

“An Ambassador’s Day-to-Day Impact”
INTRODUCTION

5/30/10

9 & 10:45 am

This past week has been one where many of us made a difference in someone’s life. For some it was a simple act of kindness, for others it was a coordinated effort with friends or an agency. All of it was putting the love of Jesus into action.

I sent out an e-mail on Friday letting you know that *you* are the message today. I asked you to come prepared to simply share what you did as an ambassador of Jesus to encourage or give hope or meet a need in someone’s life.

And in just a moment I’m going to ask you to come to one of the microphones and briefly share what you did.

I’d like you to view this as a gathering of family members, in the church living room, who have come to give praise to God and to encourage one another with how God touched people’s lives through you this week.

So, I hope you’ve come ready to share. Don’t let the fear of standing before others stop you from encouraging your church family this morning.

1 Corinthians 14:26 **“What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church.”**

As you come to share today, you will strengthen and encourage your brothers and sisters.

So, let’s begin (Even if what you did appeared in one of the e-mails this week, we’d love to have you come and share)

Those in the Family Room or the Edge, please feel free to come over here and share so we can all be encouraged!

Sharon and I made a donation to Voice of the Martyrs. The donation will go to help support family members—wives, children—of Christians who have been imprisoned for their faith in Jesus.

Please go to <http://www.fbcmodesto.com/audio/> and click on “audio” or “video” to hear the testimonies!

CONCLUSION

Matthew 25:31 **“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His throne in heavenly glory.**

32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He

will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

33 He will put the sheep on His right and the goats on His left.

34 Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by My Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

35 For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited Me in,

36 I needed clothes and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you came to visit Me.’

37 “Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give You something to drink?’

38 When did we see You a stranger and invite You in, or needing clothes and clothe You?

39 When did we see You sick or in prison and go to visit You?’

40 “The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me.’”

45 “He will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for Me.’”

Have you ever had a class where the teacher gives you a study guide before the final exam? If you complete the study guide, you will know the answers to the test and get 100%.

The passage I just read is part of our final, final, final exam. And when we stand before Jesus He will give us our final grade.

The Bible says that our faith in Jesus will be revealed by what we do.

And as we meet people’s needs as ambassadors of King Jesus, something amazing happens:

In our minds are thoughts of representing Him, loving and giving in His name.

But, He turns things around in an amazing way. He says that when we serve others, we are actually serving Him ...

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The person in need, whom we serve, is Jesus.

How will our lives change as a result of knowing what’s on the final exam? How will our lives change knowing that when we meet a need in someone’s life, we’re actually serving Jesus?

Let’s not allow this to be a one-week focus. Let’s continue to serve Jesus by serving people!

“Father in Heaven, please help me start each day looking for the needs of people around me. And please fill me with the same kind of heart Jesus had—coming to serve and not to be served. In His name, Amen.”