

Soul winning

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[0 : 00] Psalm 126 When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dreamed.

! Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with singing. Then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them. The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again, with rejoicing, bringing his seeds with him.

Let us pray. Lord, we thank you for this word of God in our hands that we can adore your word and revere the message and respond to it, Lord, we pray.

Help us each one to take it into our heart and let it live, Lord, and let it be alive. Let it be living and working and breathing and walking in our shoes, Lord, that you would be glorified, we pray.

[1 : 16] In Jesus' name, amen. Amen. Please take a seat and I wanted to talk about the subject of winning souls. Winning souls. And three conditions for winning souls.

Three conditions resulting in rejoicing. Focusing on Psalm 126, verse 5 and 6.

Three keys.

Number one is go. Number one is go forth. Go forth. Having feet to walk. Having feet to walk.

To be a soul winner, we need the first two letters of the word gospel. G-O. Go. Matthew 28, verse 18.

[2 : 16] Our Lord says, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world. Amen. And like that, Mark 16, 15, he says, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Go ye. Our Lord Jesus says, go. You've got the green light. What are you doing there? Get the accelerator button pressed and get your foot off the brake.

Amen. You've got the green light. Go. Go. Go. Go. Matthew 4, 19, he says, Unto them, follow me and I will make you fishers of men.

The great news is, when he says go, he's already gone ahead of you. He says, follow me. When you go, you're following him. You're not on your own.

[3 : 39] When he says go, he leads the way. And it's our Lord's word. He says, follow me. He says, go ye. It's a command.

Go. Go to the harvest field. I bumped into a fellow from this church this week. Brother Don. And he was talking about soul winning.

He was saying they're harder to reach these days. But he was interested in talking to people about Jesus. He was excited about the message. About the Master.

About the Gospel. He was going with the Gospel. As you're out there. As I often see him there.

Mother Parra. Walking around. Yes, he has a yarn with people now and again. Our brother Don.

He's not here, so he won't embarrass him. But go. We've got to go, haven't we? Like Jesus says to. To go. To the harvest field. Hear that. Go and fall.

[4 : 37] You've got to go for. G-O. Go. To the harvest field. Put your feet into motion. Take a step. Make a deliberate effort.

Maybe it's just one small step for man. You know, maybe it's just one step. One small step. Maybe then you can take the second step. And then the third step.

Go and take a step. It's go and follow. Go as he leads the way. Take a step. Make a deliberate effort. It's a lacking area in the Christian life.

In the Church of God. Obedience. It's lacking the obedient life. If you love me, keep my commandments, he says. Follow the Spirit's leading. The leading of the Lord. As Philip did. In Acts 8. Verse 26. And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip. Saying, Arise and G-O. Towards the south from the way.

[5 : 39] That goeth down unto Jerusalem. Unto Gaza which is desert. The angel of the Lord says. Arise and G-O. Go.

Verse 29. A few verses later. Then the Spirit saith unto Philip. G-O. Go near. And join myself to this chariot. The angel of the Lord said go.

The Spirit of the Lord said go. We should be go-getters for Jesus. Amen. I know a guy. And he's an evangelist. He comes to my house.

And he's a lovely relative of ours. And we love him dearly. Julie's brother. And he comes to our house. And he cleans our car.

If you want your car cleaned immaculately. See our brother Peter. There's an advert for him here on the DVD. Now brother Peter. He's my sister.

[6 : 35] My wife's brother Peter. Loves to clean cars. And when he comes and cleans our car. He just can't help himself. Talk about his products. He's an evangelist.

For his cleaning products. You just can't shut him up. About the cleaning products. About his cleaning company. His cleaning business. About everything. That wipes and buffs. And veneers and varnishes. And polishes. And shines and sparkles. He's an evangelist. For his product. And I just think. Oh that potential there.

If you could just tap that energy. That excitement. That enthusiasm. That evangelistic. You know. If we could just have that brother and sister.

Young people. Older people. If we could just tap into that energy. Whoa. We should be go getters. There's a sign on the beach.

[7 : 30] I'm told. That says. It's a sign for the life savers. It says. If in doubt. Go. If in doubt. Go. If you think they're out there. Or they're just waving at their friends.

Or whether they go. Glug glug glug. You've got to get out there. And go and get them. If in doubt. Go. We shouldn't be in doubt. It's clear isn't it.

He says go. He says go forth. He says arise and go. He says go. And join thyself to this chariot. Go forth. We need feet to walk. Feet to walk. The church of God needs to mobilise.

And how can that be? You might think. Who am I to. What can I do? Humble little old me. How can I. Go.

Go. Do you go shopping? Do you go. Working. Meeting. Meeting people. Could it be.

[8 : 26] Have you got a neighbour? You can go. Every. Every one of us can go. There's tracks. There's. Ways you can share. There's opportunity. For any one of us.

Listen. We all can be challenged. I know I need to go more. We all need to go. Whether to go to the youth group. I know Peter and Elena would love to see some extra pairs of hands to give them some encouragement.

When they're busy playing games and there's a little tacker sitting on the sidelines not joining in the game. A perfect opportunity. And might run back into the game if you start talking to them.

You know. It might be an opportunity for you to go. Go. There's no age limit to go to the youth group. Amen. You can go.

You don't have to. You can't. Use that excuse. Please go. Secondly. Weep. Weep.

[9 : 25] He that goes forth. Weeping. Weeping. We need feet to walk. And eyes to weep. Eyes to weep. Eyes to see our weakness.

Our need of him. Of his empowerment. Of his strengthening. Of his equipping. Isaiah 43.10. It says. Ye are my witnesses. Sayeth the Lord.

And my servant whom I have chosen. Ye are my witnesses. Sayeth the Lord. That you may know and believe me.

And understand that I am here. Before me there was no God formed. Neither shall there be. After me. Ye are. That's you. That's you Joshua.

That's you Peter. Emma. That's you. You are my witnesses. Marjorie. Margaret. Roy. Ye. Ye. Are my witnesses. Sayeth the Lord.

[10 : 22] Every one of you that love him. Ye are my witnesses. Sayeth the Lord. You represent Christ. How did Christ witness? What a love. A lover of my soul.

A lover of your soul. Christ's love. But it wasn't the nails that held him there was it? It was love divine. Or love's excelling. It was love.

Love. Absolute love. Love. Love. Unconditional. Unrestrained. And you represent Christ. Shouldn't you have his love? Shouldn't you have his care? His compassion?

And he provides you his power for soul winning. You're not on your own. But you shall receive power. After that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. And ye shall be witnesses unto me.

Acts 1a. All over the place it says. Here, there and everywhere. Starting local. Extending out. Ye are my witnesses.

[11:21] You know as a church we sponsor missions. We want to reach out. But we've got to start in our Jerusalem. Where we are right here. He says you will be witnesses unto me.

Seek eyes to see. Those you can bring. As his disciple Andrew in John 1.41.

He first findeth his own brother. Simon saith unto him. We have found the Messiah. Which is being interpreted to Christ. He goes and finds his brother. And he brings him to Jesus.

Eyes filled with compassion. Eyes that weep. Eyes that see. Eyes that care. Eyes filled with compassion. Eyes that weep for the lost. With concern.

With love. And I guess you could say in a sense too. There's a degree of inconvenience isn't there? Wouldn't you say that?

[12:16] As a Christian. It's sometimes inconvenient. To care. It's inconvenient to witness. It's inconvenient. To spend time on some. You know I was thinking of late.

Just a few days ago. You know this church. It scares me. It shocks me to think that this church has been around for 10 years or so. And to think back. Of children we've witnessed to.

Young people. Youngsters that are not so young now. That we've witnessed to. And you think of the hundreds. And I know Roy and others too. And other churches before.

Have reached so many. And you wonder where's the fruit. Where's the result. And it's disheartening at times to think of that. But then I was talking to Pablo before. And he was saying. You know.

Even if there's just one. And even if. Amongst the hundreds we've had contacts with. Even if there's just one. Then it's worth it all. Isn't it? It's worth it all. It's worth the strain.

[13:12] The effort. The petrol. The money. The time. It's worth the investment of your life. Isn't it? For you to care. For you to have love. For you to weep. You know.

I weep when I see. Some who don't fellowship here. Now you wonder. It's a sad thing. You miss people. You have a loss. There's a sense of loss. And grief.

And yet. We should care about those souls that are still Christless. We should still want to reach them. And be as Paul. To the weak I became weak. That I might gain the weak.

I made all things to all men. That I might by all means say some. 1 Corinthians 9.22 He was willing to bear shame. Paul was. Wasn't he? It wasn't convenient for him.

He was willing to. I guess there was a weeping with. With agony of spirit. As he laboured. And we need to have the willingness to be bold. As Paul urged Timothy.

[14:10] Be not thou therefore ashamed. Of the testimony of our Lord. Nor of me as prisoner. But be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel. According to the power of God.

Paul said to Timothy. Partake of the afflictions of the gospel. There's an affliction of the gospel. There's a strain there. Not that you're doing it in your own strength.

But be a partaker of the affliction of the gospel. According to the power of God. Because God is in you. The Holy Spirit is driving you. And impaling you. And compelling you.

And urging you. That you want to go. You have to go. You cannot but go. And you have Christ's example to go. As we know. Through his life. He was a witness. Wasn't he? With the woman at the well.

With all the encounters of different ones. Your heart's desire. What is it today? What is your heart's desire? In Romans 10.1. Paul says. Brethren.

[15:05] My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel. Is that they might be saved. My heart's desire and prayer for Israel. Is that they might be saved.

Romans 10.1. Prani hired a missionary. That went to India. And a man of God. He pleaded in prayer. Father. Give me souls.

Or I die. He was going forth weeping. Wasn't he? Give me souls. Father. Or I die. Whitfield said. Oh Lord.

Give me souls. Or take my soul. That should be our motivation. We should get motivated. Brother and sister. There's no more time.

Going to be. Ahead of us. Time is running out. Time is shortening. Time is less. And our heart's desire. Should be to pray. And to go. So. Firstly.

[16:02] Go. For. Have feet. To walk. Seek God for feet. To walk. Beautiful are the feet. Of those who. Take the good news.

Now there's some beautiful feet. Here this morning. Amen. Amen. Taking that good news. Think to walk. Go forth. Weep. Have eyes.

To weep. Seek God for that. And thirdly. Bear in precious seed. Bear precious seed. Seek God. For a mouth to speak.

For a mouth to speak. The seed has to be communicated. Has to be planted. Has to be dispersed. It has to be spread. Carry the seed. Now. You know we've got these.

New Testaments. Carrying. Precious seed. Baring precious seed. I was talking with a brother lately. How they're a great witnessing tool. I mean what better witnessing tool. Than the very word of God.

[16:58] The very word of Christ. The gospel. Imprinted form. And there's a guide there. Where you can talk. Someone through. Through pages. Of important verses. To guide them through.

To an understanding. Of the gospel. Bearing precious seed. But it's got to come out of your. Mouth. How will they hear. Unless someone. Speak.

Preach. Tell them. Carry seed. Carry seed. Do you? You know. I know. I need to carry seed. More often. Whether it's in your wallet.

Have a gospel track. In your diary. Have a gospel track. In your pocket. Carry the gospel seed. Carry the gospel seed.

Always. In your person. In your pocket. In your car. Have it handy. You never know. When you're going to need it. And it could. No. Not that it needs to be imprinted form.

[17:52] But have it in your. Heart. Your mouth. Your mind. And give it. Go with it. The Lord says. Isaiah 55. 11. So shall my word be.

Which goeth forth. Out of my mouth. It shall not return unto me void. But it shall accomplish. That where to. I send it. Sorry. It shall accomplish.

That which I please. And it shall prosper. In the thing where to. I sense it. So. His word. Is going to accomplish. It's going to do something. Carry the seed. In your pocket.

In your heart. You know. There was a. Training school for. People who. Being disciplined. As Christians.

And. The teacher said this. He said. If I had two minutes to live. How would you tell me. To get to heaven. If I had two minutes to live.

[18:47] How would you tell me. How would you get to heaven. If they couldn't tell him. In two minutes. He knew they couldn't tell him. In two hours. You know.

It's. Short. Simple. A B C. The gospel isn't. Very complicated. Really. Is it? It's. It's. As simple as the blood. Spilled. In your place.

And you're receiving of his. Work. His action. On your part. And. I know I was talking with someone lately. There's someone in this church. Who's dead set keen. As far as I could tell. To go door knocking.

He's done it before. He's looking for someone. To join up with him. Right. There's maybe. People here today. That think. Well. I could do. I could do that. Maybe you think. I could not do that.

But maybe someone else does it. I could take it along. You know. There's somebody here. Who wants. A someone to go with them. To go door knocking. There's opportunity.

[19:43] All around us. There's many. Doors to knock. There's many souls to see. 1 Peter 3.15. It says. But. Sanctify the Lord.

God. In your hearts. And be ready. Always. To give an answer. To every man that asketh you. A reason. Of the hope that is in you. With meekness and fear.

There's a hope. In you. Get ready. Be always ready. To give it. In meekness. So. Not in pride. In meekness. And in fear.

You want to tell them. You want to tell them right. And true. There's a. There's a sense. There's a trepidation. But you want to get it right. You don't want to give them the wrong message. Or. Some token. Or a.

False hope. That they're saved. You want to get them. A clear. Presentation of it. Be ready. Sometimes. To give an answer. Or be ready.

[20 : 37] Always. Always. Be always on the alert. For that. When they. When they. Had the. Unsinkable.

Titanic. Sink. It caused the death. Of 1500 odd people. And the nearest ship. Was. Really. Not that far away. But. It was off duty. It was off duty. You know. They. They clocked off. And turned the phone off.

Or the. The radio. Or whatever. Or they weren't in. In a. A state of mind. To. Be ready. To help. They weren't on duty.

And as a Christian. You know. They could have rescued all the passengers. If they were on duty. All of the people. Could have been saved. Those 1500. As a Christian.

[21 : 31] Similarly. You always. Should be. On duty. Always on duty. It's like the military. Isn't it? They say really. They work. Seven days. 24 hours a day.

There's no clocking on or off. With. As far as. When you're a soldier. Or not. And. When you're a Christian. It's the same. Isn't it? Strictly. We don't clock off. It's always.

Ready. Always. You have a message to deliver. You. Have a message. To deliver. Who else is going to do it? He's not going to send an angel. He's going to use you.

He's going to use you. He's going to use your mouth. Your mouth. Your mouth. Your mouth. Trust God. To do his work. In you. With the eyes to weep.

That see the need. That see the peril. Of the perishing. That will go. As John. 4. 35. 35. As the Lord Jesus says. Say not ye. There are yet four months.

[22 : 27] And then cometh harvest. Behold. I say unto you. Lift. Up. Your eyes. And look. On the fields. For they are.

White. Already. To harvest. They're ready now. They're ready now. There's something. Oh. I'll pray about it. That's a cop out. Come on.

You can't use that. Even with God. It's not. It's not going to work. He's not going to wear that. Trust God. To do his work. Say not ye. There's four months.

Do it now. Do it now. Be encouraged. To do it now. And you might say. Oh. Who am I? Who am I to do? To do anything like that.

I mean. You know. We all can think like that. As I do. And. There was a. A man asked to speak in a church one day. By the pastor there.

[23 : 22] To give a talk. And the man said. I've never given a talk in public. And I don't see how I could talk to all of those people. My knees would shake. And I'd get paralyzed with fear.

And. And. I just couldn't do it. And the man said. You will be okay. You will be alright. Just tell the people. What Christ. Has done for you.

Tell the people. How Christ has saved you. And what he has done for you. What he means for you. For Christ's sake. I'll make the effort. Replied the man. And when he spoke.

All the fear vanished. And the people were blessed. And greatly challenged. In God's service. Tell. Tell. People. What Jesus means for you. Tell them what he's done for you.

Tell them. Who he. Is for you. Tell them about. Christ. And he will do the rest. He says. And I. If I be lifted up. From the earth.

[24 : 18] Will draw all men unto me. Expect God to work. Expect it. Expect it. Anticipate the joy. They that go forth. Weeping. Shall bear.

The precious seed. And they shall. Doubtless come again. Rejoicing. They that sow in tears. Shall reap. In joy. There's a joy.

There's a joy in soul winning. There's a joy. There's cause for rejoicing. Anticipate it. Luke 15. When he cometh home. He called together his friends and neighbours.

Saying unto them. Rejoice with me. For I have found my sheep. Which was lost. I say unto you. That likewise. Joy shall be in heaven.

Over one. One sinner. That repenteth. More than over ninety-nine. Just persons. Which need. No repentance. The tears of repentance. Will follow those.

[25 : 14] Eyes of weeping. The tears of repenting. Will bring a joy of rejoicing. In heaven. And on earth. And in your soul. And in the soul of that saved one.

The promises are to you. Brethren today. Promises for soul winners. Hear it. There's the seed. Shall come again rejoicing. It's a joy promise.

It's good news. Glad news. No greater news. How do you tell people the good news? First you've got to tell them the bad news. The bad news.

And then the good news. The bad news. And friends. I'm not taking it for granted. That anyone. Of you. Are saved. In saying this. The bad news.

Is that we need to be saved. From sin. The bad news is. We're condemned to hell. Without Christ. And. Friends today. The gospel. Starts with saying.

[26 : 09] Really. You could put it. Simply this way. You are a sinner. Romans 3.23. For all have sinned. And come short.

Of the glory of God. You are a sinner. Number one. Number two. God offers you. Everlasting life. The wages of sin. Is death.

But. The gift of God. Is eternal life. Through Jesus Christ. Our Lord. God offers you. Eternal life. It's a gift. Don't miss it. How would you like.

To have a birthday party. And. And you refuse the gift. Don't refuse his gift. He loves you. He wants you to take it. He offers it. He extends it.

Accept it. It's that simple. It's that simple. Receive it. And thirdly. Confess your sins. Recognize. That he is the Lord. As master. If you confess him.

[27 : 05] With your mouth. And believe in your heart. It's. Twofold isn't it? Believe in your heart. Confess with your mouth. Confess him as Lord. As master. Tell another.

I've trusted him. Maybe you might come up to me. And surprise me. And say. For all these years. I've not been a Christian. But I've trusted him now. He's my master. I believe.

I believe in Jesus. I've called upon him. Even silently. Just now. The Bible says. If you confess me. Before men. I will confess you.

Before my father. Which is in heaven. And as part of being a Christian. Is we want to confess him. Before men. We want to witness. We want to tell people. The work. That God has done for us. And our Lord. Assures us.

Therefore my beloved brethren. Be ye steadfast. Unmovable. Always abounding. In the work of the Lord. For as much as you know. That your labour. Is not in vain. In the Lord. It's not in vain.

[27 : 58] You might think. Oh the many I've talked to. I can't see much for it. Or the many. Young people. Children. In various ministries. Or families. Friends.

That I've talked to. That don't seem like they've responded. You've been obedient. You've been obedient. You've done what he said to do. And that's what counts. Our work has a lasting value.

And they that be wise shall shine. As the brightness of the firmament. And they that turn many to righteousness. As the stars. Forever and ever. That temporal work of soul winning.

Has an eternal result. I know there's a message told. Of there's something you can't do in heaven. And it's soul winning. You can't do it anymore. When your life expires.

And you breathe your last breath. Here on this planet. You can't witness to another soul. About the saviour. So make the most of now. Now. Now. Go for.

[28 : 55] Find feet to walk. Seeking for those feet. Those beautiful feet. To put your life. Into gear. Into action. To see the green light. And hit the accelerator. Go forth.

Feet to walk. Weep. Seeking for eyes to weep. With that caring. With that considering. With that. Prayerful. Pleading.

That God would use you. Despite you. And thirdly. Bearing precious seed. A mouth to talk. He's not going to use someone else. He's wanting to use your mouth.

Confess him. Before men. For your family. Your friends. Witness. The time will come. When you can no longer witness. While you've got breath to breathe.

Words to speak. Speak of him. And he'll. Give you joy. Joy. Joy. Joy. And it's eternal. You're going to shine like the stars in the firmament forever.

[29 : 55] He that go forth and weepeth. Bearing precious seed. Shall doubtless. Come again. With rejoicing. Bringing his seeds with him. I love to tell the story.

Of haunting things above. Of Jesus and his glory.