

**TAKE A STEP**  
Invitation Initiative

- I. God is our source**—*Ps23:1*—The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; *Js1:17*—Every good gift and perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights
- A. Train yourself to look to The Lord for everything—*Is30:1*—Woe to the rebellious children...<sup>2</sup> That walk to go down into Egypt and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh and to trust in the shadow of Egypt; *Ex20:5*—I am a jealous God
- B. God is a limitless source—Whatever you need He can add it to you—*Ph4:19*—My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory
- II. The Lord can add people to a church**—*Acts2:47*—The Lord added to the church daily
- A. After people are added to THE CHURCH, the need to be added to A CHURCH
- B. We aren't looking to ourselves to grow the church—*10-31-18-10:40am*—You can add anything to yourself the wrong way and that includes adding people to your church. There are a lot of things you can do, that are in opposition to what I would tell you to do, that would add people to your church...And that would be adding people to yourself
1. We seek first what God wants—We're going to do what God tells us to do, we're going to tell people we're doing it and we're going to trust God to add people to us—*Mt6:33*—Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added to you
- C. God has to draw the people—*Jn6:44*—No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him - - - (**God spoke this to my heart**—Jesus knew what most churches don't know. And so they try to draw people to themselves and end up drawing people to their church that aren't even supposed to be at their church and often times those people cause problems that the church never should have had because those people shouldn't have been there. Son if you'll stand on this verse and believe me I'll draw the right people to you and keep the ones that aren't supposed to be there away from you. And that keeping the ones who aren't supposed to be there away from you is better than you realize.)
1. God can stir the hearts of people—*Ez1:5-AC*—Then rose up the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and Levites, with all those whose spirits God had stirred up, to go up to rebuild the house of the Lord in Jerusalem
2. God can magnify us in the eyes of people—*Js3:7*—The Lord said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel
- III. God has planned to use His people to draw others to Him**
- A. Jesus will make us fishers of men—Put the fear down and say yes to this—*Mt4:19*—Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men
- B. The Lord will direct you—Jesus would show you were to fish, when to fish, which bait to use—*Pr3:5-6*—Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths
1. We want to be led in who we invite—Not a scatter barrel shot
2. Acknowledge The Lord in this and then Look inside—If I cross paths with anyone I should invite to Church quicken that to me
- C. One invitation to church can change someone's life forever—Ex: Tammy
- IV. God works with us**—*Mk16:20*—They went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following; *1Cor3:9*—We are laborers together with God; *Mt11:28-MS*—Work with me; *Ex17:5*—Take with thee...thy rod...and go...I will stand before you...and you shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it; *Js6:3*—You shall compass the city; it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn...and all the people shall shout...the wall of the city shall fall down flat; *Gn2:17*—Brought them unto Adam...whatsoever Adam called every living creature

A. Religion acts like God works independent of us-It's all up to God, God is in control, we're waiting on God and we just beg and ask repeatedly-**Ex14:16**-Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever. <sup>14</sup> The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. <sup>15</sup> And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: <sup>16</sup> But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

1. There's a time to stop praying and start moving-**AC**-Why do you cry (out) to Me? To the people of Israel to go forward; **TL**-Quit praying and get the people moving! Forward march! **GN**-Why are you crying out for help; **CEB**-Get moving; **ICB**-Start moving
2. Doing nothing and asking God to do something is a lot easier than moving
3. They move toward the sea when it's still raging-Millions of people

B. God works with us through our faith-**Mk6:5**-He could there do no mighty works; **Mt13:58**-Because of their unbelief

C. When we act on our faith it comes alive-**Js2:26**-As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith with works is dead (inactive, inoperative, destitute of force, power)

## V. You have to take a step – It always requires a step of faith

A. As soon as their feet hit the water-They didn't sit there and beg God until he stood the waters up-**Js3:1-17**

1. They made plans-Officers told the people how to follow the ark-2-4
2. Joshua told the people get ready-Tomorrow God will do wonders-5
3. Joshua instructs priest and people-Tells them how it will go-6-13
4. They removed their tents, headed towards the Jordan-14-15
5. They're getting ready and the Jordan is still a raging-15

B. We take a step of faith based on what we've heard from God and we take that step believing that when we do God is going to move and get involved

1. It was water when they filled the pots, when they drew it out, when they took it to the governor of the feast, when they handed it to him-**Jn2:5**-His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. <sup>7</sup> Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. <sup>9</sup> When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew
2. They headed to the priest full of leprosy-**Lk10:12**-There met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: <sup>13</sup> And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. <sup>14</sup> And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.