

Making Disciples

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The Apprentice: An Analysis of What it Means to be a Disciple

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Luke 6:27-31

But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. 29 To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. 30 Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. 31 And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

The predominate thing I desire to impart to you in this series on discipleship is that a true disciple of Jesus is learning how to be like Jesus. That's it. If you are really a Christian you have one consuming purpose: to learn to be like your Savior. Jesus says in this six chapter of Luke and verse 40, "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher."

Disciple = A disciple is one who sacrifices his life to following Jesus in order to be like Him.

It's not complicated. If you are truly a disciple, a follower of Jesus, you are sacrificing your life in this way. You're not in control of your life; you've surrendered that to the Lord. You're not pursuing the dreams you might have had before you were saved. You're not on your agenda or schedule. You have sacrificed the right to trust in you, in order to trust in Him. Therefore, you follow Him according to His leadership by the Holy Spirit because you have this consuming passion to be like Him. And the only reason you want to be like Him is because you love Him so much. That's the Christian life. It's the Bible's way of explaining what it means to be a Christian.

To say to someone that to be a Christian you have to repent of your sins and believe in Jesus is truth, but it's not just an event that you *did*. A Christian is continually repenting because they're not so much like Jesus. A Christian is continually trusting Jesus because they don't always know what to do. In fact, I'm learning that when I think I know what to do I've just blown it.

That's what I've tried to communicate in the last 17 sermons. Before we deal with our text there are a couple of things we need to consider. If we are Jesus' disciples we are to do the same thing He did and one of the things Jesus did is make disciples. So if I am really a follower of Jesus and trying to live like Him, then I too need to make disciples. Besides that, He commanded us to make them. We call it the Great Commission, found in Matthew 28:19-20.

I. Disciples of Jesus Make Disciples

We shouldn't try to soften that. We shouldn't try to make someone who is feeling uncomfortable right now more comfortable by modifying that statement. No, if you're really a disciple of Jesus you make disciples.

A. Most Christians Have Not Been Trained to Make Disciples.

But sadly, most true believers have not been discipled and therefore do not know how to make disciples. That's why I said in one of those 17 messages that most true Christians are undiscipled disciples of Jesus. It's a play on words but it's the truth. Most Christians sitting in most churches who are truly disciples of Jesus have never been discipled or trained. That is largely the fault and responsibility of preachers. Trained ministry has failed miserably in this department of making disciples because we have essentially made discipleship the learning of information, not the modeling and training on how to live real life. So most disciples are not discipled and therefore they don't know how to make disciples.

One of the transitions that we, Oak Grove, are now in is that I am learning how to model how to make disciples for you. I wish I could say I've learned how to do so but I can't. However, I *am* learning. I'm learning how to train others on how to train others so one day they will be able to train you. Then everyone in this church who wants to know how to make disciples will be able to do it. And it will not be a program as you're going to see in just a few moments.

B. Most Christians Do Not Believe in the Supernatural.

Another reason why most Christians aren't discipling others and making disciples is because most of us do not believe in the supernatural. I'm discovering how little I believe in the supernatural. I'm not talking about Charismatic craziness. I'm saying most Christians don't know or don't believe that a person cannot be saved apart from the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit. We still don't believe that. Here is one of the proofs we don't believe that: We believe that unless we've been trained to witness we don't know the first thing to do, and therefore, we are not qualified, and thus do not share our faith.

You fall into that lie because you don't believe it takes the supernatural power of God to change a soul. You believe it's your cleverness, ingenuity, or something you've been trained to do that brings about salvation and so you rely upon that training. That's not how people are saved! People are saved when they come shoulder to shoulder with people who are really saved and are living like Jesus. The power of God is what saves. That's why God can take a new convert and make him a great soul winner. He doesn't know anything but Jesus loved him and saved him and that he is different. That's all he knows, yet he can win more people to Christ than some of us who have been saved 20 or 30 years. That person has just experienced the supernatural transforming power of God. He is living a transformed life; he knows God is supernatural because he tried to change and couldn't, but God changed has changed him and now he is equipped with the greatest Gospel—God can change you! “He can do for you what He's done for me.”

If you were here Wednesday night I accused most of us of being unbelievers. We really don't believe God and what He has said. We have only enough faith to know that when we die we're going to go to heaven because He forgave us of our sins. That's the extent of most of our faith. God says your faith in Me is to be a daily thing. "The just shall *live* by faith;" that means the supernatural power of God ought to be working in your life daily. The only explanation of your life ought to be God. When God becomes the only explanation of why you are the way you are, people will be disciplined. It's automatic. It will happen. But most of our attempts to reach people have failed because our methods are flawed.

II. Most Evangelism Methods Are Counter-Productive

Listen closely because I'm saying something counter-cultural to the church. Most trained, programmed evangelistic methods are counter-productive to evangelism. They ruin instead of help evangelism. It doesn't matter what system you've learned, whether it's the four spiritual laws or F.A.I.T.H or EE (Evangelism Explosion)—or whatever witnessing methodology you have been trained with, more than likely it has not helped you to win people but discouraged you from reaching out. If that is true, why is it?

A. The Jewish Culture Phenomenon.

It's true because of what I call the *Jewish culture phenomenon*. Most evangelism methods are based on this phenomenon. Everyone in first century Israel knew the letter of the Bible, which was the Old Testament. Most Jewish boys, if they didn't memorize the Torah, had to memorize the book of Deuteronomy. That was their textbook. They knew the book; they knew the letter of the law. Evangelism methods were very simple when Jesus came. All they had to say was, "Hey, I found the Messiah." That was it. And then you would proceed to prove Jesus was the Messiah.

Andrew is an example. When he first met Jesus, what did he do? He went home and told his brother Simon Peter.

"He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ).⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone)." (John 1:41-42)

The Samaritan woman is an example.

"The woman then left her water pot, went her way into the city, and said to the men,²⁹ 'Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?'" (John 4:28-29)

Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost is an example.

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." (Acts 2:36)

So in first century Judea all you had to do was say, “I’ve found the Messiah,” and show in Scripture how Jesus fulfilled the prophetic passages because everyone then was looking for the Messiah. Therefore, they were open to hear that the Messiah had come.

Most evangelism methods today are based on this model, but we’ve got a problem. The problem is that the non-Christians in America do not have the same basic understanding the Christian has about the Bible. They don’t. Not at all.

1. 60 percent of Americans can’t name even five of the Ten Commandments.
2. Over 50 percent of high schoolers thought Sodom and Gomorrah were husband and wife.
3. Majority respondents to one poll indicated that the Sermon on the Mount was preached by Billy Graham.

That’s where we are in our country now. Listen, this is not the America of the ‘40s, ‘50s, and ‘60s. That America is gone. Quit grieving it, mourning it and lamenting it. Face it. This is the generation God has planted you and me in and we need to understand whom we are addressing. They don’t know this Book. They don’t have the Scriptural background and training you do. If you just talk about Jesus, people won’t get it. I guarantee you that even on the streets of Paducah you will find young men and women who don’t know who Jesus is. They only know the name *Jesus* as a swear word. They have no clue who they are blaspheming.

There was a young man walking down a street in a Midwest city when he stopped a couple, whom he later discovered were Christians, because he wanted to ask the woman about the plus sign around her neck. It was a cross. He thought it was a plus sign. He had no concept of the cross of Jesus Christ. That was right here in the Midwest!

So not only are these methods based on a wrong model but secondly:

B. Most Evangelism Methods Discourage Evangelism.

This is because all methods of evangelism require special training. You must attend a class and learn the material. You must memorize paragraphs of dialogue and clever arguments. Therefore without training a person doesn’t feel qualified and thus does not attempt to share his or her faith because they don’t feel qualified. They haven’t gone through the class or learned the material so they think they aren’t qualified to share with others. But when those who do go through the class share what they learned with unbelievers and have no results or very small results they get discouraged and quit sharing their faith. Programmed evangelism discourages evangelism. According to Jesus evangelism is as natural as life. It is to be real.

I want to go to our text now and suggest to you that this whole chapter is Jesus’ strategy of evangelism.

III. Evangelism Methods Must Take A Back Seat to Real Life

Jesus' strategy of evangelism is evidenced in our text and it has four components.

Are you a Christian? If you are, you're a witness. And if the following four components are part of your everyday life then you can't help but make disciples.

A. Develop a Kingdom Mentality.

Jesus called His apostles and then established the manifesto of His kingdom and church. This is the manifesto, the charter statement, the guiding principle, the purpose statement of His kingdom and church.

In verses 12 through 16 He appoints the 12 disciples. His first sermon after appointing the apostles starts in verse 20. In it our Lord establishes what His kingdom is like and how those in it will represent Him and His message. As you begin to read there in verse 20 and following, you're going to see some similarities to another sermon Jesus—not Billy Graham—preached, the Sermon on the Mount.

Some scholars say this is Luke's account of the Sermon on the Mount, some say it's a re-preaching of it on another occasion, but it doesn't matter. I don't want to get bogged down on the question of when He preached this sermon. What I want you to see is what Luke wants you to see and that is that this message was delivered after Jesus appointed the 12 disciples. In so doing, Luke is establishing the fact that this becomes the mission statement of the kingdom Christ has come to enact. This is the way those men were going to live. This is the way you would be able to describe their life and mission. This is how they're going to *be*—not just do.

He establishes in this message how they're to live and minister and then, in the next chapter, Jesus demonstrates in His own life what He taught them in the manifesto sermon of chapter 6.

In middle August on a Sunday evening, I preached a message called, *Jesus' Method of Evangelism* and it was from Luke 7. I'm not going to re-preach that, but let me cite what Jesus does in that chapter, which is modeling what He taught in our text.

The first thing He does in Luke 7 is heal the centurion's servant. A centurion was a very important Roman soldier. He had authority over thousands of men. This is important because he was a foreign occupier—an enemy of Israel. How does Jesus begin our text in verse 27? "Love your enemies." The very first thing Jesus does in chapter 7 after delivering that message is love an enemy of Israel and heal his servant.

The second thing He does is care for the poor who could not repay Him, exactly what He teaches in Luke 6. He doing this when He raises the widow of Nain's son.

Thirdly He encouraged the spiritual whose faith had weakened—John the Baptist. He sent messengers to him because he was having doubts on whether Jesus was the Messiah.

Near the end of the chapter Jesus was merciful to the lowest sinner, a prostitute, whom He forgave as she anointed His feet with her costly perfume.

The last thing He does in that chapter is bless those who cursed Him. Simon the Pharisee, in whose house He was when the prostitute anointed His feet, thought in his mind that Jesus was not a holy man but a sinner because if He were holy He would know what kind of woman was touching Him. Jesus offered him the same mercy He offered the prostitute and blessed the man who had just cursed Him.

Jesus modeled the sermon He had just preached in Luke 6. Why? Because this is the way you do evangelism.

We must develop a kingdom mentality, in other words—we must develop a Gospel-orientation. You need a Gospel-orientation, which means you need to think with the Gospel. It must dominate every thinking moment. Every implication, every event, every circumstance of your life has Gospel ramifications. We don't see it because we don't think that way. That's okay, you've got to start sometime, so start now. That's what these messages have been about, they've been teaching how to think with a Gospel orientation, how to view every event you're confronted with through the lens of the Gospel. You learn to pray, *Lord, how does the Gospel of grace address this?* That's what it means to have a kingdom mentality.

B. Be Crazy in Love for God.

You want to be a disciple maker? Great. Just love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself. Be crazy in love with Jesus.

Jesus is saying evangelism isn't as much about what you say as how you live. We're not saying you never share the Gospel because nobody can believe unless they *hear*. But they also have to see it. So Jesus gives us seven strategic ways in which to demonstrate our love for Him and others in a crazy way.

1. Love your enemies.

Now you tell me, is that crazy? Love the person that doesn't like you and is mean to you? Jesus says if you want to make a disciple, love him or her.

2. Don't get revenge, rather return good for evil.

3. Say kind things to those who say unkind things to you and about you.

That's what, "Bless those who curse you" means. Jesus teaches that crazy love says say kind things about them and to them even though they just told you off.

4. Pray for those who treat you insultingly and hurt you.

You don't pray, "Lord, make their wives widows and their children orphans." Imprecatory prayers are not the kind of prayers He meant here. He meant to pray God's blessings on them.

5. Let someone who hits you on one side of your face hit the other side.

Is this crazy enough for you yet? Jesus is saying this is evangelism. Walking up to somebody and handing them a tract and smiling while saying, "God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life," may be what God wants you to do but this is evangelism at its heart, which should motivate you handing the tract to that person.

6. Someone forcibly takes your coat; give him your shirt also.

7. Don't ask for your things back if someone steals them.

Jesus said if somebody steals from you and you know who it is, do not ask for what they took from you; rather find a way that you can bless them.

These things sound crazy to the world and I dare say it sounds crazy to many of us. But what is Jesus saying to you? He is saying we are to live by faith and not sight. You can boil these seven things down to that conclusion. If you live by faith in God and not by sight you can trust God in those kinds of circumstances with those kinds of people. But if you don't believe God, what you'll do? You'll believe in you and address the situation differently than how Jesus proposed.

If someone takes your drill, normally, you go to that person and make them give it back to you. If somebody slaps your cheek you find some way to retaliate. That is what is meant by walking by sight and not faith. To walk by sight doesn't just mean you're trusting everything you see. It means you take control of your life because you believe that only you can bring justice and resolution. But a man who walks by faith doesn't live that way. He trusts God. If God says, "Love your enemies," he loves his enemies. If God says, "Bless those who hate you," he blesses them. Why? Because he doesn't walk by sight. He knows it's crazy. He knows it doesn't make sense to the world and it often doesn't make sense to him, but that doesn't matter. He's not walking by what he can see or what he can figure out. He's not walking by his brainpower or ingenuity, he's walking by faith in God and if God said it he trusts Him.

And that's why so few are being saved. It's because so few of us are walking by faith. The only explanation for your life ought to be God. If you're not trusting God for something only God can do, you're not walking by faith but by sight. What do you need God to do today that if He doesn't come through it won't work? If you can't tell me something then you're not walking by faith, you're walking by sight. I believe God is going to bring things into your life almost daily that requires the just to live by faith. Why? Because without faith it's impossible to please Him. You are not prove to me that God is going to allow you to go day after day, week after week, month after month, without practicing faith because you wouldn't be pleasing to Him.

“I am practicing faith!” you might say. “I believe when I die I’m going to heaven.” I thank God you have that assurance, but that’s not what the Bible means when it says, “the just shall live by faith.” It didn’t say “the just get saved by faith” it says they *live* by faith. God started the faith walk when He saved you and He didn’t mean for you to have an interlude of 20, 30, 40, or 50 years and then die and go to heaven to live the rest of eternity by faith. Not at all.

How do you explain your life? Is there a supernatural explanation? A man who loves his enemies, who does good to those who do him wrong, who prays for those who are spiteful and speak to him insultingly, who turns the cheek, can only be explained by faith. There is no other logical explanation for that.

Jesus’ family thought He had lost His mind and tried to forcibly take Him back home while the religious leaders accused Him of being demon-possessed. Why? Because He did crazy things like this. He was so crazy in love for God and people that He did things they could not explain.

C. Be More Than a Friend.

The third component is to be more than a friend. I’m sure you’ve all heard of friendship evangelism where you reach your friends for Jesus by being a friend to them. Now certainly we are to be friendly to all men, even enemies. But right after our text, Jesus says you need to be more than a friend.

“But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.” (Luke 6:32, 33)

Jesus is not too crazy about this friendship evangelism stuff. Let me ask you this, how many friends have you won to Jesus? You may have won some and a friend may have won you, but normally we don’t see many people come to Christ through friendships. Jesus has something better than friendship evangelism. It’s a crazy love that will love people even if they have animosity toward us, and are against us. It doesn’t mean that every one of them are going to get saved because we know that’s not so. But in what ways can you live out the Gospel for them?

Most people hear the Gospel and they don’t see it, as we heard this morning in the testimony. You can tell them about Jesus dying on the cross and they won’t get it. They’re blind. It’s like telling a blind man what the Grand Canyon looks like. You can be beautiful in your description and use all sorts of superlatives and adjectives and do a great job, but he still won’t have a clue as to what it looks like, will he? He’s blind.

But when they see the Gospel, when they look on you and see someone just like them but doing things they could never do they say, “What’s going on here? What is it about you that you can love me after I’ve done this to you? How can you be good to me after I’ve been hateful to you? What makes you tick?!” Now you can tell them, “This is the way Jesus loves me. This is what

my life is all about. This is what the cross is all about.” The Gospel you *speak* has the power of *demonstration*. Now you’re disciple making because a disciple maker first models what he teaches.

D. Be Crazy But Not Weird.

This is the fourth component to Jesus’ strategy. The community of faith is to be known not for the way they dress or unusual customs, but their love for God and fellow man.

John Leonard in his book, *Get Real: Sharing Your Everyday Faith Every Day*, recalls the Pennsylvania Amish shooting in 2006 where five Amish girls were murdered. I remember this distinctly because I was Romania and the Romanians were discussing how incredible the Amish reaction was. They forgave the shooter who also took his own life. They brought food to his widow and children. They even went so far to set up a charitable fund for the shooter’s widow and children. People all over the world were stunned by the love demonstrated by the Amish.

But Leonard brings out the point that no matter how amazed people were by the love of the Amish, no one became Amish as a result of this. He suggests that the reason no one converted to the Amish religion is because of their way of life, it’s not normal. In fact, it’s weird, and I mean that with no disrespect. No one wants to wear black clothes and odd hats. No one wants to give up their cars for horse drawn carriages, nor are there many ready to turn off the electricity and throw away their cell phones and computers. The Amish lifestyle is too far out there and is characterized by the world as being “weird.”

But Leonard goes on to say, “What the Amish have done is made a lot of nonessential things essential to the Christian faith by freezing in time a way of living that they believe best expresses what it means to be Christian. But the Amish are not alone. Christians of all kinds have made nonessential things essential to the gospel in order to differentiate themselves from the world. But this does not help challenge those around us to give their lives to Christ. It only makes us and Christianity strange to non-Christians” (Leonard, John S. *Get Real: Sharing Your Everyday Faith Every Day*).

God didn’t ask you to differentiate yourself from the world. That’s not a biblical command. You don’t have to differentiate yourself from the world. Jesus did not say, “Be salt and light.” He said, “You are salt and light.” If you are truly saved and are crazy in love for God and people, you’re going to be different. You will stand out because it’s a rare thing to see that kind of love.

This is what Paul meant when he said, “For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you” (2 Corinthians 5:13).

You can be crazy but not weird and what I mean by that is you need to let people know that being a Christian doesn’t mean you’re like someone from Mars. Let them know that you hurt also, just like they hurt. Be real. When they see that you suffer things just like they suffer things but you don’t respond like they do, they see you’re crazy for God but not weird. And you give yourself an opportunity to explain the Hope that lies within you.

Here's the problem. When you are normal and not crazy in love for God and people, unbelievers see nothing about you that is different from them. There is nothing distinct about you. For example, you're at work and you lose your cool at the boss and you say something you shouldn't have said. You complained or murmured in a way that was not Christ-honoring. That's real life. Instead of walking away and making an excuse, "Well he pushed my button," just own it and show them what repentance looks like. I guarantee you they aren't used to seeing that. That's crazy to them. But it's not weird when it's genuine. Let them know you still have problems; you still struggle with sins too, because if you come across as perfect they will never believe they can be a Christian like you.

But when you are crazy in love for God and people and not normal, unbelievers think you're weird. When you're crazy in love with God and people and your life is normal, unbelievers see the supernatural. The only explanation for your life is God. That's true evangelism.

E. One Suggestion How This Real Life Evangelism Works.

This is not a method but an idea of putting to practice what Jesus said in verses 27 through 31. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you."

You could say that Jesus did not have an evangelism strategy but a blessing strategy. Don't just bless your family and friends but also bless your enemies and strangers.

A question you could ask non-believers, as well as believers, is, "How can I ask God to bless you?" That's a way to honor God and fulfill this text. Stop and think what that question could do to somebody. Be prepared for them to answer after they get over the shock, then bless them. Pray for them. Do good for them. Friends, this is the evangelism strategy of Jesus: be crazy in love with Him and love people lavishly.

Our problem, and why we don't do this, is we have lost the mystique of God's gracious love. I forget about the wonder of God's love for me. It's no longer amazing. I find this true with most Christians. Soon after a person is saved they slide back from God's amazing grace and try hard to live for God. That's what most of us do. God amazingly saves us but soon after we get in our minds that now we're saved we have to work hard and do well in order for God to bless our lives. We do not live by grace through faith. Listen to Jesus,

"Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful." (Luke 6:36)

As God has given you grace, grace others. As God has been merciful to you, you be merciful to others. To the proportion you have experienced the love of God, give that love out. Our problem is we start our days and go through them and we don't put ourselves in the place to be loved by God because we don't see our need for it. We think we have to perform for Him. Therefore grace through faith doesn't characterize our lives. I want us to get ahold of how much God really

loves us because it's the love of God that changes us. And the more we experience the love of God the more we will love others with His love.

The system of God has not changed these 2,000 years. This works whether a culture knows the Bible or it doesn't. It is God's love for us that motivates our crazy love for God and for others.

If all you have is a testimony of God's gracious love the day He saved you, you are not current in your relationship with God. You can't be. Because if you are in daily fellowship with God what is God doing to you? He's loving you. He's filling your love tank. Marriage counseling that tries to motivate spouses to fill up each other's love tank is nonsense. "Husband fill up your wife's love tank and she'll fill up yours." That simply means, "Scratch my back and I'll scratch yours." God is talking about a love so deep and transforming that if they don't fill up your love tank or show you any love at all you are still overflowing with the best kind of love—His.

If all you can tell me about experiencing God's love is your conversion story, you are not in fellowship with Him today. I'm not disputing you got saved; I'm simply saying you did like most Christians and went backwards into works. You're not living by grace through faith; you're living by your works. God doesn't respond to your works, have you noticed?

When is the last time prayer had power to it? When is the last time the Word of God was alive? You say the Word doesn't speak to you anymore, well, no wonder. "Without faith it's impossible to please Him. Those who come to God must believe that He is and is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." It's not what we can do for Him that connects us to God—it's faith. Faith is the only thing He responds to.

You can make promises and pledge your life all you want and He won't respond to any of that if it's not of faith. You can pray every day, eight hours a day, but without faith you're not going to move the heart of God. But when you pray in faith you can pray and God will show up. He responds only to your trust in Him. If you're not looking for God's love daily in the circumstances and problems of your life, then you are not living by faith in the love of God. If you're not experiencing answers to prayers, fellowship, the power and love and grace of God, then your life is normal like everyone else's life, believer or nonbeliever. There's nothing different about your life.

But Jesus says those in His kingdom who make disciples are those who live solely and completely on the love of God, who is merciful, who loves His enemies, who does good to those who hate Him, who blesses those who spitefully use Him. That's talking about me. Is it you, too? You spitefully use God. You get mad at God because He didn't answer a prayer your way. But what does He do? He keeps on loving you. He doesn't kick you out of His house. He doesn't disown you. He doesn't write you out of His will. He lovingly chastens you and brings you back to Himself. This is the kind of God we serve and when I see Him and trust Him for that, then I can release His love through me to others.

That's God's real evangelism method and it's easy to experience right now. You don't have to make promises, you don't have to make up for lost time, you just need to say, "Lord, I'm going to trust You. Only You can make me love an enemy. Only You can make me to bless those who curse me. I can't do that, but I trust You." The moment you really trust God, He responds. He will start working in your life. If that's not true then I need to quit and find me another job. If that's not true then what hope do we have? Respond to Him today. This is His Word, not Michael's. Don't respond to me, respond to Him. He has said, "This is what I want to do in your life. I want to make you so crazy in love that the only explanation for your life is Me." Amen.