

# BIRTH OF A MINISTRY

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*Mark 6:34-44; 8:14-21*

- I. **Our ministry starts when we begin to comprehend the depth of Christ's victory and our part in it.**
  - A. "Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod" (Mark 8:11-16).
    1. This wasn't about petty politics. God Himself was in their boat.
    2. Bread is no problem. God is also in your boat and wants to work through you (Acts 1:4-8).
  - B. We are in the same training that the disciples went through. God sends us out to be the enforcers of His victory over Satan's dominance on the earth.
    1. Developing a spiritual track record with Jesus (Luke 10:17-21)
    2. A good memory is very helpful (Mark 6:45-52; 8:17-21).
    3. When the Early Church settled on boldness and supernatural power, nothing could stop them (Acts 4:29-31).
- II. **Most ministry boils down to three things: 1) God's power, 2) our mouths, and 3) our hands.**
  - A. Example of Moses: "What's that in your hand?" "Who gave human beings their mouths?" (Exodus 4:1-5, 10-17)
  - B. We overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony (Revelation 12:10-11).
    1. God uses our words to preach, petition, confess, worship, and prophesy.
    2. God uses our hands to heal, serve, worship and create.
- III. **Anatomy of a ministry: "Look, see, and do something about it" (Mother Teresa quote).**
  - A. Looking is the pressure put on us by God's compassion and commission. It is also having a sense of our true identity in Jesus.
  - B. Seeing is the ability God gives to notice a particular need or opportunity to help at least one person. Beware! Others may follow.
  - C. Do something about it. Start by doing what's possible. Don't stop until you're doing the impossible. You are the most effective when you're able to work with others. "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor" (Ecclesiastes 4:9).

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