time I can't remember a sermon from a week ago.) In his message, the pastor told us how the Romans conquered the world. The way they did it was to convince each Roman soldier that all he had to do was conquer the six square feet around him. He did not have to worry about anyone else's six square feet but his own.

The strategy behind this instruction was if a soldier conquered his six square feet and the soldiers to the right, to the left, in front of and behind him conquered their six square feet, they would conquer all their enemies. And history proved that out. After being reminded of this sermon, I asked the Lord how this applies to you and me today.

The first thought He gave me was that each of us as Christians has our own six square feet. What is our six square feet?

Anyone the Lord brings into our lives so that through us He can accomplish His divine purposes.

It can be a loved one or the checker at your grocery store or the guy on the phone from a foreign country, struggling to speak English who is trying help you with your credit card bill. Every person in your life or whom God brings into your life is your six square feet. Right this moment God is calling you and me out to allow Him to live through us to accomplish His divine purposes in the life of another person. However, the first question you may be asking is, "Why me?" Let start looking at the answer to that question in the following chapters.

Chapter Two

Why Me?

Reason #1 - Your Value To God

Why Me?

*“Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?’ Then I said, ‘**Here I am. Send me.**’” Isaiah 6:8*

I hope as you read this verse that your heart is the same as Isaiah’s when it comes to you living for others. However, you may struggle with this verse and be asking the question, “Why me?” I understand because so many Christians don’t know, don’t see or don’t believe God could or would use them to be involved in the lives of other people. That is why I want to spend the next few chapters answer the question, “Why me?”

Your Value To God

Have you ever asked God this question, “How valuable am I to You?” If not, what do you imagine His answer would be? Let me ask it this way; “How valuable do you think you are to God?” If you struggle with seeing your value, let’s look at three key truths to reveal your inestimable value to God.

Truth #1 - You Are God’s MASTERPIECE!

Look at the first part of Ephesians 2:10:

*“For we are His **workmanship**....”*

One of the definitions of “workmanship” in Greek means “masterpiece.” Think about it. When God sees you, He sees-His “masterpiece.” Why?

First of all, God made you unique, one of a kind (even if you are an identical twin). Secondly, God so values you He chose you to

be born out of 500 million possible genetic combinations at conception. Believe it or not, He so values you enough that He chose YOU out of 500 million possibilities. Take a moment and let that sink in. However, it did not stop there.

He so highly values you that He would have gone to the cross for you alone if you were the only person on the earth. We tend not to make John 3:16 a personal verse when it says, "God so loved the world..." We need to make it personal in that God so loved you He sent Jesus to die for you.

He values you enough that He made you a new creation with a new identity. (2 Corinthians 5:17) Not only that, He put His very life in you (Galatians 2:20) in order live the life you cannot live and to transform you into Christ-likeness (2 Corinthians 3:18) so that you will live an abundant life (John 10:10) in Him.

Most importantly, in His great love He created you and chose you to be loved by Him. He uniquely created you for intimacy with Himself. He loves you, cherishes you, desires you and seeks to be with you moment by moment regardless of your sins or your failures. He loves you unconditionally which means there is nothing you can do or not do to change His deep, intimate love for you (Romans 8:38, 39).

We have a hard time believing these things because of how we see ourselves. Especially if it is through a filter of inadequacy, unworthiness or rejection. If you live in self-condemnation because of your sin, fleshly behaviors or wounded emotions it is very difficult for you to see your value to God. However, everything I have said about how much God values you is true whether you believe it or not.

Truth #2 - Your Value To BUILDING Christ's Church

*".... I (Jesus) will **build** my church...."*

Jesus says in Matthew 16:16-18 that He will build His church. We know that His church is made up of Christians like you and

me. When Jesus says He will build His church, He does that by growing us up spiritually. We see this in Ephesians 4:15

*“... speaking the truth in love, we are to **grow up** in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ.”*

I trust that spiritual growth is what you are experiencing. However, Christ building His church does not stop there. We know Christ does not need us to build His church but His greatest desire is this:

Christ wants to build His church THROUGH YOU.

You see, Christ not only wants us to grow up, He wants to work through us to build His church (i.e. grow others up) I understand this because He has used wonderful teachers, writers and expressors of His truth to move me down the path of spiritual growth. He values you so much that He wants to build His church through you. How do we know this is true? Look at Ephesians 2:10 for the answer.

*“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for **good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.**”*

These good works are the thing God wants to accomplish through you to build His church. He has them already prepared just for you and no one else. Can I say it again? For you and no one else. This is another way God values you because as you live dependent on Christ, He will accomplish these “good works” through you. We will talk in a later chapter what those good works entail. Suffice to say for now, God’s desire is to give you and me the amazing privilege of being used by Him to build His church.

To make this more personal think about this. Today God has works designed specifically for you that He wants to do through to someone who is part of your six square feet.

TRUTH #3 - Your Value To The ONE

As I said, God so values you that He will bring people into your six square feet today that through you, and you alone, He will encourage, speak truth, love, and even transform. We know God can do all of this apart from us but He so values us that He wants us to participate with Him in being His vessel of hope, encouragement and life to others.

What I have come to believe is that when it comes to being used of the Lord is that it is always about what I call the “one.” Let me share a story to explain.

There was a dear friend and a fellow ministry partner, named Mike Wells, who was director of Abiding Life Ministries. (www.abidinglife.com) He took the Christ-life truths all over the world. He typically went where few people would go and had amazing stories of how the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of those he ministered to. I tell many of his stories because they are so impactful. However, there is one story that stands out more than all the rest because through this one story, my attitude towards ministry was changed forever.

When Mike would travel, he would minister in one part of the world for a few months and then he would come home to rest, to write, to counsel and to prepare for his next trip. He had just gotten back from a trip to India and was exhausted. He was looking forward to some R&R to recharge his batteries. He hadn't been back home in Colorado very long before he got a phone call from a pastor who lived in the area where Mike had just come from and who Mike did not have a chance to visit. The pastor wanted Mike to come back to his church and teach a conference. The pastor promised him it would be a large conference.

Mike told him he was too exhausted to come but that he would pray about it. The Lord told him to go but Mike was not too happy about going back half way around the world for one conference. He was exhausted and the airfare was going to cost \$1671 for just this one trip. He was arguing with the Lord about going but the Lord won the argument and Mike went.

He arrived at the conference expecting a large group of people. However, only two people showed up. The pastor and what Mike calls the “one.” The “one” was a woman who had some physical deformities and as a result she felt very rejected and unloved. Through Mike, God revealed how much He loved this woman and how significant her life was to Him. Further, Mike told her that her life had such significance that the Lord brought him half way around the world to minister to her. Through Mike, the Lord set this lady free. She left rejoicing over her freedom and the realization of how much God loved her.

Mike got back on the plane to go home and while he was in the air the Lord spoke to him and said, “This is how much I value one person. I love her enough to take you half way around the world to minister truth to her. I never want you to forget that any time you teach, you are always going for the “one” whether there is one or a hundred in attendance.”

This radically changed Mike’s attitude towards ministry because from that point on, He was always going to minister to the “one” regardless of how many showed up. What does this mean for you and me? First, I hope this story gives you a deeper sense of how much God values each one of us and to what lengths He will go to show us His love.

Secondly, God wants you and me to value the “one” He brings into our six square feet today like He does. The good news is that you don’t have to go half way around the world to minister to the “one.” God will bring them into your six square feet today for you to value, encourage and express the life and love of Jesus.

[**Note:** If you would like to learn more about your value to God, I have written a booklet called *“Experiencing The Heart of God”* which, in part, focuses on this subject. You can find this booklet under the Discipleship Booklets of our website (www.christislifeministries.com) where you can read the booklet online or download it for free.]

Questions To Think About

1. What truths most impacted you in this chapter? Why?

2. Has this chapter given you deeper understanding of how much God values you? If so, in what ways?

3. In what ways does it impact you concerning living life for others knowing God specifically has works set aside for you and on one else?

3. In what ways did reading the story about the “one” impact you?

Chapter Three

Why Me?

Reason #2 - You Are Experiencing THE Life

The second reason which I believe is foundational for us to be living life for others is because we know, believe, and live from Christ who is THE Life. Just to make sure we are on the same page I want to share some key truths about living THE Life in Christ.

Truth #1 - The Difference Between “A” Christian Life And “THE” Christian Life

Living “A” Christian Life Does NOT Work

I define living “A” Christian life this way.

What you need to DO using your intellect, ability, willpower, and self-discipline, with God’s help, to try to SUCCESSFULLY live the Christian life.

Another way of saying this is that you are attempting to be the source, with God’s help, to try to live the Christian life. I was initially taught that “A” Christian life was how the Christian life was to be lived. When you look at the definition of “A” Christian life, would you say this is what you were taught?

I was also taught that it was up to me using my intellect, ability, willpower, self-discipline, and asking God’s help, to:

1. Learn the word of God and do what it says.
2. Keep God’s rules and commands.
3. Change or transform yourself.
4. Become more righteous (i.e., sin less).
5. Set myself free from the sin(s) I was are in bondage to.
6. Imitate Christ to be Christ-like.

7. Achieve victory over my flesh and Satan.

Have you tried to accomplish any of the things listed above? If so, have you been consistently and progressively experiencing success in doing these things in your Christian walk? If not, why do you believe that is the case? Here is the answer.

Living “A” Christian life will NEVER produce “THE” Christian life that God promises, i.e., a life of victory, freedom, and transformation.

In fact, if you continue to live “A” life, it will result in:

- More frustration
- More failure
- More defeat
- More bondage
- More inner turmoil
- More of the same or worse (i.e., no change or transformation)

If you are reading about “A” Christian life for the first time you need to understand that God never intended for you to live “A” Christian life because His plan and design for you is for you to live “THE” Christian life. So let’s take a look at the meaning of “THE” Christian Life.

Living “THE” Christian Life Is God’s Design

Jesus says in John 14:6 and John 11:25:

“...I AM the way, the truth, and THE LIFE...”
John 14:6

“...I AM the resurrection and THE LIFE.”
John 11:25

What is Jesus saying in these two passages? It is clear that Jesus is saying that He Himself is **THE** Life. What does He mean when He says that He is **THE** Life? For many years, I read these verses and concluded that they only meant that He was the source for my eternal life. However, is it possible that Jesus is telling us something more in these passages? Let's further explore the answer to this question by looking at what Paul says.

What Paul Says About Jesus Being THE Life

Paul took the truth of Christ as **THE** Life to a more personal level when he said in Colossians 3:4:

*“...**Christ** who is YOUR life....”*

What is Paul saying in this verse? He is saying that the life of Christ is more than eternal life that He gave you at salvation. He is saying that Christ is **your** life today, at this very moment. At this point you might be scratching your head and asking, “What is Paul talking about? What does it mean that Christ is my life?”

What Does It Mean That Christ Is Your Life?

God sums up the answer to that question in in 1 Corinthians 1:30a (RSV):

*“He is the **SOURCE** of your life in **Christ Jesus**, ...”*

God gives us the answer in the first part of the verse when He says that He is the **SOURCE** of your life in Christ. One of the definitions for the word “source” is “the one who produces.” This may be a new truth for you because so many Christians have been taught falsely, as I was, that they are to be the source for living the Christian life with God's help. You see, there can only be **ONE** true Source from which to live the Christian life.

***The truth is that God–NOT you–is the only SOURCE
from which to live THE Christian life.***

Look at two other verses that reveal that God is your Source for living the Christian life:

***"In Him we live and move and have our being."** Acts 17:28*

***"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things...."** Romans 11:36*

You may be wondering what it means practically that God is your Source. Let me give you two examples.

Christ As Your Source Means That He Is The PRODUCER

***"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect (accomplish) it until the day of Christ Jesus."** Philippians 1:6 (parentheses mine)*

"But He answered them, 'My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working.'" John 5:17

Another definition for the word "source" is "the one who produces." What Philippians 1:6 and John 5:17 above are saying is that Christ is the producer. What does it mean that Christ is the producer?

It means that Christ PRODUCES His life in you by making His life an EXPERIENTIAL reality in your life.

Let me give you some examples of what it means for Christ to be the Producer:

VICTORY – Christ will produce in you experiential victory over the power of sin, the flesh, the world, and the power of Satan.

*"... but thanks be to God, who gives us the **victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:57*

FREEDOM – Christ will set you free from your false beliefs, your defeating sin patterns, and your ongoing inner struggles.

*"So, Christ has really set us **free**. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law."*
Galatians 5:1

HEALING – Christ will heal you of your past and present woundedness.

*"He **heals** the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."*
Psalms 147:3

INTIMACY – Christ will produce in you a desire for personal, intimate relationship with Himself.

*"His **unchanging plan** has always been to adopt us into His own family by **bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ**. And this gave Him great pleasure." Ephesians 1:5*

Truth #2 – You Are Being Conformed, Transformed, Formed

Let's look at three words that not only confirm that God's plan is to transform us but to let us know what is the goal of transformation.

1. CONFORMED

The first word is "conformed" in Romans 8:29.

*"For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become **conformed** to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren."*

The word “conformed” means to align our beliefs and thoughts with another or having the same form as another.

2. TRANSFORMED

The second word I would like to share is the word “transformed” in 2 Corinthians 3:18.

*“And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being **transformed** into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”*

The Greek word for “transformed” is “metamorphoo” which means “a change of the form or nature of a person into a completely different person by supernatural means.” It is from this Greek word we get the word “metamorphosis.”

3. FORMED

Finally, let’s look at Galatians 4:19 and the word “formed.”

*“My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is **formed** in you.”*

The word “formed” in the Greek means “in the same nature as.” Now that we have looked at these three words, the next question is, what or in this case “who” are we being conformed to, being transformed into and being conformed to. Let’s go back to these three verses to find the answer.

- “Conformed to the **image of His Son.**” – Romans 8:29
- “Transformed into **His (Christ) likeness.**” – 2 Corinthians 3:18
- “**Christ** being formed in you.” – Galatians 4:15

Based on these three verses, I sum up the purpose of transformation this way.

Christ being FORMED in you is the result of you being CONFORMED to His image that occurs when we are being TRANSFORMED into Christ-likeness.

God's purpose and plan from the beginning is to transform us into Christ-likeness. Let me share with you my understanding of Christ-likeness.

Truth #3 - What It Means To Be Transformed Into Christ-Likeness

I define Christ-likeness this way.

Supernatural characteristics of who Christ is.

By this I mean that since we have Christ living in us, we have available to us the supernatural characteristics of who Christ is. For example, it says in Ephesians 2:14:

"For He(Christ) Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall."

Paul is saying in this verse that since Christ is your life, He is your peace. Paul understands it is a supernatural peace not based on circumstances when he says in Philippians 4:7.

"Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

Therefore, Christ-likeness is not only who Christ is but it is what we are to experience and live from as we are being transformed.

Here are some other Christ-life characteristics:

Unconditional love	Victory	Worth
Acceptance	Faith	Freedom
Patience	Strength	Peace
Forgiveness	Understanding	Security
Fearlessness	Wisdom	Discernment
Christ-confidence	Adequacy	Humility
Boldness	Righteousness	Selflessness
Rest	Compassion	Courage
Hope	Gentleness	Control
Faithfulness	Power	Joy

What You Will Experience As You Allow Christ To Live In You

*“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, **but Christ lives in me.** The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”*

Paul is testifying that for him that Christ is living in Him. This is a confirmation that the Christian life is not about trying to live for God. The manifestation of Christ living in us will be that we are experiencing the results of Christ-likeness. Here are some examples:

- You live from **Christ’s unconditional love** rather than trying to find love from others.
- You live from **Christ’s acceptance** which means you no longer have to live from rejection of others.
- You no longer have to live in fear because you are living from **Christ’s courage**.
- You no longer have to try and be in control because you are living from **Christ’s control**.
- You can live from **Christ’s peace** when adverse circumstances occur like receiving a life-threatening health diagnosis.

- You can live from **Christ-confidence** in spite of all the negativity and evil that is going on in the world.
- You can live from **Christ's control** when everything seems out of control.

There are two more reasons that answer the question “Why me?” in the next chapter.

[Note: If you are reading for the first time about what it means for Christ to be your life and would like to know more, I have written a booklet called *A Life? Or THE Life?* and a study called *Living Life From A New Source* that you can download for free from the Study tab on our website at: www.christislifeministries.com. There are also videos for this study on our website under the Media tab.]

Questions To Think About

1. 1. What truths most impacted you in this chapter? Why?

2. What Christ-life characteristics listed on page 19 are you experiencing the most in your Christian walk?

3. How do you think the Holy Spirit might use those characteristics you are experiencing in the lives of others?

4. What might be some consequences personally if we are not being transformed into Christ-likeness? How effective will we be in the lives of others if we are not being transformed into Christ-likeness?

Chapter Four

Why Me?

Two More Reasons

I want to finish answering the question, “Why me?” by giving two more reasons why God wants to work through you to impact other’s lives.

Reason #3 - You Are Experiencing Your True Identity

Another foundational truth that I trust you know, believe and walk in is that you have a new identity in Christ. Since identity in Christ is taught a number of ways, I want to share with you how I teach this key truth. Let me start by defining what I mean by identity.

***Your IDENTITY is defined as how you FEEL
or what you BELIEVE about yourself.***

The question is, “Does what you believe about yourself line up with God’s truth?” This is an important question because any false belief is any belief that you have about yourself that does not line up with God’s truth. Let’s look at the difference between your old identity and your new one.

Your OLD Identity Before You Were Saved

From the moment you were born until the moment you were saved, you had what I call an “old identity.”

***Your OLD identity was made up of everything you
believed about yourself BEFORE you were saved.
(i.e. your false beliefs)***

Let me share with you some examples of false beliefs that made up our old identity. These false beliefs fall into two categories: negative or positive.

NEGATIVE False Beliefs

Unworthy
Unacceptable
Rejected
A failure
Anxious
Inadequate
Weak
Defeated
Insecure
Fearful

POSITIVE False Beliefs

Secure in self
Self-confident
Self-sufficient
Successful in self
Self-reliant
Self in control
Resourceful in self
Competent in self
Fearless in self
Strong in self

Note: Even though the positive false beliefs look attractive they are still false beliefs because they focus on self.

Using the false beliefs above, if you believed you were inadequate, unworthy, rejected, or self-confident before you were saved, that was who you were in your old identity. However, the moment we were saved God did a gracious, supernatural work by giving us a new identity.

At Salvation. God Gave You A New Identity

Look at 2 Corinthians 5:17:

“Therefore, if any man is **in Christ**, he is a **new creation**; the **old things [old identity]** passed away; behold, **new things [new identity]** have come.”

The moment you were saved, you became “in Christ,” which means God removed your old identity and gave you a new identity. Stop and ponder this amazing truth: you no longer have

an old identity. Rather, now that you are “in Christ,” you are a new creation which means you have a new identity.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 is another passage that describes the exchange of our old identity for a new one:

*“... I will ... put a **new spirit [new identity]** within you, and I will remove the **heart of stone [old identity]** from your flesh....”*

Let’s look at some of the characteristics of your new identity.

What Is Your True Identity Now That You Are Saved

Look at the following verses that reveal some examples of your true identity in Christ.

Romans 8:35, 38-39	In Christ, you are unconditionally loved.
Ephesians 4:24	In Christ, you are righteous and holy.
Romans 15:7	In Christ, you are accepted/acceptable.
Colossians 3:13	In Christ, you are a forgiving person.
Psalms 139:14	In Christ, you are worthy.
2 Corinthians 3:5	In Christ, you are adequate.
Psalms 56:4	In Christ, you are fearless.
Colossians 2:10	In Christ, you are complete in Him.
Galatians 5:1	In Christ, you are free.
Psalms 139:5	In Christ, you are secure.
1 Corinthians 15:57	In Christ, you are victorious.
Romans 8:37	In Christ, you are a conqueror.
Psalms 139:14	In Christ, you are worthy.

God accomplished this amazing supernatural exchange of your old identity for a new one, so that you no longer have to live from your false beliefs about yourself. Here is an example of a false belief I had about myself.

“I felt so rejected from the wounding events from my dad that I believed I was rejected/rejectable.”

The false belief is that I was a rejected/rejectable person. How do we know this is a false belief? Because according to Romans 15:7, in my true identity in Christ I am totally accepted and acceptable. What this meant for me is that since I am accepted in Christ I no longer had to believe and accept the false belief that I am rejected.

What Are The Results Of Living From My True Identity?

I trust as you are reading this, you not only know you have a new identity but you are experiencing it as well. For me this is what living from my true identity looks like.

If I believe that:

- In Christ, I am **righteous** – I don't have to try to work to produce His righteousness.
- In Christ, I am **worthy** – I no longer have to try and find my worth from others or from what I do.
- In Christ, I am **secure** — I don't have to depend on such things as finances, things, people or what the world offers as security.
- In Christ, I am adequate — nothing or no one can make me feel inadequate.
- In Christ, I am a forgiving **person** — I have no excuse for not forgiving everyone.
- In Christ, I am **free** – I no longer have to try and set myself free.

[Note: If you would like to know more about your true identity in Christ, I have written booklet called *“Who Are You?”* and a study called *Do You Know Your True Identity?* that you can download it

for free from the Discipleship tab on our website at: www.christislifeministries.com. There are also videos for this study on our website under the Media tab.]

Reason #4 - You Are Walking In The Spirit's Power

*"and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but **in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.**"*

1 Corinthians 2:4

I trust that as you are being transformed, you are experiencing what Paul experienced in the verse above. For the sake of living for others, let's look kind of power we are talking about.

What Kind Of Power Are We Talking About?

*"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of **the power** will be of God and not from ourselves."* 2 Corinthians 4:7

The treasure that you and I have as Christians is the "surpassing greatness of the power of God." What kind of power is that? Look at Ephesians 1:19, 20:

*"I pray that you will begin to understand the incredible greatness of His power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty **power that raised Christ from the dead** and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms."*

Think about it. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead resides in you.

In addition, God's power in you is the same power that:

- Created the heavens and the earth.
- Opened the Red Sea.
- Is holding the universe together.

Since we have the fullness of God living in us (Colossians 1:9, 10), we have all of His power available to us.

What Is God's Power Able To Do When It Is Released In You?

What can God's power accomplish within us? Paul makes it clear in Ephesians 3:20:

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the (God's) power that works within us..." Ephesians 3:20

Think about this verse for a moment. Paul is making a very bold proclamation when he says that what God can accomplish through His power is "abundantly beyond all that we ask or think." Paul is exclaiming this truth because he has experienced this power so mightily working in him that it has taken him to places of transformation that he never thought were possible. If God's power can accomplish this in his life, what do you think it can accomplish in your life?

God's Power IN Us:

- Renews our minds to believe His truth. Romans 12:2
- Sets us free from our sin strongholds. John 8:32
- Heals our woundedness. Psalm 147:3
- Gives us victory over the flesh, sin, Satan, and the world. 1 Corinthians 15:57
- Transforms us into Christ-likeness. 2 Corinthians 3:18
- Draws us into an intimate relationship with Himself. Ephesians 1:5

If you were not persuaded before, I hope that these four reasons I have shared will persuade you of why God is calling you and me out for Him to work through us to transform lives and build His church.

Questions To Think About

1. What truths most impacted you in this chapter? Why?

2. What are some of the false beliefs you still believe about yourself?

3. What beliefs about your new identity are you walking in and how are they positively impacting your life?

4. In what ways does it impact you realizing and walking in the Spirit's power in you?

5. In what ways do you think living from your new identity and walking in the Spirit's power might be used by God to impact other's lives?

Chapter Five

What Does God Want To Accomplish Through You?

“Go....”

Matthew 28:19

Introduction

I hope you have been living from Christ as Your Source long enough to begin to experience spiritual transformation. However, we know His work does not stop there. God, in His transforming power, wants to do the same thing through you that He did through Jesus while He was on the earth. Look at Luke 4:18.

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because he has anointed Me **to bring good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.**”*

Jesus was speaking about what the Holy Spirit was going to do through Him while He lived on the earth. Now that you have Christ living in and through you, He wants to do the same things mentioned in this verse. Why? Because it is His life and truth wrapped in His power that will accomplish these things and more. He confirms this in John 14:12.

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and **greater works than these he will do**; because I go to the Father.”*

I have pondered this verse for many years and the conclusion I have come to is that for the most part, Jesus's works were physical healings. What I believe He is telling us in this verse is that the “greater things” are the works the Spirit wants to do through us to transform hearts. I get excited when I think about

all the Lord can do and will do through us. Let's look at some of the "greater works" He wants to do through you for others.

To Share His Truth

First and foremost, God wants us to share His truth because that is the true pathway to freedom, victory and transformation.

1. Why We Must SPEAK The Truth

I recently read a survey in the Christian Post taken by Probe Ministries that says that 70% of born-again Christians believe there is more than one way to heaven. For those born-again Christians under the age 40, only 25% have a biblical worldview (i.e. the Bible is inerrant, God is the sovereign over the universe, Christ died for our sins.) Just these two statistics alone should be proof enough why we must be sharing the truth perhaps like no other time in our history.

I don't know about you but those statistics create an urgency in me to speak truth every time I have an opportunity. I don't know if you have noticed but I am seeing that that born again Christians and pastors are more and more distorting, watering down, minimizing and compromising God's truth.

For example, I recently read an editorial by a woman who was against a new Texas law that prevents abortion taking place after the first six weeks of pregnancy. She says, "I am a Christian who values life, loves babies and children." Then she goes on to quote the late Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg: "It is essential to women's equality with man that she be the decision maker (when it comes to abortion.)" How can you possibly say you are a Christian who values life and support abortion at any point in the pregnancy? The Bible is very clear on this issue.

She reveals her ignorance of or her resistance to the truth by contradicting it. Unfortunately, I am seeing more Christians like this lady who don't know the truth or choose not to believe the absoluteness of it. The truth is that there is not and cannot be any

compromising, rationalizing, or minimizing when it comes to God's truth.

When it comes to those who come into our six square feet, we should be thinking questions like this: "What truth does this person know? What lies are they still believing? What truth does the Lord want to say through me to make a difference in their lives?"

2. This Is Why We Are Called To Be DOERS Of The Word

Therefore, we are not only to learn the truth, but seek the Holy Spirit to give us personal revelation of His truth. As the Lord reveals or makes the truth personal in our lives, we must apply the truth. Once we do, we will experience the truth working in our lives to give us victory, freedom and transformation into Christ-likeness. As we are being persuaded of the truth, we are to become "doers" of the truth. This is what Paul means in James 1:22:

*"But prove yourselves **doers** of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves."*

A "doer" is one who lives from and expresses God's truth to others. What I have discovered in my own life is that as I am experiencing more freedom, victory and transformation, I can't contain it. I want to share the truth with anyone who will listen because I know it will transform their lives as well.

What Can Happen As We Become "Doers" Of God's Truth?

Unbelievers Will Be Saved

*"for our **gospel** did not come to you in word only, but also in **power**....." 1 Thessalonians 1:5*

How many non-Christians do you think you will come in contact with today? Not all of them will be ready to hear the gospel but there may be one who is. If that person comes into

your six square feet, will you have confidence in the power of the truth of the gospel? If you struggle with sharing the gospel, seek the Lord to be your courage. Also, please don't let your fears override their need to hear the gospel. Remember, their spiritual destiny, like yours was, is at stake.

Sharing Christ As Our Life

*“to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**” Colossians 1:27*

If someone is already a Christian, I believe the most important foundational truth they need to hear is Christ is their Source for Life. The reason I am in ministry is because so many believers don't know Christ as their Life. In fact, I believe most Christians in America today don't know what it means for Christ to be their Source for living life.

As a result, they are living in defeat and bondage and have very little change or spiritual transformation in their lives. If you are walking in Christ as Life and are experiencing spiritual transformation, why wouldn't you want others to hear this very transforming truth?

Minister To Hurting People

*“He **heals** the brokenhearted and **binds up** their wounds.” Psalm 147:3.*

I think one of the greatest acts of love, is being a vessels through which the Lord can heal hurting people. We have all been, are, or will be wounded. We can't help it because we live in fallen bodies, in a fallen world, surrounded by fallen people. What God is looking for are willing vessels he can share a word of hope, encouragement and healing. Living from the love, grace, mercy and compassion of Christ allows us to encourage hurting people.

Ministering to hurting people may include words of comfort or comforting scriptures. However, what if someone comes to you and is hurting and no words of comfort come to your mind. Instead of any words, the Holy Spirit may lead you to a simple gesture of comfort like a hug. Saying this reminds me of a dear friend who arranged a number of my ministry events in Waco, Texas. One day, she called me and was sobbing. Through her tears she was telling me her first grandchild was strangled at birth by the umbilical cord. As much as I thought I needed to share something verbally, I had no words to say. I simply cried with her. I am convinced as I look back on that event, that was all she needed from me to feel comforted.

Before I knew Christ as Life, no one would ever associate the words compassion and comfort with me. I was too self-protective because of the pain of my father's abuse. There was nothing in me that could comfort anyone. However, God has broken down the walls of my self-protection and is producing His compassion in me to care deeply for people's pain. This is why I pray that 2 Corinthians 1:4 becomes a growing reality for us all.

“who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

Move People From Unbelief To Belief

“Immediately the boy’s father cried out and said, “I do believe; help my unbelief.” Mark 9:24

We are all unbelieving believers. I say that for the same reason the boy's father said that he believes but still struggles with his unbelief. I think that is the same for all of us.

I witnessed this first hand with a man that came to me and said, “God killed the only person who ever loved me.” He was referring to his fiancé who was killed by a drunk driver the night before they were so supposed to be married. He hated God and could not believe a good God could do such a horrible thing.

I thought he would never recover because his heart was so hardened towards God. I thought he would never see that God did not cause her death and that even by allowing it to happen He is still a good and loving God. It took me about six months of sharing the truth before I noticed any real change. However, I will never forget the last time we met because when he came to our meeting, God had persuaded the man of His love and goodness. He was crying tears of joy and so was I. God did a miracle in this man's life by moving him from unbelief to belief.

Transform A Person To Believe The Truth Rather Than Being Stuck In Their False Beliefs

*“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by **the renewing of your mind....**” Romans 12:2*

I say this all the time, “You will not live beyond what you believe. If so, is what you believe the truth?” The most amazing work of God for me is for Him to supernaturally replace the lie of a false belief with His truth.

As truth speakers, we have the privilege of speaking truth that God may use to renew someone's mind to the truth. Let me go back to the story I was telling you about the lady editorialist who claimed she was a Christian but believed in abortion. I normally don't respond to editorials but I felt led of the Spirit to write her a response. In it, I shared the gospel and God's truth concerning abortion. I never heard from her but what if the Lord used the truths in that letter to change her belief about abortion.

The good news for you and me is that our only responsibility is to be faithful to speak the truth. We are not responsible for the outcome. However, there is always a holy “Wow!” when God renews a person's mind to the truth through you.

[Note: When I use the word “supernatural,” I define it as how God transforms a person's heart in such a way that there is no man-made explanation for how He does it.]

To Set Someone Free

*“and you will know the truth and the truth will set you **free**.”*

John 8:32

We are all in bondage to something: a lie, a fleshly behavior, or a sin stronghold. I trust you have walked long enough in Christ to experience some degree of freedom from one or more of those. If you have, isn't there something within you that says, "I want to see others being set free?" I hope so because today God may bring someone into your six square that will be let out of a spiritual prison through you because you simply spoke the truth.

I saw God do this in a man who made a very terrible choice and went to prison for sexually molesting a teenager. He was struggling with sexual addiction. While in prison, a friend of mine shared the gospel and God saved him. This was the beginning of his freedom because the truth that truly set him free was when my friend shared with him his true identity in Christ.

When he realized as bad as his sin was that, in Christ, he was righteous, God so freed and transformed his heart that he is now discipling hundreds of college students about their identity in Christ. He is a dear brother who is a constant visual reminder to me of the power of God's truth.

To Change The Choices A Person Makes

*He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet **I want your will to be done, not mine.**”*

Matthew 26:39”

When a person's thoughts and beliefs change, it follows that the choices that person makes will change as well. The Lord continues to conform us to His image because as He does, our choices fall more in line with His will.

For those of you who remember Chuck Colson, one of the men involved with Watergate, you witnessed God perform a supernatural change when Colson was saved and after his time in prison right established Prison Fellowship which is an international ministry responsible for saving and discipling thousands of prisoners for over 40 years.

To Change Someone's Destiny

I will never forget the day Ian Thomas spoke these 18 words to me on October 4, 1998:

"God never intended for you to live THE Life that only Christ can live in and through you."

Little did I know how these 18 words would forever change my life and my destiny. At the time I heard those words I was a commercial general contractor. I assumed that is what I was going to do the rest of my life. I had no idea those words would change the entire trajectory of my life. Instead of my constructing buildings, I am allowing God to reconstruct lives through His power that lives in me.

Can you imagine what it might look like for the power of God through you to change the trajectory of someone's life? His power may save their marriage, change the way they love and parent their children, or change the direction of their life. It's all a matter of whether you let God express His life through you or you maintain control yourself and that person receives nothing.

Boldly Speaking God's Truth Will Transform Our Culture

I think you would agree that we are experiencing a polarization of ideals and beliefs like we have never seen before in this country. So much of what is going on in our culture contradicts Biblical truth. Everything from abortion to the LGBTQ movement. As a result, our freedoms are being eroded very quickly.

One of my biggest concerns is that even Christians are compromising God's truth when it comes to some of these issues. These events should be a wake-up call for every one of us because of the rise of evil we are experiencing in this country. The key question is what is our part as believers during this very pivotal time in our history? I believe God is calling us out to boldly speak His truth into these cultural issues and everything else that comes against God's truth.

We Miss Out If We Choose NOT To Speak The Truth

Let's assume the Lord brings someone into our six square feet today and wants to speak truth to that person through us. What will be the result of not cooperating with the Spirit?

We will miss out on the AMAZING, SUPERNATURAL works God WANTED to do through us.

I use the word "wanted" because this is a work He wanted to do through us today but we missed out on the opportunity. I believe it is important to see God's works through us like "manna" which is good for today only. Today, God wants to do something through you that will be an opportunity that will never come again. Do you really want to miss out on an eternal opportunity to speak truth and watch God work through you? I hope not.

Let me end this section by asking you this question. Do we really want people to live in bondage, defeat, their sinful behaviors, strongholds, unbelief, false beliefs and experience no transformation? Were there not people God brought into our lives that poured into us that God used to bring us to where we are now spiritually? Now, it is our turn. God is calling you and I out in a divine partnership in order for us to participate with Him in accomplishing amazing, supernatural works through us. When God calls you to step out and be His mouthpiece will you say with Isaiah, "Here I am, send me?" I am praying to that end.

Questions To Think About

1. What truths spoke to you the most in this chapter? Why?

2. Which one of these things God wants to accomplish through you most impacted you? Why?

3. Does the analogy of God's work being like manna speak to you?
How so?

4. What if God spoke truth through you and someone's destiny was changed forever? How would that make you feel and how would it change your how you feel or what you believe about God?

5. Write down a testimony of how God worked through you to accomplish any one of the things listed in this chapter.

Chapter Six

“Carpe Diem”

You Only Have THIS Moment

*“Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders,
making the most of the opportunity.”*

Colossians 4:5

Because of what God wants to do through us as we saw in the last chapter, what should our attitude be every day when we get out of bed? I think it is summed up in two words, “carpe diem” which means “seize the day.” The dictionary definition of “carpe diem” is this: “to urge someone to make the most of the present time and give little thought to the future.” I believe this is has great application when it comes to living in our six square feet.

Making the most of the present time is crucial because today, this moment, is all we have. It will be gone and we will never have another moment like that. That being the case what should our attitude be like regarding our six square feet when we wake up every morning? What does it look like to seize the day when it comes to our living for others? Here are a few thoughts on this idea.

Being SENSITIVE To The Holy Spirit

*“ The **Holy Spirit** told me to go with them....”*

Acts 11:12

In this verse, Peter was being sensitive to the Holy Spirit otherwise, he would not have heard the Spirit’s voice. In like manner we are to be sensitive to the Spirit. Let me give you a few examples of what that looks like.

1. LISTENING To The Holy Spirit

"I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up'....."

Acts 11:7

As we grow in Christ, we cultivate what I call "spiritual hearing." It is a result of the process of growing more deeply and personally with God. I know hearing God can be misunderstood because what we are hearing may not always be of God. However, as I have grown in my spiritual journey, I more clearly hear the Spirit. This is especially true when I minister to people. During those times, I hear the Lord many times give me what they need to hear at that moment.

For me, it is not an audible voice. Rather, it is thoughts that are coming into my mind that are put there by the Holy Spirit. Early on in our spiritual journey, it is difficult to hear the Spirit but as we grow into a deeper dependence on God our spiritual hearing will improve.

2. Drawing On Christ's DISCERNMENT

"And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all **discernment.**"

Philippians 1:9

Discernment has been a wonderful outgrowth of my becoming a better listener. I define discernment as the spiritual ability to determine both (1) what is really going on behind what that person is saying, and, (2) what to say or not to say to encourage, give comfort or to help them in some way.

This is not a human discernment. Rather, it is a Christ-produced discernment. As I listen to not only what a person is saying, I am listening to the Spirit in order to discern how He wants me to interact with this person. What I have discovered is the more I grow up spiritually, the more discernment I experience.

3. Being Sensitive To God's TIMING

*"There is an **appointed time for everything**. And there is a time for every event under heaven."*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Being sensitive to God's timing is crucial. For example, I have been in numerous situations where I may know the truth that a person needs to hear but the Lord (through inserting thoughts into my mind) stops me from sharing it because that person was not ready to hear. This is crucial because I have made the mistake in the past of sharing something or sharing it too quickly only to end up alienating the listener and closing his mind to the truth.

Let me incorporate all three of these truths in an event that recently happened. I was talking to a friend who was upset about how Christians in America are not standing up for the truth. She talked for several minutes in great frustration. She felt helpless to do anything about the situation.

The whole time she was sharing, I was asking the Holy Spirit when to respond and how to respond. When she finished, the Lord said, "Now is the time and this is what I want you to share." I shared with her the following thoughts that the Spirit had brought to my mind:

"I understand where you are coming from and I agree that many in the church are not standing up for the truth like they should. However, I don't want you to be controlled by what believers are not doing because if you are overcome with anger it can sideline you concerning those who come into your six square feet. The truth is the Lord doesn't want you to be on the defensive. He wants to impact everyone you come in contact with today with His truth.

Therefore, do pray for the Christians in this country but be proactive by focusing on how the Lord wants to change the church one life at a time through you. It may be to encourage, share truth, write about the truth or do whatever the Spirit leads

you to do. The key thing is not to let this issue rob you of your peace and joy and compromise your personal witness because God wants to change the church through you.” Even though that is not the answer she wanted, I am convinced it was the answer the Spirit wanted me to give her.

Every Encounter Is A DIVINE Encounter

Look at Jesus’s journey while on earth. Every personal encounter he made was a divine encounter. This does not mean that people responded positively because the Pharisees hated Him. However, whomever He was with, He always saw it as a divine encounter and spoke the truth.

This is how we need to see every one we come in contact with. When God does bring someone across our path, we should be asking, “Lord, is there anything You want to do or say through me?” I hope you will let this thought sink in because with God there are no accidents. Only divine appointments.

Spiritual AWARENESS

*“....so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be **alert** and **sober**.” 1 Thessalonians 5:6*

Spiritual awareness is being in tune with God and the spiritual battle we and everyone around us is facing. People in our six square feet may not be Christians and if so, they have no clue what is going on in the unseen realm. However, Christians who don’t know or aren’t living in Christ may be as clueless as an unbeliever.

We also need to be aware of what people are facing. Internally it may be false beliefs about God, about themselves or about living the Christian life. In addition, they struggle with their fleshly behaviors and sin strongholds internally and externally they are dealing with daily struggles in life: marriage, kids, finances, job, etc.

Therefore, like a point man on a patrol on the battlefield who is always looking out for the enemy, we are to be looking for. In the same way, we should be spiritually aware the immense battle not only we face but what others face as well. Spiritual awareness also includes being aware of the Holy Spirit's presence and what He wants to say and/or do through us.

Be WILLING

*“so that you **will** walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.” Colossians 1:10*

The spiritual cousin to awareness is spiritual willingness. I can be aware and vigilant but I also need to be willing to be used of the Lord in every encounter. You can have vast Biblical knowledge but if you are not willing to engage the people the Lord brings across your path today, you cannot conquer your six square feet. If you find yourself unwilling, seek the Holy Spirit to give you the willingness.

Live From SPIRITUAL DETERMINATION

*“For I **determined** to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.” 1 Corinthians 2:2*

I love this verse because this was not a human determination that Paul was experiencing. It was a determination that resulted from what God was doing in Paul's life. He was so experiencing the life of Christ and the Spirit's transforming power, it led to a spiritual determination to minister Christ to everyone he came in contact with.

Therefore, if you are not experiencing it, please seek the Spirit to give you His determination to seek out others to speak truth to, encourage or minister to in some way.

Engage People With SPIRITUAL COURAGE

*“and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more **courage to speak the word of God without fear.**” Philippians 1:14.*

We will talk in the next chapter about specific fears that might prevent us from reaching out to those who come into our six square feet. I understand because I have experienced those same fears. Especially when the Spirit wants me to say something to someone that may be hard to hear or they might push back.

However, it is at those moments I trust Christ to be my courage. I hope you have realized that as you grow spiritually the greater your courage will become. Why? Because we become more confident of who God is and what He can do which continues to grow our courage.

See Past The EXTERNALS of People

Since Christ lives in us, we now have “spiritual” eyes to see people as Jesus did. Rather than just seeing others externally, we can look beyond that and see their hearts. We see this in 1 Samuel 16:7:

*“The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them.
People judge by outward appearance,
but **the Lord looks at the heart.**”*

As I meditated on this verse, I asked the Lord, When You look into a person’s heart, what do You see? This was His response.

He sees:

- People’s needs.
- People’s woundedness.
- People’s pain.
- People’s struggles.
- People’s fears.

We see an example of this in Matthew 9:36:

*“**Seeing the people**, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.”*

Seeing others in this context requires supernatural sight rather than just physical sight. By supernatural, I mean this kind of seeing is Spirit-produced and can only occur as we seek the Lord to give us spiritual eyes to see. The word “see” in the Bible means to discover, to examine, to understand and to discern or perceive.

A great example of this was Elisha’s servant who could not see the chariots of fire around the mountains until Elisha prayed this prayer.

*“Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, I pray, **open his eyes that he may see.**” And the **LORD opened the servant’s eyes and he saw;** and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.” 2 Kings 6:17*

I continuously pray Elisha’s prayer for two reasons. First, I realize that if the Lord does not give me His eyes to see, I will never see into another person’s heart. Second, when I pray this prayer, the Lord moves my focus away from me and my struggles and gives me the desire to look at the heart of those He brings into my six square feet today.

My challenge for you today, is to first seek the Lord to give you eyes to see beyond yourself, and see the heart of everyone who comes into your six square feet.

[**Note:** If you would like to read more on this topic, I have written a booklet called *Eyes to See* that you can read online or download from our website at www.christislifeministries.com]

Value Every Person Who Comes Into Your Six Square Feet Like God Does

When you are driving down the road and see the homeless person on the side of the road, what are your first thoughts? Do you feel love or compassion or are you tempted to be condescending, critical or judgmental because of his looks, the way he smells or his status as a homeless person? I must admit that if I were to look at this man in the flesh my thoughts would trend towards being critical and judgmental.

Instead of the homeless person, what if it is the boss you dislike, an ex-spouse, your prickly mother-in-law, the politician you dislike the most or the most unlikeable person in your life? Is it a challenge for you to see and value that person the way God does?

The Lord is persuading me that not only do I have eternal, inestimable and infinite value to God but so does everyone else who comes into my six square feet today. It may be a homeless guy or my server at lunch or even the foreign person who I can't understand over the phone when I have a question about my credit card. Our tendency is to look past people like this and not even ask ourselves the question of how valuable they are to God.

Right now, I have a very unlikable, toxic person in my six square feet. My flesh wants to judge, be critical and write off/cancel this person. Instead, I have continually asked this from the Lord:

"Give me Your eyes to see the value this person has to you. Remind me, that like me, You chose this person to be born out of 500 million possibilities at conception. You went to the cross for them. You love them unconditionally. You created them for a personal, intimate relationship with You. And you want to touch them through me."

Initially it was very hard to even ask the question about this person's value because of how toxic they are to me. But now, as I

have sought the Lord to see how valuable this person is to Him, God is softening my heart by moving me away from focusing on their fleshly behavior and giving me eyes to see their infinite value to Him. Even now as I write, I find myself feeling a growing compassion for this person as God reveals to me their value to Him. [Note: I have set boundaries with this person but boundaries are no excuse for not valuing and loving them.]

What about the value Jesus places on others? How much did He value the woman caught in adultery or the Samaritan woman He met at the well who had been married five times and was living with a man who was not her husband? Because of their failures and sins, wouldn't it have been easier to avoid, write off or judge these two? Yet what do we see in the heart of our Lord? We see the eternal value these two women were to Him.

I wonder if there is a direct correlation between how much you believe you are valued by God and how much you value others? In other words, doesn't the extent to which you feel valued by God determine how valuable you perceive others are to God. You might want to give that some thought.

My challenge to you is to focus on everyone who comes into your six square feet every day and ask the question, "How valuable is he or she to God?" As you do, I pray that over time you will find yourself looking past their appearance, personality, sins and failures and seeing them through the same eyes Jesus sees you. As you grow to value them, valuing leads to loving and loving is not only what we are called to do, it is who we are.

When You Engage One On One With Someone

Here are some key things to remember when you engage someone one-on-one.

1. Be A Good Listener

What I have discovered over my many years of life is there are more talkers than listeners. I know because I was much more of

a talker than a listener. When I was with someone, I could hardly wait to tell them something or hardly wait until they finished talking so I could tell them my opinion about what they were saying. I was a terrible listener. However, God is breaking me of being a talker and is teaching me to be a listener.

As God is transforming me, I find myself being less self-focused and more focused on other people. Rather than think about what I am going to say next, I am more focused on what they are telling me. But I am not only listening to them, I am simultaneously listening to the Holy Spirit in case He wants to say something through me. I find it very difficult to listen to the Spirit if I am focused on what I am going to say.

2. Be “All There”

Jim Elliot, the martyred missionary in Ecuador, famously said, *“Wherever you are, be all there.”* When I thought about the phrase, “be all there,” words like “focused,” “engaged” and “attentive” came to mind. Let me ask you, how does it make you feel when you are in a conversation with someone and they are distracted? They may be constantly checking their phone or distracted by something else.

For me, it sometimes makes me feel less important and undervalued. If someone’s lack of attention or focus, makes me feel that way, doesn’t it stand to reason that our lack of attention and focus would make someone coming into our six square feet feel the same way? Don’t they want us “all there?” Don’t they want to feel important and valued?

What better example is there of being “all there” than Jesus. I was imagining what it would be like to be in the presence of Jesus when He walked on the earth. Imagine Him calling you out of the crowd and you are standing in front of Him. Even though He is surrounded by several people, He does not look to the left or right. He is not distracted by the noise of the crowd. His attention is totally fixed on you—totally engaged, focused and attentive. How would that make you feel?

My wife and I got a taste of this when we first met Max Lucado several years ago. (In case you don't know, Max is a prolific author and senior pastor of Oak Hills Church in San Antonio). We were visiting Max's church one Sunday with some friends who are members there. When the service was over, we followed our friends out of the worship center into a huge hallway. The hallway was packed with hundreds of folks. We were walking behind our friends down this very crowded hallway when all of a sudden, my friend took a hard right turn and began walking toward Max who was standing against the wall by himself.

My friend introduced us to Max and we spent the next three minutes talking with him. He asked about our personal lives and the ministry. During our time together, he was totally focused on us and our story. He was not looking past us to greet others. Nor was he distracted by all the crowd noise. He was treating us as if there was no one else in the hallway and he had all the time in the world. I can't remember all that we talked about, but I will never forget how engaged he was every moment we were with him. It made me wonder if this was how it would feel to be in the presence of Jesus.

I must confess that in the past when I was with someone (including my wife), I was not fully engaged. I would find myself being distracted thinking about who I was going to meet with next or what I had to accomplish the rest of the day. But, as I have been seeking God to transform me in this area, He is breaking me of this habit and now I find myself being more and more "all there."

Why is this so important? First of all, focusing on someone is loving them. In fact, I believe it is one of the greater expressions of love. Second, one of the spiritual benefits for me of focusing on someone is that God continues to open my spiritual eyes to their immense and infinite value to Him.

Finally, if someone is struggling, focusing on them allows me to listen to the Holy Spirit and share with them a word of truth or

hope concerning their struggle. Therefore, seek to be “all there” with whomever God brings into your six square feet today.

3. Be A “Safe” Person

We all have different levels of relationships, starting with our spouse (or close family member or friend) at one end moving to a perfect stranger at the other. Regardless of the level of relationship, I feel you and I are called to be “safe” people. In fact, I believe it is a key factor in conquering our six square feet. I define a “safe” person as one you are able to trust with your most personal thoughts, heartaches, struggles, etc.

When I meet with pastors and other individuals, the words I love to hear the most are: “I want to share something with you that is very personal and confidential.” I am honored that someone sees me as safe enough to say those words. I am humbled when someone deems me safe enough to share some of their deepest thoughts.

Before the Lord began transforming my heart, I would never have been considered “safe.” I was too self-absorbed, too prideful and too self-protective. But now, the Lord has moved me to a place where one of my strongest desires is to be a haven where others know they can trust me with their deepest thoughts.

I, like you, have some deeply personal issues that I would like to share with others. I think we all are looking for safe people because God designed us for deep relationships. We know that God is to be our ultimate “go to” safe person. No one is safer than God. But as human beings we need Christ-like believers with human skin with whom we can relate to.

If I come to you to try to determine if you are safe or not, these are a few things I will be looking for.

First and foremost, I want to know how trustworthy you are. Being trustworthy is the foundation from which deeper

relationships are built. To the extent I know I can trust you, the deeper I will be willing to go with you.

In addition, I look for these qualities in a “safe” person.

- You are compassionate and empathetic, when I am sharing a deep personal struggle with you.
- You are not trying to “fix” me or necessarily solve whatever it is I am struggling with.
- I don’t feel guilty, shamed or condemned.
- You won’t be critical, judgmental or condescending.
- I feel loved.

All of these characteristics are important, but the most important one is feeling loved. My wife always reminds me of these words, “When love is felt the message is heard.” This is so true because if I know you love me, it gives me a greater freedom and desire to share deep issues of my heart with you. In addition, I will have ears to hear the “hard” truth that I need to hear that without love, I would not receive.

I have much more to say but let me end with this final thought. One thing I am discovering is that the more I am transformed into the likeness of Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18), the safer I am becoming. Doesn’t that make sense? As you are being transformed to live more from Christ’s love, discernment, patience, wisdom, compassion, etc., wouldn’t that make you a safer person? This is why I am so passionate about teaching Life in Christ. It is the spiritual pathway to growing up spiritually, becoming less self-focused, loving others and becoming “safe.” It is a process but the spiritual overflow of Christ through us to others is well worth the journey.

Let me wrap up with a personal story. A pastor of a local church called me one afternoon and asked me to come to his office because he had something very personal he wanted to share. When I got there, he said that he only had about forty minutes to meet. He started in and three hours later he finished

sharing some very personal issues that he was struggling with. He thanked me for coming and being such a great encouragement to him. I wasn't sure what he meant because all I said in the entire conversation was "Hi" and "Thank you for sharing." All I did was sit there for three hours and listen.

As a talker, I thought I could contribute something to the conversation but all the Holy Spirit wanted me to do was listen because the real conversation was between my friend and the Spirit. I will never forget that meeting because it was an invaluable lesson in becoming a safe person.

I believe safe people are what an unbelieving and struggling world is looking for. If that is true, shouldn't Christians be the safest people on earth? People like you who can be trusted to handle, with the utmost care and love, others' struggles, heartaches, and any other issue they are facing.

I hope some of the things I shared in this chapter will help you in living for others in your six square feet. We will see in the next chapter some of the reasons we believe hinder us from reaching out to others.

Questions To Think About

1. What truths most impacted you in this chapter? Why?

2. Why are some people harder to value like God does than others?

3. Why do you think it is important to become a “safe” person?

4. What are some reasons it is difficult to see past the externals of people and see their heart? What might be some of the consequences of not being able to see their heart?

Chapter Seven

What Prevents Us From Living Life For Others?

When it comes to living from our six square feet there are several things that hinder or prevent us from living life for others.

We Are Not Growing Up Spiritually

I believe the key reason that hinders us from living for others is that we are not growing up spiritually. This is why Paul exhorts us to grow up in Ephesians 4:15.

*“Instead, we will speak the truth in love, **growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of His body, the church.**”*

While I was living “A” Christian life, I assumed I was growing spiritually because I did all of the “spiritual things” I was told to do that I shared with you in an earlier chapter. Only to discover 30 years later I wasn’t really growing at all.

Therefore, one of the reasons we may not be seeking to live out of our six square feet is that we are not growing because we are not being transformed into Christ-likeness, we are not experiencing our true identity or we are not experiencing the power of God working in our lives. The result is that we can’t give to others what we are not experiencing ourselves. Therefore, in this chapter I would like to share some hindrances to living life for others.

We Are Too Focused On Ourselves

I believe the most important reason we don’t live life for others is that our focus is too much on ourselves. As with physical children, if we don’t grow up spiritually life will revolve around me. I know too many Christians that are so self-absorbed in their lives they don’t have the time or desire to be a vessel for the Lord’s work through them. As a result, they miss out on the

opportunity and the privilege of being used by the Lord. Here are three characteristics of what it means to be focused on ourselves.

1. We Are Self-Absorbed

We can be so focused on ourselves and so self-absorbed about what is going on in our world that we never see or are simply not interested in anyone else's struggles, needs, or issues.

2. We Are Self-Protective Because Of Our FEARS

We are all self-protective to some degree but I see self-protection as a major hindrance to seeking to help others. Self-protective people may not be willing to engage with other people or engage on a superficial basis for several reasons. The major reason that drives our self-protection is **fear**. Fear and self-protection are like two sides of the same coin. Let's look at some examples of fear to better understand why we protect ourselves.

- Fear of rejection.
- Fear of being hurt
- Fear of failure.
- Fear of being exposed or found out.
- Fear of losing control.

Here is a key truth concerning fear.

***Fear keeps our focus on OURSELVES and
PREVENTS us from caring about others.***

3. We Are Too Busy

We are all very busy people. One of the drawbacks of our busyness is that we are moving so fast we tend to look past people as if they weren't there. We don't take time to interact with our server at a restaurant or we choose to text someone when what they need is a phone call. Busyness robs us of God-ordained

appointments because we are moving so fast, we are not available for what God wants to accomplish through us.

We Don't Feel Qualified

The reason I hear most often why people do not share truth with others is that they don't feel qualified. When I look at the famous Leonardo Da Vinci painting of the last supper, I see 12 men that Jesus chose to teach, train and walk with Him. What you don't see is 12 seminary-trained theologians or 12 religious leaders of their day. This was a ragtag group of fishermen, merchants, and one hated tax collector. The truth is that none of them was formally educated. There was nothing extraordinary about them; in fact, they were definitely not qualified, by the world's standards, to even be teachers, preachers, or evangelists.

So, it begs the question: Why these guys? Couldn't Jesus have picked a more capable group. I believe one of the main reasons Jesus chose these 12 men is to show us that ministry is not about being qualified and capable. Rather, it is about being willing and available. We see this when Jesus called each of them to be His disciples. He didn't ask for their spiritual resume and they didn't resist or make excuses by listing all the reasons why they weren't qualified to be disciples. Instead, these men "Immediately they dropped their nets and followed Him." (Mark 1:18). They were simply willing and available.

This is so important to talk about because so many Christians I have talked to over the years have told me they are not qualified enough, educated enough, or don't know the Bible well enough to minister to others. They feel inadequate or unworthy. A statement I hear quite often is, "How could God possibly use me?"

Let me answer that question by reminding you of the story about the demon-possessed man from Gerasenes. He lived in the cemetery and was constantly screaming and gashing himself with stones. People tried but couldn't constrain him. When Jesus removed the demons from the man and he trusted Christ as His Savior, Jesus did not say, "Before you minister to those in your six

square feet, you need to go to seminary or Bible school.” What Jesus did say is this:

“Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you.”

Mark 5:19

All Jesus said to the man was to “go” and bear witness to his people about what Jesus did. What was the man’s response? Did he resist Jesus by telling him that he was not qualified or capable to share with those in his six square feet? No. Mark 5:20 says,

*“... **he went away and began to proclaim** in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.”*

Mark 5:19-20.

This man was certainly not qualified but he was available and willing. As a result, look what happened. “Everyone was amazed.” A man they once feared was now telling them about Jesus and they listened. I love this story because it removes all my excuses not to minister to those who come into my six square feet. By the way, I have never been to Bible school or seminary. I am just a former building contractor who has no spiritual resume. I am just an ordinary “pew packer” who is willing and available.

So, if a former demon possessed man is willing and available, how about you? Are you willing and available to be God’s mouthpiece today? With every person you come in contact with, will you make excuses to avoid ministering to them or will you be available to the Holy Spirit for Him to work through you share the gospel, to bear witness of His work in your life, to give hope or encouragement, etc.? If so, watch out because you and those you are ministering to might be amazed by what the Holy Spirit does in their heart as well as yours.

My Sin Is Too Great For God To Use Me

*“So David said to the LORD, “**I have sinned greatly in what I have done.**” 2 Samuel 24:10*

I have also heard people say, “My sins are too great for God to use me.” If this is what you believe, I have some good news. It comes in two parts. Part one is that Jesus took every one of our sins on His body on the cross and has removed our sins as far as the east is from the west and remembers our sin no more. Therefore, our sins are no longer an obstacle for God to use us.

Secondly, think about David. He committed adultery and sent the woman’s husband who he committed adultery with to the front line of battle so he would be killed. David committed some horrible sins but God called him a man after His own heart. The issue with God is not your sin. The issue is are you willing and available for God to work through you in the lives of others.

We Live In The “What If’s”

Another key hindrance to living for others is what I call the “what if’s.” Here are some examples to explain:

- **What if** I don’t have all the answers?
- **What if** I am rejected?
- **What if** I fail?
- **What if** I end up looking like a fool?
- **What if** I give someone the wrong answer?

What drives our “what if’s” is fear. We fear the negative outcome if our they are realized. If we give in to our “what if’s” then we will choose to not engage in people’s lives.

Being A Spiritual La-Z-Boy Christian (Apathetic)

This is a Christian who says, “Here I am, send him or her, but not me.” This kind of Christian sits back in their spiritual La-Z-Boy and either lives in denial, is too lazy, or doesn’t see their need to live for others in their six square feet. This is the most dangerous type of Christian to me because they are quite content doing nothing.

Questions To Think About

1. What truths most impacted you in this chapter? Why?

2. Write down any of the reasons I listed or others you might have for not living life for others. Did this chapter help remove any of these reasons as an obstacle to living for others?

3. Write down any of your fears and some of the consequences of those fears that may be preventing you from living for others?

4. On the subject of not being qualified, was what I shared helpful? If so, why?

5. What might the consequences be for others if we do not get past these hindrances?

Chapter Eight

Key Truths We Need To Understand About Living Life For Others

Remember, You Have God's Truth and Power On Your Side

*"and my message and my preaching were not
in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration
of the Spirit and of **power**."*

One thing the Lord is persuading me of is that when He speaks truth through me, His power is using that truth in that persons' life to convict, expose, break or transform their life. For the most part, I don't know what God is doing but I know by faith that His truth will never return void and that by simply being available to Him, He can move mountains and move hearts. Part of the joy of participating with Him is watching the power of His truth reshape a person's heart.

Expressing Can Mean BEING Instead Of Doing

*"and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave
Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God **as a
fragrant aroma**." Ephesians 5:2*

For most of us, we feel like if we are not speaking the truth that truth is not being expressed. However, I believe just as important and maybe more importantly than speaking the truth is expressing the truth non-verbally. For example, if Jesus walked into the room where you are now and you did not know it was Him, would you not be experiencing the fragrant aroma of His life? Wouldn't you be spiritually attracted to Him even if He never spoke a word?

My friend, that same Jesus lives in you. Supernaturally, He can express Himself through you to someone else without uttering a

word. Why? Because as you live dependent on Him, His life and love are flowing through you whether you speak or not. He can express His love, compassion, and grace through you by simply being. Therefore, there will be times when the Lord does not want you to speak. He simply wants you to “be.”

POUR OUT What You Have

*“While He was in Bethany at the home of Simon the leper, and reclining at the table, there came a woman with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume of pure nard; and she broke the vial and **poured it over His head.**” Mark 14:3*

If you are just starting a new journey into living from Christ as Life you may be saying to yourself, I don’t know enough or have not experienced enough to speak truth to anyone. If that is where you are in your thinking, think about this. If God brings someone to you to speak truth and you only have a teaspoon of truth, that teaspoon is all that person needs. All God is asking you to do is to pour it out.

God is not waiting until you have your spiritual act together. (Which, by the way, doesn’t happen this side of heaven.) He brought that person to you to speak the truth that you are experiencing. All Mary had was a costly perfume but she literally poured it all out on Jesus’s head. The perfume was just a symbol of her love being poured out to Jesus and that was enough for Him.

Being Used Of God Is A PRIVILEGE

*“But Balaam was stopped from his mad course when his **donkey rebuked him with a human voice.**”*

2 Peter 2:16

God doesn’t need us because He spoke just fine through a burning bush, a rock and a donkey. However, God so loves us that He is calling us to join Him in building His church. Remember, that He will bring someone to you today that He will bring to

no one else. He is giving you the amazing privilege of working with Him so that you can witness the supernatural power of His hand. This is how much He loves you. Wouldn't that be worth getting out of bed every day and making yourself available to Him? Having this privilege is what motivates me to reach out to everyone God brings into my six square feet.

Your TESTIMONY Is A Powerful Weapon

I always say, "One word of testimony is worth a 1000 words of teaching." The most powerful weapon you have in your spiritual arsenal other than God's truth is your personal testimony. If you have walked long enough in your spiritual journey to experience some degree of victory, freedom or transformation, there is nothing more powerful than you bearing witness to what the Holy Spirit has accomplished in your life. When you do, God's truth is more than words on a page, it is living and breathing through you as you bear witness to what God has accomplished in your life.

Here is a key truth when it comes to your testimony.

***People may contradict your THEOLOGY but
they cannot contradict your TESTIMONY.***

Let me share a story to explain. I was sitting with a young man named Daniel who was a Sunday school teacher. He was teaching through my basic study on Christ as Life. However, because of his legalism and his performance-based understanding of Christianity, he was taking issue with everything I wrote. He told me he had to quit teaching through the study because it simply wasn't true.

After letting him go on for several minutes, I stopped him and said this, "Daniel, all I can say is that the biblical truths in that study have taken me from death to life. By that I mean, that I am experiencing victory, freedom, healing of my woundedness and spiritual transformation that I never thought was possible.

Therefore, you can't contradict my theology all day long but you can't contradict my testimony." After saying that, Daniel had nothing to say because he could not refute my testimony. Think about this. It may be your testimony that draws people to Christ more than any Biblical truth you could share.

We Are Only Seed THROWERS

This one principle has helped me more than anything else: understanding that as a seed "thrower" of God's truth and not a producer of it has freed me from feeling responsible for whether or not the hearer has received the truth. It also has freed me from trying to make people believe the truth.

Let me share with you how I learned about being a seed thrower. I was substitute preaching for a pastor friend and I noticed a man on the back row who, judging from his pained facial expressions, seemed to grow increasingly irritated the more I talked about living from Christ as our Source. He was getting so agitated that by the time I finished the closing prayer I looked up and saw that he was gone. I must admit my first thought was, "God is going to get this guy because he wouldn't receive the truth."

However, in that moment the Holy Spirit put this thought in my mind. "Bill, through you I have made an irrevocable and non-refundable deposit of truth into his heart. He can escape you but he can't escape the truth because the deposit has been made." What the Spirit revealed in that moment has changed forever my perspective on sharing the truth. This is because I am no longer fearful of someone rejecting the truth or even getting angry with me if they don't like the truth I am sharing. This has set me free to share the truth because you and I are simply the messengers. God is responsible for what He does with that truth.

The final thought I have about being a seed thrower is that as I learn, apply, and experience God's truth, my Christ-confidence grows. Christ-confidence is a spiritual confidence that grows as we believe and experience God's truth in our lives. As my Christ-

confidence grows, my desire to share God's truth grows as well. I pray that as you walk in a moment-by-moment dependence on Christ your Christ-confidence will grow to a place where you cannot not share God's truth.

God Wants You To Live From The Divine "WOW" Of Participating With Him

*"O LORD, I have heard of your renown, and I stand in awe,
O LORD, of your work." Habakkuk 3:2.*

I have witnessed the power of God work countless times in the hearts of unbelievers and believers alike. I never get tired of watching God's power change hearts and destinies. Every time I witness it, I have the same feeling Moses must have had when God opened the Red Sea. Moses was confident in God's power to do so but can you imagine the look on his face when it actually happened? I am not sure how you say "Wow!" in Hebrew but I am sure Moses was "wowed" to watch the sea part. God wants you to live in the "wow" of His amazing power as well.

God DELIGHTS In Your Willingness To Be For Others

*".....For the Lord delights in you....."
Isaiah 62:4*

"Delight" in this verse means "take pleasure in or be pleased with." Can you imagine how God feels when you choose to live for others? I would like for you to visualize that every time you reach out to others, God is elbowing the angels and saying, "That's my boy!" or "That's my girl!" Yes, God can get excited. Especially when He has so transformed you that you intentionally seek out others to give hope, encouragement and Life.

I hope these truths have encouraged you and will give you a greater desire and Christ-confidence to reach out to others. There is one more key truth we need to understand and I will discuss it in the next chapter.

Questions To Think About

1. What truths most impacted you in this chapter? Why?

2. In what ways does it encourage you that you are just a “seed thrower?”

3. In what ways or why could your testimony have more impact in someone’s life than just quoting them scripture?

4. What difference would it make if you believed it was a privilege to be used by God to transform another person’s life?

5. Would it give you a greater desire to reach out to others, knowing how it makes God fee

Chapter Nine

Let All Be Done In Love

*“Let all that you do be done in **love**.”
1 Corinthians 16:14*

Introduction

Not only what the Bible says about love but what I have experienced about love bears out 1 Corinthians 13:2.

*“If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but **do not have love, I am nothing**.”*

When I read this verse, I realize that all that we have and all God accomplishes through us must be done in love. Ephesians 4:15 reinforces that idea.

*“....speaking the truth in **love**.....”*

Truth, power and love are inseparable. Because we can speak in power but without love we are nothing more than a noisy gong and clanging cymbal according to 1 Corinthians 13:1:

*“If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a **noisy gong** or a **clanging cymbal**.”*

That is why Paul tells us that love is our highest priority.

*“But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but **the greatest of these is love**.” 1 Corinthians 13:13*

Because of its paramount importance, I want to spend an entire chapter on living our life for others through love. I hope what I share will give you a deeper understanding and deeper

desire to love those who are and will come into your six square feet.

Our Highest Calling Is To Be A LOVER

“He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

*³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**’”*
Matthew 22:37-39

As Christians, we are called to be messengers, evangelists, ministers of the truth, teachers, etc. However, are these our greatest callings? My conclusion, based on this Matthew passage, is that our highest calling is to be **lovers**. We are to be lovers of God, others and self. Jesus declares this as our highest priority.

If our highest calling is to be a lover, how might that change how we interact with everyone who comes into our six square feet? The idea of primarily being a lover has radically changed how I look at my six square feet. This is because my focus since 1998 had been to be a messenger of Christ-life truths. My focus was all about getting out the message of Christ as our Life. As important as that is, I discovered I was missing a key element.

The Lord began to reveal the missing element through my wife because prior to each speaking engagement she would remind me of this key truth,

“When love is felt, the message is heard.”

I would politely say thank you but I missed God’s truth in what she was saying because my focus was on getting the message out.

For 10 years the Lord was trying to get my attention through my wife but I missed it. The Lord has finally opened my eyes to the truth that loving others must come first and that the message must flow out of that love. As a consequence, I am no longer

seeing myself only as a messenger. Rather, I am seeking to be a lover who delivers a message. That has made all the difference in how I see ministry.

However, this truth doesn't just apply to ministry. It applies to every area of our lives because when people feel loved, it opens their heart to receive what you have to say. This why Paul starts 1 Corinthians 14 by saying:

“Pursue love...”

What Kind Of Love Are We Talking About?

*And a second is like it: **You shall [agape] love your neighbor as yourself.** On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 22:39-40*

When it comes to the second commandment, the “love” Matthew is talking about is *agape* love. There are a number of other forms talked about in the Bible but the one I want to focus on is *agape* love. *Agape* love is defined as the divine love that only comes from God. *Agape* love is perfect, unconditional, sacrificial, and selfless..

Loving others with *agape* love means that regardless of the depth of your relationships you love everyone equally. Think about it. When it came to *agape* love did Jesus love the disciples or the little children more than he did the self-righteous Pharisees? The answer is “no” because *agape* love is perfect, unconditional, and does not play favorites. When it came to *agape* love, Jesus loved the Pharisees, the little children, and His disciples equally.

Agape love has:

- no conditions.
- no expectations.
- no limitations.
- no selfish motives.

Agape Love Is An UNSTOPPABLE Force

*“For I am convinced that **neither** death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, **will be able to separate us from the love of God**, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38, 39*

Romans 8:38-39 promises that nothing will separate us from God’s love. In addition, Paul is telling us is that nothing and no one is going to stop God from loving you. Likewise, no one can stop you from loving them with God’s agape love because Christ’s love is unstoppable.

When I think of this truth, it reminds me of one of my board members who called me periodically and says, “I love you Bill and there is nothing you can do about it.” That is the unstoppable love of God.

How would knowing there is nothing anyone in your six square feet could do to stop Christ’s love flowing through you change your desire to love those who are difficult to love or those who might reject your love?

Is Love What You DO Or Is It Who You ARE?

Dallas Willard says this about love:

*“Our aim under love is not to be loving to this or that person, but to be **a person possessed by love** as an overall character of life. Love is not what you choose to do. It is what you choose to **be**.”*

I believe Willard’s statements are true for two biblical reasons:

1. You Are A CONTAINER of All Christ’s Love

I shared earlier that as a Christian, according to Colossians 2:9, 10, you have the “fullness” of Christ in you which means you not

only contain the fullness of such Christ-like characteristics as Christ's peace, joy, rest, forgiveness, you have the fullness of Christ's love in you as well.

Why is this important? As a container you possess all of Christ's love and are possessed by His love. Being a container of the fullness of Christ's love means that you don't have to produce Christ's love. Rather, you just need to make yourself available for Christ to "leak out" His love that you already possess.

2. In Your NEW IDENTITY You Are A Lover

Dallas Willard also said this:

*"It is not about coming to the unlovable and trying to love them. Rather, come to them as a **loving person**. Even **God doesn't just love, He is love. It is his identity.**"*

Just as this is God's identity, it is our identity as well. How so? First of all, we know from 2 Corinthians 5:17 that we have a new identity:

*"Therefore **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation (new identity);** the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."*

Having a new identity means that we are partakers of the divine nature.

*"For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you **may become partakers of the divine nature.**" 2 Peter 1:4*

Part of being a partaker of the divine nature is that God has imparted to us His divine love in order for us to be lovers. Therefore, loving is not only what we do, it is who we are.

Why Love Conquers All Who Come Into Your Six Square Feet

We said earlier that we are not just containers of Christ's life, we are to leak out that life to others. The same is true with agape love. We see this in Romans 5:5:

*"and hope does not disappoint, because **the love of God has been poured out within our hearts** through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."*

God has poured/leaked His love into our hearts so that we can leak it out to others. Therefore, what does it look like practically to conquer your six square feet in love?

1. Love Does NOT JUDGE

Love and judgment are mutually exclusive. What I discovered personally, is that you can't love and judge at the same time. Agape love will not judge someone whose thoughts, ideas or opinions are different from theirs. (You might want to read that statement again.)

To get to that place for me has been a very long journey but as the Lord continues to free me from my deep-seated judgmental attitude, it frees me to love and speak the truth in love. Being free from judging also allows us to focus on the Lord and how He wants to interact with a person when they come into our six square feet.

A practical example of this is that you are talking with someone whose views about politics or certain cultural issues contradict what you believe or what God's word says. As they express those views, you have a choice to make. You can immediately start judging that person and mentally get ready to defend what you believe with a fleshly attitude or you can choose not to judge and to listen to how the Holy Spirit wants you to respond to what they are saying. In love, you choose not to judge because through you the Spirit may want to save that person or bring them to life in Christ or perhaps just encourage them. This

idea is of loving and not judging is crucial in conquering your six square feet.

2. Love Never TAKES OFFENSE

In addition to not judging, in Christ you are unoffendable. One of my favorite books is titled, *Unoffendable*. It focuses on the idea that if we are living in Christ, we do not have to take ownership when someone tries to offend us. People do things all the time to knowingly or unknowingly to offend us. The fleshly temptation is to take ownership of their offense and offend back.

As I look around at Christians and non-Christians alike, it seems like we are constantly being offended by something or someone. Offended by what a person believes or how they act or by such petty things as the way they dress. If you are being offended by those who come into your six square feet, how effective will you be in loving them? As with judging, you cannot love and be offended at the same time.

When you get to a place spiritually of being unoffendable, it frees you from reacting, retaliating or even be frustrated. Most importantly, it frees you to love.

3. Love Is HUMBLE and SELFLESS

Love, humility and selflessness go together because the less I focus on me and my needs the more I can focus on you. Becoming more selfless frees you up from trying to conform them to your agendas and opinions. As a result, your primary concern will be for the other person and their needs. Being selfless allows you to focus on their issues and listen to the Spirit in order to know how to help or encourage them.

When I share truth in humility, I tend to get a lot further with someone than when I press into them with a self-righteous attitude. Think about the humility of Jesus. How spiritually attractive do you think His humility made Him? As human beings, we are wired to be drawn to humble people. Therefore, as we

speaking truth or expressing Christ's Life, let it be through the filter of humility and selflessness.

4. Love Makes Someone Feel SAFE

We talked about being a safe person in a previous chapter. There is nothing that makes someone feel safer than knowing and feeling they are being loved.

5. Love UNLOCKS A Person's Heart

I have seen God's love unlock many people's hearts including mine. I had padlocked the door to a heart filled with anger, bitterness, unforgiveness, and woundedness. This went on for many years until God brought a man into my life named David Love. (Only God could bring a Love to a Loveless.)

When I first met David, I was head of the mission's committee at my church. A friend of mine recommended that I consider David and his wife (who were missionaries at the time) to be financially supported by our church.

I took David out to lunch to interview him but as we began to talk over lunch, I began to feel the love of God through David. The next thing I knew, Christ's love through David was unlocking the padlock to the door of my heart. I couldn't resist it or stop it. Before I knew it, I started pouring out my very troubled heart and continued doing so for the next three hours to this perfect stranger. (Since then, David and I have become very close friends.) When I look back on that event, I saw and experienced the irresistibility of agape love unlock my heart.

There are many other characteristics of a love leaker we could talk about but I hope the ones I have shared will give you a better idea of what it means to conquer your six square feet through love.

This wraps up the discussion concerning the four swords. I pray that the thoughts I have shared concerning the swords of

life, truth, power and love have helped you in understanding practically how to conquer your six square feet.

Love Has POWER

*“For God has not given us a spirit of fear but of
love and power...” 2 Timothy 1:7*

Have you thought about how love and power go together. Love through power can accomplish the following:

- It can disarm a person and make them open and transparent.
- It can bring a person to brokenness.
- It can draw an unbeliever to salvation.
- It can move people to love you.

Power clothed in love can:

- PENETRATE a heart.
- SOFTEN a heart
- HEAL a heart
- TRANSFORM a heart.

EXPRESSING Love

Let me finish this chapter with some thoughts about how we express the love of Christ. When it comes to expressing love, it can be expressed in many different ways. It may be a gentle, compassionate expression or it may be a bold proclamation. Expressing love may come in the form of confronting someone's lies with God's truth or correcting their false beliefs. Love may be simply listening and affirming.

Jesus loved the Pharisees as much as he did the little children. However, He expressed love to the Pharisees by getting in their faces and speaking truth. It was strong and bold. In contrast, the tone with the children was gentle and compassionate.

The key in how we express Christ's love is being sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Why? Because He knows exactly what we are to say, when to say it and most importantly how to say it.

In addition to the key truth in this chapter and the previous one, there is one more truth we need to understand. I will be sharing that truth in the next chapter.

(I have written a book and an entire study on this topic called *Free To Love* that goes into greater depth on this topic. If you are interested, you can find this book under Discipleship Study on our website: www.christislifeministries.com)

Questions To Think About

1. What truths most impacted you in this chapter? Why?

2. How did it impact you when you read that nobody can stop you from loving them? Does that make a difference in how you might relate to people? How so?

3. Had you heard the truth that loving is not only what you do, it is who you are? If not, how might that change your heart to love those unlovable people in your life?

4. What have you learned about love in this chapter that is giving you a greater motivation to love? Why?

Chapter Ten

We Are Part Of A Great Spiritual Battle

There Is A Battle Raging

*“Put on the full **armor** of God...”
Ephesians 6:11*

I trust you know that we are involved in a great spiritual battle. This battle is between good and evil and we are caught in the middle. Our armor is Christ and God’s truth is our sword. We are to grow in Christ and as we do our armor thickens and we become more impenetrable to our flesh, Satan and the world. This in turn makes us more valuable to God’s kingdom because we are not only fighting for our own spiritual life, we are fighting for those still in bondage to their false beliefs.

Our Great Adversary

If you follow what is going on the world (and I hope you do), there is a temptation to believe our adversary are people like politicians who don’t agree with our Biblical view or people who support cultural issues that are anti-Biblical (i. e., abortion, LGBTQ, etc.)

However, our real adversary is not people. According to Ephesians 6:12, *“our battle is not against flesh and blood”* but our real adversary is Satan and his demonic forces who are blinding non-Christians as well as Christians to believe and spread his gospel of “evil” which is defined as anything that is anti-God or anti-truth. We see this in 2 Corinthians 4:4:

*“in whose case the **god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving** so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”*

His Strategy Is To Devour Us And Everyone In Our Six Square Feet

*“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary,
the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion,
seeking someone to devour.”*

1 Peter 5:8

If you are living in the truth and are speaking and expressing truth to others, you have become public enemy #1 to Satan. Why? Because the greatest threat to Satan is the truth. If you know, believe and walk in the truth you are very dangerous to the Satan’s strategy. The truth makes him a toothless lion because his primary strategy is to keep people in bondage to their false beliefs. Because as John 8:44 tells us,

*“he is a **liar** and the **father of lies.**”*

This is why he must pull out all the stops to stop you because he knows that if you share truth with someone and they are transformed by the truth, then they will tell others and then multiplication takes place.

Therefore, let’s look at some of his strategies to keep us from being conquerors in this battle for the hearts of those who are part of our six square feet.

- Deceives us into believing that we are not qualified to be vessels of truth for God.
- Inserts the “what if” thoughts into our ears. (“What if I don’t have all the answers.” “What if I am rejected.” “What if I make a fool out of myself.” (The thoughts he inserts always come in first person.)
- Keeps us in bondage to the fears that prevent us from sharing truth with others. (i.e. fear of rejection, fear of failure, etc.)

- Does everything he can to stop us from growing up spiritually.

The Ultimate Strategy Of Satan: To Persuade You To Keep Your Focus On Yourself

I call this the “what about me” strategy. We all have needs and Satan can play on those needs by persuading us to be “takers.” By that I mean, we become so self-absorbed we are not looking for people to minister to or encourage. Instead, we are looking to people to encourage and minister to us.

If the enemy can keep you focused on yourself and persuade you that you’re too needy to be for others, you will never win the battle for your six square feet.

Satan is working non-stop to destroy your witness because he knows to well how effective you are to other believers, to unbelievers, and to our culture. If we don’t realize where he is working then we will become casualties and not conquerors.

Good News! The VICTORY Is Ours

*“but thanks be to God, who gives us the **victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**” 1 Corinthians 15:57*

Even though as Christians we must be alert and aware of Satan’s strategies, we must remember that Satan has already been defeated. For you and me, he was defeated at the cross. Therefore, we do not have to fear him or his demonic forces. The truth is that we are victorious over Satan when we walk in the truth.

We Are CONQUERORS!

Romans 8:37 in the King James version says:

*“we are **more than conquerors**”*

What does it mean to be more than a conqueror? In regards to the focus of this book, I define a conqueror this way.

Any Christian who is WILLING, AVAILABLE and DEPENDENT on God to speak or express His life and His truth through them in love to everyone who is in their six square feet.

Being a conqueror, is not only who we are, it is our calling as well. I define “conquering” as being willing, available and dependent on God because as we come in contact with others, our desire should be to allow Him to express His Life and truth through us in order to encourage, renew and transform others.

God is calling us out today and every day so that He can conquer Satan through us because the truth will defeat him every time. Therefore, if we are not conquerors, we become casualties. Let me share the difference between the two.

CASUALTY? Or CONQUEROR?

Let’s look at the differences between a casualty and a conqueror.

A CASUALTY

I define a spiritual “casualty” as any believer who is:

- In bondage to their sin and fleshly behaviors.
- Unwilling to be used of the Lord in the lives of others.
- Not growing spiritually.
- So self-focused and self-absorbed they don’t care about anyone but themselves.
- Sitting in a spiritual La-Z-Boy of indifference and apathy.
- Feeling powerless because they don’t realize, believe or engage the transforming power of the Holy Spirit who lives in them.

- Believing they are inadequate, helpless or incapable of making a difference in another person's life.

What is the result of being a casualty? Simply put, the results of being a casualty is that no lives will ever be transformed through you.

A CONQUEROR

On the other hand, as spiritual conquerors we:

- Continue to grow spiritually.
- Have spiritual eyes to see past the externals of people and see their hearts.
- Are sensitive to what the Spirits speaks and how He guides us with people who are in our six square feet.
- Walk in the power of the Spirit for Him to transform the lives of those around us.
- Value and love everyone who comes into our life.
- Intentionally seek the Holy Spirit to do whatever He desires through us to encourage, exhort, and transform everyone who comes into our six square feet.
- Grow in Christ-confidence that we are God's warriors through whom He will win the battle for the hearts and minds of His people.

The truth is that, as a Christians living in this time in history, we cannot afford to be casualties. Therefore, choose to walk in the truth that you are (more than) a conqueror in Christ because that is who God says you are.

Questions To Think About

1. What truths most impacted you in this chapter? Why?

2. What are some other strategies of Satan will use to “devour” us that I did not list?

3. Why do you want to be a conqueror rather than a casualty?

4. What might be the consequences to those in our six square feet if we become casualties?

Chapter Eleven

How Will We Know We Are Living Life For Others?

*“do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also **for the interests of others.**” Philippians 2:4*

I want to finish by looking at the evidence that we are living life for others. I could write a book on this chapter alone but I want to share with you some of the key outcomes that I have witnessed in myself and others.

You Will Be FREE From The What If’s

*“For you were called to **freedom**, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” Galatians 5:13*

Remember the “what if’s” we talked about in Chapter Five?

- What if I am rejected?
- What if I don’t have the right answers?
- What if I end up looking like a fool?

These are just a few of the “what if’s” that I listed. The great news about growing spiritually is that we will be set free from the what if’s. You will get to the place where “what if?” will be replaced by “so what.”

“So what” if:

- I am rejected.
- I don’t have the right answers..
- I end up looking like a fool.

“So what” means you are free from rejection, having all the right answers and feeling like a fool. Doesn’t that sound like freedom to you? This is a place of great freedom because none of the “what if’s” will control you anymore.

Just for the record, concerning those three things listed above what is the truth? You are accepted in Christ and therefore, unrejectable. Having the right answers will be replaced by having the right heart. As far as looking like a fool, Paul says we are “fools for Christ” so embrace feeling like a fool because that is what we are.

Your Fears Will DIMINISH

*“There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casts out fear**, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.” 1 John 4:18*

As you grow spiritually and reach out to people on a more consistent basis, you will discover that your fears about sharing truth for others will subside. Why? Because as 1 John 4:18 above says, “love will cast out fear.” The fear of failure, of rejection, or feeling out of control will be replaced by the love of Christ. You will grow to a place where your only fear is not being used by God to transform the hearts of His people and that is a healthy, holy fear.

“Here I Am. Send ME”

*“Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?’ Then I said, **‘Here I am. Send me.’**” Isaiah 6:8*

As you watch God supernaturally work through you, your passion to be used by God will grow. Your reluctance to live for others will diminish because you have a front row seat to God’s work in other people’s lives. You will find yourself seeking God for more opportunities to be a part of transforming people’s lives. (Watch out it can get addictive.)

There Will Be A GREATER Expression Of Christ Through You

We see this part in 2 Corinthians 4:10:

“always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.”

After reading this verse one day I looked up the word “manifested” in the Greek. One of the definitions is “*to make known that which was hidden.*” What Paul is saying is that Christ not only lives in us, He wants to manifest Himself or make Himself known to others through us. Early on in our journey, Christ is hidden because we are more concerned about ourselves than God and helping others.

However, as we grow in Christ, then our very lives will “make known” this amazing God who lives within us. We are like a dimmer switch in that as it is slowly being turned the light gets brighter and brighter. In the same way, as we become more Christ-like, Christ becomes a greater and greater expression of Himself through us to others.

Dan Stone wrote in his book *The Rest of The Gospel* that it is Christ IN us, Christ THROUGH us and Christ AS us. I will never forget the first time I read this 20 years ago. I understood “in us” and “through us,” but I was a little perplexed about what “as us” meant. Now I realize that “as us” means Christ manifesting His Christ-likeness (forgiveness, compassion, patience, hope, etc.) through us to others.

You Become More SELFLESS

*“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind **regard one another as more important than yourselves.**” Philippians 2:3*

Growing into Christ-likeness means becoming more selfless. As I shared with you, I was very self-protective and self-absorbed before I started growing in Christ. My only concern was about getting my needs met and people loving, accepting and affirming me. One of the great miracles of spiritual growth for me is that I now care for you. In fact, my only motivation for writing this book or any other of my books is my deep concern for you and your spiritual journey. Trust me, that is a spiritual miracle.

Your HEART For People Will Grow

Not only will we become more selfless, our heart for people will grow to places that we never thought possible.

*“For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because **I have you in my heart.**” Philippians 1:7*

Paul, the great former legalist, whose greatest passion was to kill Christians has been so transformed that his hardened heart has been divinely tenderized to this place of love and concern for others. I was like Paul in many ways even as a Christian. My heart was to correct or straighten people out but God has softened by heart to a place where I can say to you, “I have you in my heart,” because my heart for people is growing deeper and stronger. As

As your heart for people grows,

1. You will find yourself caring more for others.
2. You will be experiencing greater compassion for hurting people.
3. You will focus more on the needs of others than your own.
4. You will be looking for ways to be used of God in the lives of others.

Your Agape Love For Others Will GROW

*“And this I pray, that **your love may abound still more and more** in real knowledge and all discernment.” Philippians 1:9*

We talked earlier about when we experience *agape* love for people, there are no conditions, no expectations, no limitations and no selfish motives. For me, loving others with *agape* love is the highest form of living for others.

To love them in spite of their quirky behavior, their fleshly behaviors that drive us crazy and to love people without expectations is evidence of God's work in your life to make you an unconditional lover. You will find yourself saying under your breath to others, "I love you and there is nothing you can do about it." What a wonderful place to be. By the way, this includes loving the unlovable people in your life as well.

Your HEART For God Will Grow

*"When You said, "Seek My face," **my heart** said to You, "Your face, O LORD, I shall seek."*

The discipleship vision for our church is this: "Grow up, Grow out. Grow deep." I love this vision statement because as we grow up in Christ, we will grow out (living life for others) and we will grow deep because our heart for God will grow. This is one of the most personal spiritual benefits of becoming more selfless.

Not only will we be more for others, we will have a greater hunger and thirst for God and intimacy with Him. Out of what He is doing in us and through us, will come the same heart for God that David had. We see more of his heart in the following verses.

*"You **satisfy** me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy." Psalm 63:5*

*"O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul **thirsts** for you; my whole-body **longs** for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water."
Psalm 63:1*

You (In Christ), Will Become A Vital Part Of Building Christ's Church

“Each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

Ephesians 4:16

The more we mature spiritually and the more we seek out others to speak truth to, encourage, etc., the more vital we become to Christ in building His church. Through you He will grow others into Christ-likeness in order to love and live for others which in turn creates a healthy body. As I shared before,

Conclusion

I pray this chapter has given you a greater motivation and desire to live for others. As you can see, the overflow of Christ living through us for others, not only spiritually benefits them but you receive spiritual benefits as well.

Questions To Think About

1. What truths most impacted you in this chapter? Why?

2. Which of these characteristics do you most want to experience? Why?

3. Have you thought about God delighting in you as you live your life more for others? If not, how does that truth make you feel?

4. Does reading this chapter give you a greater desire to live life for others? In what ways?

CONCLUSION

I want to conclude this study with a couple of final thoughts.

What About Jesus and His Six Square Feet?

Jesus, while on earth, was limited to six square feet like you and me. I thought I would conclude this book with a few examples of what it looked like for Jesus to live for His Father with those who came into His six square feet.

The Pool Of Bethesda – John 5:1-9

When Jesus went to the pool of Bethesda, he ended up healing just one man even though there were many afflicted people at the same pool. I imagine He would have liked to heal others, but the Spirit told him there would be just one. He walked in the Spirit's discernment to know which one to heal.

The lesson I take from this is that we must be attentive to the Spirit in discerning whom we are to speak or minister to out of all those who come into our six square feet each day. We will sometimes have a number of people we will encounter, but we must be sensitive to the Holy Spirit in deciding whom He wants to minister to through us.

The Money Changers – Matthew 21:12, 13

In these two verses, we see the righteous anger of Jesus in overturning the tables of the money changers in the temple. Jesus was wielding the sword of truth when He said in verse 13,

"It is written, 'MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER'; but you are making it a ROBBERS' DEN."

This is a perfect example of Jesus expressing His life (i.e., boldness), speaking truth in the Spirit's power, wrapped in His love. Don't miss the fact that even though this was a rather

traumatic scene, Jesus was expressing His love for these money changers.

The Canaanite Woman - Matthew 15:21-28

Another favorite encounter of mine is the Canaanite woman who came to Jesus concerning her demon possessed daughter. During their verbal exchange it sounded like Jesus was putting this woman off. After all, she was a Gentile which in the Greek means “dog.” They went back and forth in their conversation, the woman persisting until Jesus agreed to heal her daughter. At the end of their conversation, Jesus said, *“O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish”* v. 28.

What stood out to me is the Lord’s desire to make sure the woman was serious about her faith in His ability and willingness before He healed her daughter. As a result of her faith and perseverance, her daughter was healed.

There are many more examples of Jesus living His life for others, but suffice to say, He expressed His life, His truth, His power and His love with every person He encountered. He is trusting you and me to depend on Him to do the same.

“One More Lord. Just One More”

I don’t know if you watched the movie “Hacksaw Ridge,” but the movie was about Desmond Doss who was the first conscientious objector in World War II to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. The short version of the story of his incredible bravery is that he was a medic in Okinawa. Since it was against his principles to kill anyone, he became a medic.

The story takes place in Okinawa at a place called Hacksaw Ridge. It was a 100 foot cliff the Americans had to climb up to engage the Japanese. The Americans were repelled a number of times. The second time Doss and his men were pushed back down the ridge, he did not go down with the rest of his company. Rather, he stayed to get as many wounded off that ridge as he

could. In the midst of enemy fire, he would drag one wounded soldier after another and using heaving ropes, would let the soldiers down this 100 cliff.

In one scene of the movie, he was letting one of the wounded soldiers down the cliff and he said, "One more Lord, just one more." He was exhausted but kept praying for the Lord to allow him to save one more. All in all, he got 75 wounded men off that ridge.

I share that story because that is my heart and I pray it is yours when it comes to living for others in our six square feet. Therefore, please join me as I beseech the Lord:

"One more Lord, just one more."

Final Thoughts

What we need to understand is that Jesus isn't sending most of us out to foreign countries as missionaries, but only asking us to let Him live through us in our own homes, with our family, in neighborhoods, in workplaces, etc. This are our six square feet. It's the ordinary people who walk into our lives every day that He wants to touch with His truth through us if we will only let Him.

When Jesus came to our earth, he set aside His glory, assumed the same fleshly limitations as we have. His mission then was to seek and save the lost. He always lived His life for the sake of others. His mission has not changed; He just has relocated Himself inside every believer in order to continue to accomplish His purposes through us. All He is asking you and me is, "Are you willing to let Me live My life through you to love, to save, to heal, to encourage, to love and to transform those who come into your six square feet?"

As the truth of this reality becomes clearer to me, I want to know with confidence that you will be beside me or in front or in back of me conquering your six square feet because you and I are part of a spiritual army the Lord wants to use to transform the

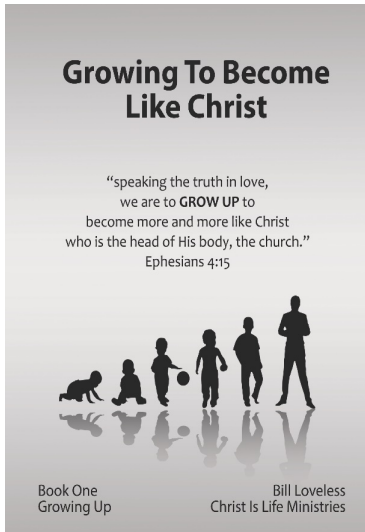
hearts and minds of others. We know He can accomplish that without us but He so wants to do it through us for our sake as well as the sake of others. My challenge to you, therefore, is to seek the Lord non-stop to give you the willingness to go forth in His life, His truth, His power, His love to live for others and be a conqueror in His name.

Blessings in Christ.

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We know from Galatians 2:20 that Christ lives in us. He lives in us to transform us from the inside out. In addition, He wants to live through us to transform the hearts and destinies of those we come in contact with. This booklet focuses on what God wants to accomplish through you today to save, to encourage, and to transform others. He is inviting you to join Him in His eternal work in the hearts of those you come in contact with today. Will you accept the invitation and join Him?

In this booklet we will be answering the following questions:

- What is your six square feet?
- What does it mean to conquer your six square feet?
- What are the hindrances to being a conqueror?
- How do you conquer your six square feet?
- What will be the results of being a conqueror?



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