

A F.E.W. Godly Men Matt. 7:12-14; Ruth 2:12

Word from the Lord- " Your breakthrough is in the choice of where you sit."

Sometimes we make church about the building and forget it's about the cross. You can be in a large sports arena or a small one and it's still about the game, the players and the goals. The big church on TV is not what it's all about; it's about the Christ of the cross.

As the body of Christ we want the truth. Sometimes the truth is a hard word and it is not an easy thing to bring a hard word to the church. The fact that few find the narrow road is not an easy, breezy word. Jesus is looking for a remnant. He is looking for those who will commit themselves to following Him. Are you a follower of Jesus Christ? Are you a passionate pursuer of Him? Would your spouse say you are? Would your children? Not just the insurance policy but are you making the payments? You can't depend on what happened in the past, you have to keep it current. Take up your cross daily (Luke 9:23). The ultimate payment for the initial policy was through Jesus Christ but we have to maintain it. It's nice to roll up the rim for a free care but Timmy won't be paying for the gas or the insurance; you get to maintain it. Jesus paid the price for your salvation but you have to maintain it in intimacy and relationship; it's maintained through studying His word, through communication. Some people forget that somewhere between the altar and the door; between accepting salvation and living it out. What is your commitment? Following Jesus is the definition of commitment. Commitment demands a choice- denying self and going His way. He continues to make the payments on your free gift (Ps. 68:19). His resources are there for us daily. As we, as a church, honour Him in the tithe He will provide. You don't tithe so the church will get blessed; you tithe so God will bless you.

If we are going to be passionate followers of Jesus Christ, committed to going His way and not our own there are a FEW things we need to do. God is looking for a FEW godly men/women. Can you handle the truth? Many of us can't. The truth of Matt. 7:12-14 is this: FEW find it! The road to heaven is not a heavy traffic area.

Here is a challenge for you: if you want to make sure you are on the narrow road, then these three things are crucial- Your choice of 1) Friends. Ps. 1:1 whose counsel are you walking in? Bad company corrupts good character 1 Cor. 15:33. We are on a mission- to bring the light of the gospel to those in darkness. But don't forget why we are there. We are not there to fit in; we are there to expose the darkness. We need to evangelize but who are we spending most of our time with? We cannot be exclusively with Christians but we must not be exclusively with the unsaved either.

2) Entertainment- what do we choose for entertainment? (Phil. 4:8) where do our thoughts take us? Where the thoughts go the feet will follow. Jesus was not interested in big crowds neither are we but we need to be amongst the FEW who are on the narrow path. He is calling us to a higher standard, a higher level. We are not here to offend but we are here to declare the truth. We sing about wanting to be holy, we ask for the refiner's fire to come and purify us. Do we really mean it or are they just words we say? The purifying process is not a footloose and fancy-free one. It is the process of the narrow path. What is the extent of the **Word** in our lives? What narrows us is the depth we allow God's word in our lives. We need to mine out the word for ourselves every day. What does it say about the plans for our weekend, our friends... the road we walk will narrow based on our choices of Friends, Entertainment and depth in the Word. Where have you found yourself in these three areas over the past few weeks? Do they fit in with Phil. 4:8,9? We need to be pointed towards God. Let's get the heart right and let's call sin, sin. May it grip our hearts that FEW find the narrow way. May we serve notice to the enemy of our souls that we are a sign post to the narrow way, that we will stand on guard for our friends, family and neighbours to direct them to the way of salvation. May we once again be known as people of the way.

As born again believers we are on a **mission** right here, right now; to love God and love others. We don't love others if we are not telling them that Jesus loves them.

Omission, to know what to do and not do it is sin. We brush things off and give them another name; forgetfulness, an oopsie, hiccup etc. but the Bible calls it sin. Admit it and quit it. We can't change what we don't admit. We need to omit some things from our lives.

Commission, - things we should be doing. The only way we will do what we have been commissioned to do is if we are under His **submission**.

Perhaps we need to stop praying for our children to stop pursuing ungodly relationships and rather pray that the person they are pursuing gets saved. Pray for the one who doesn't know what is right. FEW find it; has it gripped your heart yet? Have you found the narrow road for yourself? For God's sake and your future get on it.