

Where's The Beef? Matt. 28:19-20; Matt. 1:21

God is not willing that any should perish. Are you willing to do His will and reach out to someone? Are you engaged in non-church events or groups? Then you are not there for the purpose of having fun or gaining a reputation. You are there to be a missionary and to make disciples. Making decisions for Christ is easy; discipling is a whole different ballgame. (**Matt. 28:19-20**) Catching the fish is one thing, cleaning it is a whole other matter. As born again Christians we ought to celebrate the birth of Christ every day. **Matt. 1:21** His name is Jesus and that name has a purpose- to save. Jesus saves. How often do you meet with Jesus? When do you meet with him? Does it not make sense to meet with him first thing in the morning every morning? Do you realize that serving Jesus everyday is a battle?

We are like alcoholics fighting an addiction; one day without getting into God's word, we have fallen off the wagon. Faith comes by hearing and that by the word of God. Are you struggling in your faith, where's your Bible? Every athlete in training is on the D.O.T. (**1 Cor 9:24-27**). We need to get on the DOT. The N.A. church is one of convenience and comfort. Many marriages and homes are in crisis because of comfort and convenience. **Col.3** in whole is help for those marriages and homes. Wives, obey your husbands, husbands, love your wives, children, obey your parents. They all go together. Some people think that submission is archaic. It's the Bible, and the Bible is timeless; written by the One who designed marriage and the family unit. I fear the church has come to the place where we think the statement, "Jesus Saves", is archaic. But that is His name and His purpose. He is not a genie in a bottle come to give us whatever we want; He came to save us from the penalty of our sin. He came to be a bridge so that we can get to heaven. We are saved to serve, to direct others to Him. Each one of us needs to be Jesus with skin on. (**Matt. 25:40**). Where is Jesus in your life? **John 10:10** where is the abundant life in your life? What are the priorities that we are passing on to our kids? We think if we're busy we're a good church, but it's not about being busy it's about people being saved, born again. Where are the salvations coming from in our lives? Jesus is our mission and unless someone comes to saving knowledge of Him hell will be their home and not heaven and it breaks the heart of God. When will it break our hearts? When will it break us out of our comfort zone? Jesus was inconvenience for us because He had to live our His name. Jesus saves. Christian means "little Christ". We need to wake up and start living out our name and be like Jesus.

Our mission needs to involve saving people, our mission needs to include elevating people. Our mission needs to include discipline. If we envy our brother or sister what they have then we don't love them. Love would celebrate what they have and see to learn from them; stand and fan not sit and snuff! **Challenge:** over the summer read at least 11 verses of **Psalms 119** each week over and over. The answer to your problems, your crisis, is in the word of God, guaranteed! People can say it is archaic but it is still the word of God and Jesus still saves. It's in Christ alone.