

LOF 5 - THE CHURCH: HOSPITAL FOR THE SICK

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INTRODUCTION

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- THIS SESSION WE'RE GOING TO GO DEEPER AND LEARN ABOUT JESUS HEART FOR THE SICK.
- AND MY PRAYER TONIGHT IS THAT AS WE'RE GOING TO GO DEEPER ON UNDERSTANDING HIS HEART FOR THE SICK, HE BEGIN TO REVEAL OUR CALLING FOR THE SICK TOO.

1. GOD'S DESIRE FOR THE SICK.

- THE PHARISEES ASKED HIS DISCIPLES, "WHY DOES YOUR TEACHER EAT WITH SUCH SCUM? WHEN JESUS HEARD THIS, HE SAID, "HEALTHY PEOPLE DON'T NEED A DOCTOR, SICK PEOPLE DO AND I DESIRE THAT THEY BE HEALED." MATTHEW 9:11-12
- "THE SCUM ON EARTH"
 - SUCH A STRONG WORD...SCUM.
 - SCUM = LAYER OF DIRT OVER A LIQUID.
 - SCUM = WORTHLESS GROUP OF PEOPLE.
 - THESE PHARISEES (PEOPLE OF RELIGION) WAS ASKING 'WHY DOES YOUR TEACHER, THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL, THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE EAT WITH SUCH SCUM?'
- BUT LISTEN TO HIS RESPONSE:
 - HEALTHY PEOPLE DON'T NEED A DOCTOR, SICK PEOPLE DO.
 - AND MY DESIRE IS FOR THEM TO BE HEALED.
 - "THEY ARE NOT SCUM, THEY ARE JUST SICK AND IM HERE TO HEAL THEM"

- 2 THINGS WE CAN LEARN FROM THIS:

1. FIRST JESUS SEE HIMSELF AS THE DOCTOR.

- DOCTOR = SOMEONE WITH THE CAPACITY TO HELP.
- DOCTOR = SOMEONE WHO ARE CALLED/CREATED/SET APART TO HELP.

MY DAD IS A DOCTOR

- AND BEING A DOCTOR IN JEMBER (REMOTE AREA OF Indonesia)
- MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, HIS PATIENTS DON'T HAVE THE MEANS AND CAPACITY TO PAY HIM BACK.
- AND I OFTEN SEE THAT HE WENT HOME BRINGING BANANA, RICE, VEGETABLES FROM HIS PATIENTS.
- BUT REGARDLESS....HE ALWAYS WENT HOME WITH A SMILE IN HIS FACE.

- HE'S NOT JUST SOMEONE WITH THE CAPACITY TO HEAL.
- BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY HE SEE HIMSELF AS SOMEONE WHO IS CALLED TO HELP PEOPLE.
 - MY LIFE CALLING...
 - MY PURPOSE....
 - I MAY NOT HAVE THE MONEY, BUT IM SMILING BECAUSE IM DOING WHAT GOD CALLED ME TO DO.

ITS THE SAME WITH WITH JESUS.

- THAT'S HIS HEART FOR THE SICK.
- WHAT YOU CALLED SCUM, I SEE THEM AS SICK.
- AND IM HERE TO HEAL THEM.
- I CHOSD TO SPEND TIME WITH THE SCUM OF THE EARTH.

2. GOD'S DESIRE SHOULD BE OUR DESIRE

- WE AS THE FOLLOWER OF JESUS....
 - HIS HEART SHOULD BE OUR HEART.
 - HIS PRIORITY SHOULD BE OUR PRIORITY.
 - HIS BUSINESS SHOULD BE OUR BUSINESS.

- SOMETIMES BELIEVE IT OR NOT WE BECAME CHRISTIANS WHO LIKE THE PHARISEES:
 - WE ARE TOO BUSY WITH SPENDING TIME WITH THE HEALED, THE RESTORED, THE CHURCHED, THE PLANTED.
 - AHHH MY CONNECT GROUP IS AMAZING, THEY ARE STRONG, THEY ARE BLESSED.....

- THAT WE FORGOT....IF GOD IS IN OUR CONNECT GROUP....HE IS SEARCHING...WHERE ARE THE SICK...WHERE ARE THE NEW....

- HEALTHY PEOPLE DON'T NEED A DOCTOR.
- THE HEALTHY PEOPLE DON'T NEED YOU.
 - THE SICK DOES!
 - THE BROKEN DOES!
 - THE CAST OUT DOES!
 - THE "HOMELESS (WITHOUT CHURCH),
 - THE REJECTED.

- THAT'S WHY EVERYTIME I JUMPED IN TO LOF GROUP OR CONNECT GROUP, I LOVE IT WHEN THERE IS NEW PEOPLE, OR SOMEONE IS OPENING UP ABOUT THEIR LIFE.
 - FIRE COMES BACK.
 - WHY BECAUSE ALL OF THE SUDDEN WE'RE REMINDED THAT THIS CHURCH WAS NEVER BUILT FOR THE PERFECT, THIS CHURCH WAS NEVER BUILT FOR THOSE WHO GOT IT ALL TOGETHER.
 - THIS CHURCH WAS ALLLLLWAYS BUILT FOR THE SICK, FOR THE SINGLE MOTHER, FOR THE BROKEN, FOR THE LOST!
 - SOMEBODY SHOUT AMEEEEEN!!!!

- COVID - No. BED.
 - WE SEE THE NEWS EVERYWHERE THAT RIGHT NOW ONE OF THE THING THAT THE WORLD NEEDS ARE THE HOSPITAL BEDS.
 - PEOPLE LINED UP OUTSIDE THE PARKING LOTS, SOME DIED OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL PARKING LOTS. BECAUSE THERE IS NOT ENOUGH BED BECAUSE OF THIS PANDEMIC.

- HOLY SPIRIT REMINDED ME.
- WHEN WE DON'T CARE ABOUT THE SICK, WHEN WE STOP INVITING THEM, WE REALLY LIKE A HOSPITAL THAT HAVE THE BED, BUT WE SAY....NOOOO WE CAN'T ACCEPT YOU.

- WE NEED TO OPEN MORE BEDS FOR THE SICK.
- WE NEED TO OPEN MORE CONNECT GROUPS FOR THE SICK.
- YOUR LIFE IS THOSE BED.
- WHEN YOU SAY 'I WANT TO START REACHING OUT, I WANT TO START INVITING THEM TO MY CONNECT,'
- THAT'S YOU SAYING....YES, ONE MORE BED IS AVAILABLE.
- MY LIFE IS AVAILABLE.
- CERITA DEASY.
- SHE FELT SOOO LOVED.
- SHE FELT SOOO GRATEFUL BECAUSE RIGHT AT THE POINT OF HER NEEDS, WE JUST HUGGED HER WITH SO MUCH ACCEPTANCE, No. JUDGEMENT KIND OF LOVE.

MAYBE YOU COME AND SAY 'I DONT' HAVE IT WITHIN ME'.

IM NOT A DOCTOR FOR THIS BROKEN.

I DON'T HAVE IT WITHIN ME.

I DON'T HAVE THE QUALIFICATION TO COUNSEL.

CHURCH, THAT'S A LIE FROM THE DEVIL.

2. I HAVE ANOINTED YOU TO HEAL THE BROKEN

- THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR, HE HAS SENT ME TO HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED, TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET A LIBERTY THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED. LUKE 4:18

THAT SAME SPIRIT IS WITHIN YOU!

- CHURCH!
- WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT THAT SAME SPIRIT THAT WAS IN JESUS IS WITHIN YOU.
- YOU ARE ANOINTED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL!!!
- YOUR WORD, YOUR PRESENCE CAN HEAL THE BROKEN HEARTED.**
- AND LISTEN....LISTEN.....
- YOU ARE ANOINTED TO PROCLAIM FREEDOM TO THE BONDAGED.**
- YOUR WORD CAN RECOVER PEOPLE'S VISION.**

- BUT THE SADDEST THING IS....
- THE CHURCH DOESN'T REALISE THIS.
- WE WAIT FOR SUNDAY FOR A REVIVAL.
- WE WAIT FOR SOME PASTOR TO COME FOR THIS REVIVAL TO HAPPEN.
- WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT **EVERYTHING YOU NEED IS ALREADY WITHIN YOU?**

- WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT **YOU'VE GOT EVERYTHING YOU NEED DON'T WAIT FOR REVIVAL, YOU ARE THAT REVIVAL.**
- DON'T WAIT, DON'T PROCASTINATE, GO OUT....QUICKLY!!!**

- CHURCH! WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT THE WORLD HAS BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.**
- WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT YOUR FRIENDS RESTORATION LIES IN YOUR WORDS?**
- WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT YOUR FRIENDS VISION LIES IN YOUR WORDS?**

- CMON CHURCH ITS TIME FOR US TO START WALKING.**
- WHEN YOU START STEPPING OUT, THE ANOINTING STARTS FLOWING.**
- YOU BEGIN TO WALK ON WATER.**
- PEOPLE WILL BEGIN TO BE HEALED, RESTORED.**
- ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS TO BEGIN TO STEP YOUR FIRST STEP.**

- START BUILDING THAT GENUINE RELATIONSHIP.**
- START MAKING THAT CONVERSATIONS.**

3. GO OUT QUICKLY!

- GO OUT QUICKLY** INTO THE STREETS AND LANES OF THE CITY, AND BRING IN HERE THE POOR, MAIMED, LAME AND BLIND. GO OUT INTO THE HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES, AND COMPEL THEM TO COME IN, THAT MY HOUSE MAY BE FILLED. LUKE 14:15

SEE THE URGENCY OF GOD WHEN IT COMES TO THE SICK.

- GOD DIDN'T SAY....'AHHH WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF TIME'
- No. No. No. No. HE SAID 'GOOOO OUT QUICKLY.
- GO TO THE STREETS, THE LANES OF THE CITY....
- AND BRING ALLL OF THEM.

- YOU SEE **GOD MAKES THE SICK, HIS PRIORITY**
 - THE REST CAN WAIT.
 - HE MAKES IT HIS PRIORITY.

LAUNCH DAY NORTH SYDNEY.

- LAUNCH DAY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE YEAR.
 - BIRTHDAY CANCEL IT.
 - HOLIDAY CANCEL IT.
 - WE PLAN OUR LIFE AROUND....LAUNCH DAY.**

- NORTH SYDNEY WAS SPECIAL
- NORTH SYDNEY WAS MY FIRST.
- IT WAS A MAKE OR BREAK IN MY CAREER.

- BUT HERE'S THE PROBLEM....JESSICA WAS PREGNANT WITH VALERIEH AND HER DUE DATE WAS DUE ON THE EXACT SAME DATE.**

- SO I WAS CAUGHT IN A DILEMA.
- I WAS CAUGHT BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.
- IF YOU EVER MISS MY DUE DATE....EEEK.
- SO I WILL LET YOU LAUNCH YOUR PROJECT, BUT IF YOUR PHONE RING, **YOU COME BACK TO MY KNEES QUICKLY!**

- SO I REMEMBER I TOLD EVERYBODY ...
- GUYS I KNOW THAT THIS DAY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY IN OUR CAREER LIFE.
- BUT THERE IS ONE THING THAT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THIS, AND ITS MY WIFE.
- IF THIS PHONE RINGS DURING THE LAUNCH, I'M OUT OF HERE.

- IF I EVER MISS THIS LAUNCH, I LOST MONEY.
- IF I EVER MISS HER CALL, I LOSE MY LIFE!
- IM NOT DOING THIS FOR MY WIFE, IM DOING THIS FOR MY LIFE =)**

- ANGRY BOSS, HE'LL GET OVER IT.
- BUT ANGRY WIFE, SHE REMEMBERS FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE.

- SO I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY....MY WIFE TAKES PRIORITY!

- YOU SEE....**THAT'S THE WAY JESUS SEES THE LOST.**

- IN THE HEART OF JESUS, THE LOST TAKES PRIORITY.
- IN THE HEART OF JESUS, THE LOST TAKES URGENCY.
- THAT'S WHY HE SAID 'GO OUT QUICKLY!'

- THIS WORLD IS FILLED WITH:
 - THE POOR - THEY ARE STARVING OF THE LOVE OF GOD.
 - THE LAME - THEY HAVE BEEN LIVING BELOW THEIR POTENTIAL.
 - THE BLIND - THEY CAN'T EVEN SEE THAT THEY ARE HEADING TO THE PIT OF HELL.

- AND GOD SAYS....GO OUT QUICKLY!!!
- MAKE THIS A PRIORITY.
- DON'T PROCASTINATE.
- IM ABOUT TO COME BACK FOR THE SECOND TIME.
- TIME IS TICKING.
- GO OUT QUICKLY!**

CLOSING - "WHERE IS THE BROKEN PASTOR?"

4. LET COMPASSION GUIDES YOU.

- BUT WHEN HE SAW THE MULTITUDES. HE WAS MOVED WITH COMPASSION FOR THEM, BECAUSE THEY WERE WEARY AND SCATTERED, LIKE SHEEP HAVING No. SHEPHERD. THEN HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW. THEREFORE PRAY THE LORD OF THE HARVEST TO SEND OUT LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST." MATTHEW 9:36-38

- Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. JOHN 4:35

- WHEN WE SEE WITH THE LENS OF COMPASSION, ALL OF THE SUDDEN HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL.
 - ALL OF THE SUDDEN, YOU SEE HEY MY CYCLING FRIENDS NEEDS HEALING.
 - HEY MY CLIENTS NEEDS HEALING.
 - HEY MY WORK MATE NEEDS HEALING.
 - HEY MY FRIENDS NEEDS HEALING.

- THEY MAY LOOK FINE ON THE OUTSIDE....BUT IF YOU GO DEEPER....
 - ALL OF THE SUDDEN DAT OPENING UP.
 - ALL OF THE SUDDEN FIFY OPENING UP.
 - MELISSA KING REACHING OUT.
 - LET THE COMPAASION GUIDES YOUR WAY.

"I MUST BE ABOUT MY FATHER'S BUSINESS"

- I WILL LOOK FOR THOSE THAT ARE LOST, BRING BACK THOSE THAT WANDER OFF, BANDAGE THOSE THAT ARE HURT AND HEAL THOSE THAT ARE SICK EZEKIEL 34:16

Discussion questions:

Today we have learnt:

- Gods desire is for the sick to be healed.
- God has anointed us to heal the broken.
- We need compassion of God to help us see the sick around us
- We need to have urgency when it comes to the sick
- We must be about our father's business

- Name 1-2 person that is close to you but far from God.
- What are their needs right now?
- How can you be the person that answer their needs right now?