

THE URGENCY OF THE HOUR!

Rodney W. Francis





The Gospel Faith Messenger Ministry

*Printed by Ken Ray Communications Sdn. Bhd.
(Penang, Malaysia)*

Published by and for
“The Gospel Faith Messenger” Ministry
P. O. Box 57
Paraparaumu 5254
New Zealand

*E-Mail: gfm@gospel.org.nz
Web Page: www.gospel.org.nz
Telephone: (64 4) 904 0727*

First Printing (2014)

All Rights Reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced in any form whatsoever (except for brief quotations in reviews), without written permission from “The Gospel Faith Messenger” Ministry Head Office in Paraparaumu, New Zealand (address at the back of this book).

This book is dedicated to all who sense the urgency of the hour in which we live and who desire to make a positive difference for and with Jesus Christ in their generation. There is an urgency for the great Commission of Jesus Christ to be fulfilled in this end-time hour (Mark 16:15-20).

**THE
URGENCY
OF THE
HOUR!**

By Rodney W. Francis

Acknowledgements:

Unless stated otherwise, Scripture quotations are taken from the “New King James Version” (NKJV) of the Bible.

Word meanings marked (Bullinger’s) are taken from “A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament” by E.W. Bullinger. Published by Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506, USA.

Word meanings marked (Strong’s) are taken from “The New Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible” by James Strong, LL.D., S.T.D. Copyright (C) 1984. Permission to use granted by Thomas Nelson Publisher, P O Box 141000, Nashville, Tennessee 37214-1000, USA.

Special thanks to Margaret Milligan (Paraparaumu, New Zealand) for her help in editing this book.

Forewords

Rodney Francis is one of the prophetic voices that the Lord has raised for Kenya and the African Continent, to stir-up and encourage the body of believers in the expansive African continent to rise up into their prophetic assignment in the power of the Holy Spirit, and I believe that “**The Urgency Of The Hour**” book is one of the prophetic utterance books that every believer in Kenya and Africa must read, adhere, embrace, and act upon. The hour is urgent, and while it is daytime, the better time, I believe that this is the time and the hour to arise in the power and the fire of the Holy Ghost, reach out and take the Gospel into the nations for Jesus. I highly recommend this book to every follower of Christ” ~ **Rev. Moses Nganga Muguro** (Senior Pastor-PEFA Church –Utawala, Kenya; and our main GFM contact person in Kenya).

On behalf of my family and the “The King Jesus Ministry” in Kenya, and with the input of my wife (Justine), I consider it a highest privilege to be invited to write a Foreword for one of the many books of my friend and prophetic writer, Rodney Francis.

When I met Rodney in Nairobi in August 2012 I saw in his eyes a supernatural conviction that I have never seen before: the conviction to reach the whole world with the prophetic truth. I realized immediately that time was short and we needed to be very careful listeners and actors of the truth. My wife was so touched when her spiritual gifting functioned during the meetings in Nairobi. She testified to me how a prophetic message came to her unexpectedly, when Rodney asked everybody to speak a word of prophecy. That moment God instructed us to be fully committed to spreading this truth across the nation of Kenya and to commit ourselves to reach remote homes and churches that

many mainstream ministries have dared not to go. From that day we have been going into areas where even vehicles cannot reach. The very spiritual truth that Rodney's books and writings are touching thousands daily across the world, I feel it an honour to contribute to this spiritually-powered message carried in this book, "**The Urgency Of The Hour!**" The more I read, the more the Holy Spirit overwhelmed me with the truth revealed inside the book. I am amazed at how God can change lives when we are committed to fulfilling His command. How many souls are waiting to be reached? How many spiritually hungry souls are dying in sin? Going through the book with spiritual eyes and a committed heart will make you jump up and seek the face of God to get His urgent guidance on how to reach out to our lost world. Allow God to speak to you concerning what you read and you will never be the same. ~ *Rev. Charles Wanyonyi Mwanda* (Mombasa, Kenya).

Do you want to be challenged as I have through reading this timely book? It demolishes every excuse. It has challenged me, personally, to make these latter years of my life the most fruitful. Rodney and Jean are lovely friends and, for me, it is a privilege to recommend Rodney's latest book, "**The URGENCY Of The Hour!**" ~ *Malcolm Milligan* (Retired from Pastoring in New Zealand and the United Kingdom; and Missionary to Eastern European Countries; now living in Paraparaumu, New Zealand).

"I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside

to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry” (2 Timothy 4:1-5).

You will not get far into this book without realizing there is urgency leaping out of every page. It’s a timely wake-up call to the Church and all Christian believers! You cannot read this book and not be moved to improve! I dare you to read this book and do nothing! I would go as far as to say that if this book doesn’t quicken your pulse you should see a doctor quickly!

Fair warning: as you read this book challenges will confront you on every page. Challenges you’ll need to rise up and meet. Questions will be asked of you that you’ll need to answer. Above all it will plead with you to understand the URGENCY of the hour and to wake up, fill up and speak up. You will be urged to get going with the Gospel! As you have this book in your grip, understand that the clear hope of the author is that this book will grip you!

I have known of Rodney and Jean’s ministry for over 30 years and observed that they have never once slowed down nor wandered from God’s call on their lives to proclaim and spread the Gospel. As Rodney has responded to requests to minister personally in so many places their ministry has now reached far and wide; not only in this country, but around the world, as well as through the many helpful books and teaching manuals Rodney has written. These are being used widely around the world, reaching even remote places he has never been to, and may never ever get to visit. Rodney practises what he preaches. I like that in a preacher. Rodney’s experience and teaching on the working power and ministry of the Holy Spirit in and through his life is so apparent you cannot help but be caught-up in the urgency and passion of his life and ministry.

Those who know Rodney well know he has a great sense of humour, but this book is a serious heart cry to the Church to wake-up from its dreary slumber; to shake itself and to rush to the battlefield of the war against sin and evil. To fight for the salvation of those Jesus came to seek and to save, by the spreading and proclaiming of the Gospel. I am the richer for Rodney's teaching and fellowship, and continue to sit under his teaching in these days. As they have honoured God in their faithfulness to Him and the mission, so God has honoured them. His faithfulness to them is so apparent in their everyday lives. It's a privilege for you to hold this book in your hand ~ don't waste it! ~ **Malcolm Herring** (Major | Assistant Territorial Candidates Secretary Assistant Officer | Personnel The Salvation Army | New Zealand, Fiji & Tonga ~ Paraparaumu, New Zealand).

I must warn you, this book is not for the fainthearted, but for those who are hungry for God, and are sensing the moment, that any time, the Bride of Christ is going home, and so only those who are walking in the Spirit will embrace the urgency of the hour! Rodney has captured the heartbeat of God concerning this time, this very season, and so this is a book that every believer must read, for it will change your heart and ignite God's fire in your bones! Blessings! ~ **Rev. George Muguro** (Director, Manna Bible Institute, Rongai, Kenya).

Introduction

This book has come about directly as a result of my believing that God spoke to me and asked me to do it. It is a compilation of some articles I have written, especially since the impacting time I had with the Holy Spirit in Kenya in 2012. May it challenge all who read it to be much more aware of the urgency of the hour in which we live, and to know that we have been called and chosen of God ***“For such a time as this”*** (Esther 4:14).

This is not a time for Christians to be sitting idle. Every one of us has a calling and a commission in God to make sure the Greatest Message of all time ~ the message of Jesus Christ and His finished work on Calvary; and His rising from the dead ~ is spread to all nations.

For too long too many of us have been half-hearted and spiritually asleep in our obeying the calling of God. We’ve hidden behind excuses and all kinds of reasons as to why we are not more committed and practically involved in that for which we were born-again and filled with the Holy Spirit of God. It is time to awake! It is time for us to rise up and fulfill our destiny in God! ~ **Rodney W. Francis.**

“Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!” (Jesus speaking: John 4:35).

Contents

	Acknowledgements	2
	Forewords	3
	Introduction	7
Chapter 1	The Urgency Of The Hour!!	11
Chapter 2	Breaking Out Of Smallness	17
Chapter 3	Are You Filled With The Holy Spirit ~ And With Fire?	21
Chapter 4	Do We Not Care?	27
Chapter 5	Are You Willing To Answer The Call?	33
Chapter 6	The Great Commission Has Not Changed!	37
Chapter 7	Do You Know Your Christian Calling?	43
Chapter 8	God Is Looking For You!	49
Chapter 9	Mixing Faith With The Word	55
Chapter 10	Love One Another!	59
Chapter 11	The Challenge Of 'Upreach' And 'Outreach' Today!	65
Chapter 12	Saved To Serve The Purposes Of God	71
Chapter 13	Keep The Printing Presses Rolling!	75

Chapter One:

THE URGENCY OF THE HOUR!!

By Rodney W. Francis

(Founder/Director: The Gospel Faith Messenger Ministry).

In recent times I have been challenged afresh of the need to spread the Message of Jesus Christ to the nations. While in Kenya in August 2012, I had an experience where **the Lord opened my eyes to see the urgency of the hour in which we live**. He spoke and told me that the nations that are still open to our getting the Gospel Message into them will not always be open and that I was to *“up the tempo’ and get my writings into those nations while the doors were still open.”* At that point in time we had several books awaiting printing in three different nations (owing to not having enough funds to get them printed). I told the Lord that I was willing to do more and that He would have to enable me to do it because we did not have the wherewithal to do it. I saw that many were perishing because of their ignorance of the truth of Jesus Christ, and I felt that I was meant to step-out and increase our activities in getting my books printed in the nations while the doors are still open. Yes, right now the doors into a number of nations are still open, but the day is coming when those doors will be closed ~ and once they are closed there will be no way of getting the Gospel into them from the outside! There will be no Christian Internet, Radio, TV or Christian Ministries allowed to go in and preach the Gospel; only what we are able to get into those nations **now while the doors are still open!** It is hard to explain

the feelings I felt in seeing and knowing this in my spirit. Then, when I came back to New Zealand, I was standing at home at our kitchen sink that had loose tea-leaves in it. As I poured water to get rid of them I was suddenly reminded of what I had experienced in Kenya and then saw that those tea-leaves represented multitudes of people heading swiftly to a lost eternity. Those tea-leaves turned into lost souls heading quickly into a lost eternity! It impacted me greatly and reduced me to tears as I saw how quickly it was all happening. God was speaking to me to step-up our involvement in reaching people for Christ before it is too late ~ while the doors are still open! **I felt the urgency of the hour!**

Again I committed myself to doing what God wanted of me, but that He would have to release the finances for us to **“up the tempo”** with more printings.

A short time after this experience I received a telephone call from a friend wanting to know The GFM bank account details. He told me to look there in three days' time. Three days later when we looked there was \$NZ30,000.00 in the account (the largest single gift we had ever received in to The GFM Ministry)! That released us to get the backlog of waiting books to be printed, as well as enabled us to get more books printed as the Lord continued to release funds to us. We have been amazed at what the Lord has enabled us to do since that time!

“WHILE MEN SLEPT . . . !!”

Just a few days before I wrote this, I had **Matthew 13:24-30** quickened to me and that I was to preach it at the next morning's service I was speaking at in Marton, New Zealand (at a church I had pioneered back in the early 1980's). I wept as I shared. This is what it says: **Another parable He (Jesus) put forth to them saying:**

“The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. ‘Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

There has been good seed sown in the past for the Kingdom of God. But then it tells us that **“while men slept”** the enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat.

- **The enemy got in while God’s people slept!**

Sleepy people are not active and watchful as those who are awake, **“Having their senses exercised to discern both good and evil”** (Hebrews 5:12-14). Sleepy people are not highly motivated for the cause of Jesus Christ. They tend to ‘exist’ more than **live with a passion and vision to see “this Gospel of the Kingdom preached in all the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come”** (Matthew 24:14). The result of the enemy’s work was that it produced a mixture of bad seed in with the good. It created confusion, extra work and double-effort to bring in the good seed harvest (the wheat) ~ for the tares had to be reaped first and disposed of before the good harvest could be brought in! Those conditions work to produce discouragement within us, as it makes the task look hopeless. One of the devil’s main strategies against

the Holy Spirit-filled Christian is to cause discouragement. When we are discouraged we get spiritually sleepy! We do not have the same love and commitment to please the Lord and to serve His purposes. Discouragement makes us want to “give up.”

What is this telling me? It is telling me that we have today a mixture of good and bad in our midst as a result of Christians sleeping **when they should be awake, spiritually alert and aware of the strategies of the enemy.** Yes, we have an enemy who is out to undermine the good work done in the Kingdom of God. Christians today need to be aware of the subtle tactics that Satan is employing against us, and be awake to these **“wiles of the wicked one”** (Ephesians 6:10-20). **“Therefore He says: ‘Awake you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.’ See then that you walk circumspectly (“carefully”), not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is”** (Ephesians 5:14-17).

- Christian, it is time to arise and fulfil your calling in Jesus Christ!
- We have a harvest to gather in!
- It is no time for sleeping!
- It is time to invest our time and resources into getting the Gospel Message to the nations while the doors are still open!
- We can reach the lost!
- We can make a difference!
- Ask God to show you what He has called you to be and do.
- Know the urgency of the hour!

Sitting in church without any active involvement in the purposes

of Jesus Christ is a form of deception. God does not want us to be guilty of being “a saved soul, but a wasted life!” Every one of us has been given the Great Commission to take this Glorious Message of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. People are hungry . . . crying out . . . waiting for us to take the life-changing Message of Jesus to them!

- **Will that be you?**
- **If you cannot go, you can pray, you can give and be a worker together with others to enable them to take the Message in printed and spoken form. See the need; know the Commission of Jesus and be actively involved in fulfilling it.**
- **This is your hour to respond and act like never before!**

I pray that God will speak to all who read this.

Chapter Two:

BREAKING OUT OF SMALLNESS

Christianity presents many challenges to us as we walk through life. It is all about our being changed to conform to the image and purposes of Jesus Christ our Living Lord. **How well we progress depends largely upon how we see ourselves.** If we see ourselves as an insignificant “nobody,” then that is the level we will live at. It is likely that we will achieve only small things in life in comparison to that which God intends for us.

If we are miserly in life, then we reap accordingly: *“As a man thinks in his heart, so is he”* (Proverbs 23:7).

- We need to think bigger and better about ourselves!
- We need to see ourselves as God sees us in Christ Jesus!

One of the main purposes why God has to take us through “wilderness” trials and testing is so that He can stretch and expand us to believe for bigger and greater things that He has planned for us.

- He has to change us!
- He has to change our heart, our attitudes, our smallness of thinking, our feeling that we are inferior to others, that we could never rise and impact

thousands of others because of our relationship with Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- **Because we can have a greater impact upon others!**

When I look back at my life and how I was when I first started my walk with Jesus, I was locked into the beliefs and influences of a negative past. I did not think well of myself. But then the day came when the Holy Spirit challenged me from Isaiah 54:1-5 to ***“break forth on the right hand and on the left.”*** I knew that the challenge was to think much more positively about myself, to agree with what God says about me and not what I say about me. It was not easy to break the habit-patterns of smallness and negative thinking about one’s self. It took a few years, but because I co-operated with God in seeking to obey what He asked of me, to my amazement I watched The GFM Ministry multiply 16 times over in the next 10 years! Prior to that I was “locked into” an environment of a personal failure concept about my life; then I became a Holy Spirit-filled Christian and was part of a small church for a number of years. Everything seemed to be small! But as a result of that experience I started to change and, when I started to change, I started to grow personally in my faith and then my ministry started to grow as well.

- **As I grew spiritually, so did my ministry grow and multiply!**

It is easy for us to blame others, circumstances, etc., for our living small and insignificant life-styles, but if we are willing to let God deal with us in the way we think and see ourselves, then we will experience growth in our life and ministry.

- **The key to growth lies within us!**

What we think in our heart (about ourselves, what we can or cannot do) determines how much we will achieve in life! When I first started pastoring, whatever I did to make the church grow did not work! I had a heart for God's will to be done, but at that stage of my Christian walk I had not learned the principles that I now know and have proven in more recent years.

- **We do not have to remain small.**
- **God's purpose is to give all Holy Spirit-filled Christians a world vision, and that we can play a major part in impacting that world for Jesus (Mark 16:15-20; Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:8).**
- **To make a real difference in our lives in this generation we need that enlarged vision of Jesus to grip our hearts in such a way that we really believe that we can accomplish all that He says we can!**
- **Yes, it is time to break out of smallness!**
- **The hour is urgent!**

Chapter Three:

ARE YOU FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT ~ AND WITH FIRE?

John the Baptist, the fore-runner of Jesus, declared: *“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire”* (Matthew 3:11-12).

John saw that the coming of the Holy Spirit included **fire!** On the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon and into those initial 120, the Bible records: *“Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance”* (see Acts 2:1-4).

Jesus taught His disciples of the importance of receiving the Holy Spirit, as **through the Holy Spirit we would be His witnesses from our Jerusalem (home base) to the ends of the earth** (Acts 1:8). In other words, **nothing can restrict those who are filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit!** A witness is one that has first-hand evidence of the One they are witnessing about. True

Christians have a personal relationship with the Living Christ of God, the One Who personally baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with fire! Out of that day-to-day relationship we have something very definite to witness about to others.

- **The fact is that if non-Christians do not see evidence of Jesus alive in us, they will not know of His love for them.**

A BURNING BUSH EXPERIENCE

In Exodus 3 we have the account of Moses encountering God at a burning bush. That bush was very different to any other bush that Moses had ever seen. The fire in the burning bush arrested Moses' attention (and he was 80 years of age)! So much so that he turned to look at it. The moment Moses' attention was on that bush, God spoke to him through it and gave Him His plans for Moses to become a great deliverer of a nation! I can imagine that the previous 40 years in Moses' life were not all that exciting, as he had had to run away from Egypt owing to his killing a man. He had received the call of God at 40, but things did not work out the way he thought they would and, instead of being a deliverer, he was a fugitive in a strange land. Instead of leading people into God's victory, he found himself leading sheep at the backside of the desert (quite a difference, don't you think)! But God had not given up on His man, and He used a fire in a bush to attract his attention so He could renew the call and plan of God for his life and future. We learn that from that experience, Moses went back to Egypt and delivered a whole nation (Israel) out of its captivity and bondage by mighty signs, wonders and miracles. Many thousands were delivered from their defeatist living.

As I was meditating afresh on Exodus 3, it came to me that today **we are to be that burning bush.**

- **The Holy Spirit and fire at work in us makes us a witness to others of just how different a Christian is to all other peoples.**
- **When we are filled with the Holy Spirit and fire, we are set aside for God's use.**

And He wants to use us to arrest other people's attention, so that they will stop and look at us (Acts 3:4) because we are obviously different to others.

- **That difference is Jesus alive in us through the power of the Holy Spirit!**

We cannot be used like this if God has not already got our attention and we have heard His voice speaking directly into our hearts and lives.

- **The voice of God changes and transforms us into living witnesses of JESUS!**

What a tremendous joy and privilege it is to be used of God to arrest someone else's attention and then to see them impacted and changed by the Holy Spirit working in and through us! We have learned that there is always someone waiting on the other side of our obedience. The big question is:

- **Are we filled with the Holy Spirit and fire right now?**
- **Are we a 'burning bush' for Jesus Christ?**
- **If not, why not?**
- **Are you aware of the urgency of the hour in which we are living?**

For a ‘committed to Jesus Christ’ Christian there is no room for excuses. **Our calling is to be available to Him each and every day.** None of us know at this moment whether or not the next person who recognizes there is something different about you, and stops to ask you *“a reason for the hope that is in you”* (1 Peter 3:15), might be a Moses who has been wandering in a wilderness experience for 40 years.

- **God wants to use each one of us to make a positive difference in the lives of others!**
- **But that cannot happen if there is no fire of the Holy Spirit evident in our lives!**

According to Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8 and Acts 2, the evidence of the Holy Spirit and fire being active within our lives is power, tongues and prophesying. With regards our prophesying we are told: *“Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies”* or *“Do not put out the Spirit’s fire”* (1 Thessalonians 5:15-23). These gifts of God are available to every believer who believes!

- **We are robbing others when we are not functioning in the purposes of God for our lives!**

Fire warms, attracts and comforts, as well as burns up the rubbish in our lives. It has a purifying effect on us, and the accompanying criticism and persecution as a result of our being ‘different’ will keep pushing us closer to Jesus and His purposes.

- **Right now there is an urgent need for every Christian to be filled with the Holy Spirit ~ and with fire!**

You and I have already been hand-selected, chosen and ordained of

God to be His witnesses in an unbelieving world ~ you and I have been chosen to be **His ambassadors** (an ambassador is one who has been given power and authority to speak and act on behalf of the Kingdom he or she represents ~ 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 ~ and we represent the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth). We are the salt of the earth and the light of the world! *“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven”* (Matthew 5:13-16). These are the words of Jesus.

- Be on fire!
- Shine, burn for Jesus today!

Chapter Four:

DO WE NOT CARE?

This message comes from a burden of concern that somehow we Christians are not as effective as we should be in the proclaiming of the Gospel and the fulfilling of the Great Commission (Mark 16:15-20). One does not need to listen very long to any news bulletin these days to discover that false religions are increasing their numbers and influence upon the societies in which they live.

- **Should that not be said for the Christians?**
- **We say we believe that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour of mankind from the power of sin, death and eternal destruction.**
- **But does that message carry through to a conviction of our actually doing something about the fulfilling of our responsibility that has been given to us by Jesus Christ Himself?**

If we do care about the world situation and the desperate need for the Gospel of Jesus Christ to be spread into all the world, then the question we must all ask ourselves is:

- **What am I personally doing to fulfil the Great Commission?**
- **What am I personally doing to see that the Message goes forth to as many as possible?**

What should the Christian's priorities in life be? Should they not be that which is closest to the heart of God? If we cannot be

involved personally in the spreading of the Gospel, then we should be actively involved in praying for those who are, and investing our finances into enabling it to happen. Some of those priorities should be to help get Bibles and anointed Christian literature into the hands of the masses. Why do I say this? Because we are living in a day when the doors of opportunities into nations can close very quickly ~ we are in the end-times!

- **My conviction is that Gospel literature is still one of the most powerful and enduring ways to get the Gospel into the nations.**

When doors close, radio, TV and the Internet can be controlled by anti-God Governmental authorities.

- **But if we already have the printed word in those nations ~ before the doors close ~ then we are giving the Christians and people of those nations priceless treasures to help them!**
- **We must live with foresight enough to see that what we do now is going to be a huge investment into peoples' lives in the troublesome days ahead.**

This is my passion with The GFM Ministry, and why we seek to get our books into other languages. We are sowing for a great harvest, as well as giving the people teaching materials in the times ahead. It all takes much time and money ~ but **we are commanded to take the Gospel into every nation.**

- **There is no better time than NOW!**
- **And there is no greater urgency for this than NOW!**
- **Do we not care?**
- **What will we do (that we are not already doing) in order to please God?**

LITERATURE TESTIMONIES

Literature remains to minister again and again until it is destroyed. We receive reports of our literature impacting lives over 20 years after we send it out! There are scores of testimonies on the Holy Spirit using literature to speak to hearts and change lives! Let me share just two from Africa, as well as one from the Fiji Islands:

1. “A man was so depressed that he took a knife and went to the river to commit suicide. By the river he saw a piece of paper stuck in a bush. He picked it out. It was my Gospel tract, **“Make Contact With Jesus!”** He read it, began to cry and repented right there at the place he was going to destroy himself. Jesus came into his heart. He wrote and told us.

2. The second one is of a young man who started answering our Bible Correspondence Courses. He received a Gospel tract (**“Do You Care?”**); did not read it, but put it under his pillow as a “good luck charm” to ward off evil spirits, as his father was a witch-doctor and did incantations during the night hours ~ which made the son very fearful. On one such night of fear he pulled the tract from under his pillow, read it, and gave his heart to Jesus! Then, when the young man was given an opportunity to send us a new name and address for the Bible Lessons, he wrote his father’s name down. We sent him the Bible Courses, which he started to answer. A little while later the father came under conviction of sin, repented and also found Jesus as his personal Saviour and Lord. A whole family was saved and great changes took place as a result.

3. In Fiji Islands a young man was very desirous of wanting to answer a Bible Correspondence Course. Everyone he asked was unable to help him. This went on for some time, but the desire for

such did not go away. One day, while walking down a street in the capital, Suva, a piece of paper blew along the street and wrapped itself around the young man's leg. He took the paper and, to his surprise, it was one of our Bible Correspondence Course Lessons ~ the very thing he desired! He took it home, answered the questions and sent them to us with that wonderful testimony. Can you not see the hand of God in these three testimonies?

- **Anointed literature has no bad days!!**

If I had not bothered to take the time, effort and expense to produce the literature, then none of those testimonies would have happened like they did.

- **I care about the lost souls of men, women, boys and girls around the world!**
- **I desire to see them saved, delivered and set free to the glory of Jesus Christ!**
- **I do not want to stand before my Lord empty-handed because I did not care enough to get involved in the spreading of the Gospel into all the world!**
- **I am gripped with the challenge of the urgency of the hour in which we now live!**
- **So what are you doing about the Great Commission?**
- **What personal involvement do you have in reaching the lost?**
- **How much time do you devote to making a positive difference in this world?**
- **Are you using your finances to the best possible means of impacting our generation?**

Pouring money into lavish church programmes, church buildings, etc., is no longer a good investment. It is time to see the bigger

picture! And to see that we are also running out of time. **Let us, together, release our time and resources into getting the Message of the Risen Lord Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit out to the people so they can be saved from a Christ-less eternity!**

Chapter Five:

ARE YOU WILLING TO ANSWER THE CALL?

Throughout the ages the call has gone out for labourers to enter the harvest field of the Lord. In Matthew 9:37-38 we read the words of Jesus (speaking to His disciples): *“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest.”* Let us be reminded that a disciple of Jesus is one who follows both the Teacher and His Teachings. It is a commitment and, **if we really do want to please Jesus, then the first thing we can do is to offer ourselves to Him to become a labourer in His harvest.** It should not be our trying to get God to fit-in with our plans in life, but rather that we seek to fit-in with His plans for our lives. In John 4:34-38 Jesus challenged His disciples about putting things off to a future time. He told them, *“Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! . . .”*

- While we Christians procrastinate, the harvest gets wasted!
- While we continue to look at what we cannot do ~ instead of what He can do in and through us ~ we will drift through life having numbers of wasted opportunities that could have been turned into gathering a harvest in for Jesus!

“HERE AM I! SEND ME!”

In Isaiah Chapter 6 we read of the challenge of God to Isaiah. Notice that God could not challenge him until someone had died; someone who had tried to interfere with the purposes of God. Often we cannot respond to God because there is someone or something that is getting in the way and stopping us from doing what we know we should be doing. It may be some selfish thing we are holding on to? But whoever or whatever it is, we will not be able to become a true disciple of Jesus until that person is put in their rightful place (or removed), or that something has been laid on the altar of God at the Cross, i.e. given over entirely to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Out of a death, Isaiah was challenged by God to answer the call of allowing Him to send him to share the Message and Word of God to others. It took a vision from God to show him the holiness and glory of God. That vision also showed Isaiah his own unworthiness and that he was a man of unclean lips! God is like that. Often when He reveals more of Himself to us, He allows us to see something of ourselves that we do not like; then we have to repent and deal with whatever it is He reveals to us.

As a result of God's dealings with Isaiah, Isaiah was brought to a place of total abandonment to God. When the Lord said, **“Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?”** Isaiah was ready to respond with **“Here am I! Send me!”** (v.8).

- **Have you come to that place of abandonment to Jesus Christ yet?**

You will know when you have, for He will speak to you and reveal more of His plans and purposes for your life. You will be more

willing than ever to answer His call and do whatever it is He asks of you. Know for sure that God never asks us to do anything that we cannot do. **We can always do what He asks of us.** We may never have done it before, but we can do it. The moment God got Isaiah's full attention and commitment, He said to him ***“Go and tell this people . . .”*** (v. 9). This is exactly what Jesus gave to His disciples (us) in the Great Commission before He went back to the Father in Heaven: ***“And He said to them*** (His disciples), ***‘Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He who believes*** (what you say) ***and is baptized*** (in water) ***will be saved; but he who does not believe*** (what you say) ***will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe*** (that should be you and me): ***In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues*** (baptized in the Holy Spirit); ***they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they*** (you and me) ***will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.’ So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they*** (the disciples who believed what Jesus said) ***went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen”*** (Mark 16:15-20).

JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE

Jesus Christ came into this world, called His disciples to follow Him, and showed them Who He was and what He could do. He took them with Him, so they could see the demonstration of the power of God working through Him and confirm to them that He was/is indeed the Son of God. Then He sent them forth to do what He had taught them. Notice in Mark 16:20 ***“They went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word*** (their words spoken) ***through accompanying***

signs.” Jesus had faith in His disciples to put into practice the things He had taught them. He so trusted them that He gave them authority to initiate things, and **He went with them to confirm what they were saying and doing.** Far too many of us are still waiting “for God to do something” when He has already done things and commissioned us to carry on His work!

Surely the desire of every Christian’s heart should be to please the Lord Jesus Christ! He so loves people that He desires that every person on the face of the earth in our generation gets to hear the wonderful Gospel story of why Jesus came to earth, and that they can be saved and redeemed because of what Jesus has accomplished for us through His death, burial and resurrection (2 Peter 3:9). It must be possible, because Jesus commanded us to do it. This is not a day to be “playing church” or getting caught up in social events, but rather to **be fulfilling what He has commissioned us to do.** “*Who will go?*” is the cry of the heart of Jesus.

- **What is your response?**
- **What is my response?**
- **The hour is urgent!**

I’m sure none of us want to stand before the Lord in that day of giving an account of the life we’ve lived, with empty hands. I’m sure we do not want to be like the person who buried their talents and failed to use them for the purposes for which God gave them to him (Matthew 25). **Let us, like Isaiah of old, come before the Lord with a willingness to fulfil whatever He asks of us. We will never regret doing that ~ and we will be very surprised at just how willing the Lord is to use those who are available and useable.**

Chapter Six:

THE GREAT COMMISSION HAS NOT CHANGED!

Recently I was challenged again of our responsibility as Holy Spirit-filled Christians to get the Message of the Risen Christ out to every nation. I say “Holy Spirit-filled” Christians because Jesus told us very clearly that when we receive the power of the Holy Spirit we would be *“His witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth”* (Acts 1:8). The Holy Spirit brings a power to enable us to be witnesses to Jesus wherever we go. We start at “home base” and then our sphere of influence widens and grows so that it is possible for us to be His witnesses throughout the entire earth! Yes, beyond our immediate locality, on to regional, national and international ministry of making Christ known among the peoples.

In Mark 16:15-20, Jesus told us to *“Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow them that believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”* It is interesting that Jesus gave this Commission to His

fearful and unbelieving disciples (at that time).

- **Are we guilty of being just like them?**

Yet they rose up out of their unbelief and made a decision to do what Jesus commissioned them! ***“And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen”*** (Mark 16:20).

We are living in a day where the voice of Christians is being silenced more and more. Other beliefs are dominating the minds of millions ~ yet Jesus gave us (you and me) the great task of evangelizing the entire world.

- **What are we doing about it?**
- **What are we doing with the Great Commission?**

Many Christians today are focused on end-time events, natural Israel, the increasing local and national disasters that are happening around the globe ~ yet we seem to have forgotten that we Holy Spirit-filled Christians actually hold the “key” to all this. Listen to what Jesus said: ***“And this Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come”*** (Matthew 24:14). Wow!

- **God is not going to wrap-up the things that are happening today until we Christians have fulfilled our destiny by being obedient to what He told us to do in the Great Commission!**
- **God’s heart is that ALL NATIONS hear of JESUS!**

WE NEED TO BE BORN-AGAIN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT!

I am privileged to be in contact with people from many nations. I have been privileged to travel to many nations and to see first-hand the plight of the peoples. The answers to mankind's problems will never be solved in natural, physical things. There has to be a spiritual regeneration that takes place in each of our hearts. Then, and only then, will we begin to understand the whole purpose of life, why we are here on this earth, and that God has invited us to be a part of His great plan. Unless a person has been personally born-again by the Spirit of God they cannot see or enter God's Kingdom (John 3:1-12; in this passage of Scripture Jesus was speaking to Nicodemus, a religious Jewish leader and, in spite of his position, he did not know or understand what Jesus was speaking to him). It is not about church attendance, religious position or a title one carries, confirmation, baptism, keeping the Commandments, etc. All these things are to no avail if we have not been born-again by the Holy Spirit and brought into **a real relationship with JESUS CHRIST!** Make no mistake about this: there are scores of people who are "involved" with church and Christian things, but who have never ~ as yet ~ known the born-again experience. On a number of occasions the Holy Spirit has given me words of knowledge to speak out to people in church meetings, that when I spoke them out became the means of their salvation. Some had been attending church for years, but had never made the personal decision to ask Jesus to come into their lives and save them. They had never been born-again! Which leads me to ask you this question, dear reader:

- **Have you been born-again by the Holy Spirit of God?**

A PRAYER TO BE BORN-AGAIN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

If you have, you will understand what I am saying with this question. If you do not understand that question, then please take the position that you are not yet born-again by the Holy Spirit, **and take the time right now to ask Jesus Christ to personally step into your life and to save you. Please pray this prayer with me right now to make sure that you are born-again of the Holy Spirit: “Dear God, I come to You in the name of Jesus Christ Your only begotten Son. I ask You to forgive me of all my sins and ignorance of Your ways. Come into my life, reveal Yourself to me so that I will know without any doubt at all that You love me unconditionally and sent Jesus Christ into this world to save and change me into a child of God. Cleanse me with Your Precious Blood, so that I can stand clean and whole in Your presence. Thank You for hearing my prayer and coming into my life. Fill me with the power of Your Holy Spirit so that I may live for You and be Your witness to bring the answers to others. In Jesus’ name I pray this, Amen.”**

I believe that if you have prayed this prayer with honesty and sincerity, that Jesus Christ will become very much more Real to you now. You have just experienced being born-again of His Holy Spirit, and now a whole new life is starting to open up to you.

- **With Jesus in your life there is no limit to what He and you can do together! Trust Him and see!**
- **Now have the courage to tell someone else what you have just done.**

Right now the doors of opportunity are wide open in many countries around the world. We are being regularly asked to

provide speakers and people who can show others the way of life in the Holy Spirit. Sadly, many Christians do not feel capable and are full of excuses as to why they cannot go. It is time to be finished with excuses (an excuse is simply telling God that we think we know better than Him), and to line ourselves up with what the Lord Himself has told us. We are not even to put off until tomorrow what God tells us we can be doing today: ***“Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at (“observe”) the fields, for they are already white (“ripe”) for harvest (“reaping”)”*** (John 4:35).

When we are living with the knowledge that every human being will spend eternity either in the presence of God, or in a tormented place of eternal separation from God, we do not desire that anyone should die without being born-again in Jesus Christ.

- **So, what are we doing about it?**
- **What motivates us to fulfil the Great Commission?**
- **Do we personally know how to witness our faith and to lead someone to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ?**
- **If not, why not?**
- **What are we prepared to do about making the necessary changes that will enable us to be more effective in witnessing Jesus to others, and leading those who respond to Him?**

Remember, this is not my idea ~ it is the command of Jesus to His followers to be witnesses unto Him, even in to all the world! That means wherever we go; looking for opportunities to make Christ known; sharing what the Lord has done for us; how we have found Him to be our Personal Saviour, Friend and Lord!

If those early followers of Jesus could rise up out of their fears and unbelief and obey the Great Commission, then you and I can do the same.

- **It is Jesus' call for you and me!**
- **He has saved us to be witnesses unto Him and to be the means of salvation for others in all nations.**

When those disciples rose up and went, the Bible says “***the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word*** (what they said) ***with accompanying signs***”! God bless you, dear witness of the Living God!

Chapter Seven:

DO YOU KNOW YOUR CHRISTIAN CALLING?

We are living in very challenging times, and every Christian needs to know the purposes for that which God has saved and called us to do.

- **Knowing the will of God for our life ~ and doing it ~ has to be the most fulfilling and satisfying way of living for anyone!**

There is a peace and inner-knowing that passes understanding, and causes us to rejoice in the goodness of God toward us. It is so wonderful to know that God has personally chosen us to fulfil something that no other person can fulfil. I am so grateful to God that I have known His calling for my life from my very first year of being a Holy Spirit-filled Christian over 54 years ago. He said to me, ***“If you will get to know My voice, and will do that which I ask you, there is nowhere in this world where you and I cannot go together, and we not be successful.”*** What He spoke to me back then has stood me in good stead for all the years I have served Jesus Christ (I already knew He had called me for the ministry prior to that word).

It is interesting to note that God often has seasons in our life; places where we serve in a certain capacity in the purposes of God, and then He moves us on. For example, when I first started in

Christian Ministry my heart was to be a missionary/evangelist. I avoided pastoring as much as I could, because I saw the way people often treated them. Then I found myself pastoring a church. There was so much that I needed to learn in pastoring that has prepared me for what we are doing today. Jean and I pastored for 26 years, and loved it and the people. Through God's dealings in my own personal life things were "broken" and changed so that the churches we pastored would grow. I also had the privilege of starting several other churches; some still going well today.

CALLED TO IMPART THE PROPHETIC MINISTRY

Then in 1995 God began to speak to me with regards the Prophetic Ministry. He asked me to conduct Prophetic Equipping Schools (or International Training Schools as they were known in those days). We launched them in 1996 (in Manila, Philippines) and, since then, have seen thousands of people impacted through these Schools around the world. I remained pastoring until 1999 when God brought us to the end of ourselves, and put us into a situation where we needed to make a major decision. The way God was calling us meant we would have to step-out of pastoring and leave behind the security of a salary. But we knew God had spoken and so we made the decision to step out into full-time faith ministry, trusting God for our own support, as well as for the whole of The GFM Ministry. We haven't looked back! From the moment that we crossed "the line of no return" (at that time The GFM was going into 55 nations) something was broken in my spirit and we have walked in a new dimension of God ever since. That was at the beginning of the year 2000. In the past 14 plus years we have seen God grow The GFM Ministry in ways we could not have imagined, and provide for us hundreds of thousands of dollars in ways that truly amaze us. We have thousands of students going

through free Bible Correspondence Courses with us, postage, printing thousands of books, office and travel expenses, etc. for a Ministry that is reaching many thousands today in at least 110 nations (with many more nations looking at our Website). Our testimony is that every month every bill is paid!

How is this so? Quite simply, we know we heard the voice of God with regards our calling, and we are seeking to fulfil it. Our faith is simple enough to believe that God is committed to meeting the needs of all that He calls us to do. In a day when money has become a huge “problem” in Christian Ministries, we Christians need to know afresh that when we do what God asks of us, **then He will supply** (Philippians 4:19)! **“For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us”** (2 Corinthians 1:20).

- **God is longing to be GOD to the Christians!**

Recently, a good friend of mine, John Fergusson, made this statement: *“We need to do what Jesus did and stop doing what Jesus did not do.”* With regards money matters, we need to know that God is not obliged to provide for that which He has not asked us to do! Therefore this matter of knowing what our Christian Calling in God is becomes all the more important. If we are trying to fulfil God’s purposes based on worldly business principles, then we are going to have to rely on other people to supply our financial needs. For us, we are so glad that we “operate” the way we do, for it glorifies God and proves His promises are **“Yes”** and **“Amen”** to those who will dare to believe them. It is interesting that I am so much more secure in living the way we do by faith, than I was when I had the “security” of a salary while pastoring. What I am saying here does not mean that pastoring with a salary is wrong. All I am saying is that for me, God has called us to live by faith

so He can demonstrate to us that He is indeed God and is able to meet our every need. Not once have we had to cancel an overseas ministry trip because the money did not come in. It is just so wonderful to see and **know that God is true to His word. What He promised us if we would step out in faith, He has backed-up again and again with His provision to us.** Likewise, you have to know what God has called you to do and where He would have you do that. And I have to know the will of God for me.

WHY THE PROPHETIC MINISTRY IS SO IMPORTANT

Every born-again, Holy Spirit-filled Christian has a calling in God. It is our challenge and responsibility before God to discover that calling, and walk and live in it (Acts 22:12-15; Ephesians 1; Colossians 1:9-12). When we do that we find our lives and ministries become far more fruitful than anything we can accomplish in our own efforts and strength. Over the years I have been privileged to receive many prophetic words over my life that have confirmed the calling and direction of God in my life. When someone tells you what God has already spoken to you (and you know that person does not know you), it is all very encouraging and confirming. Today I am living in the fulfilment of many of those prophecies! And we are continually receiving reports of people who have received prophetic words through us and are today walking in the calling of God for their lives. They are so grateful to God (and us) for being a part of God's purposes in their lives.

Right now the world's conditions are such that every Christian needs to be ***“letting their light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven”*** (Matthew 5:13-16).

- **Know today that only Christians carry the revelation of the truth of Jesus Christ that sets men, women, boys and girls free of the bondages of sin!**
- **You are so important to the purposes of God!**
- **You have a destiny which no one else can fulfil!**
- **Rise to that purpose now!**

If you, dear Christian, do not yet know God's purpose and calling on your life, let me encourage you to seek Him especially over this matter ~ and also seek out some reliable prophetic ministry who can also "speak" into your life through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Remember that God has given us the benefits of prophecy right through the Scriptures, and prophecy is simply a "now, present-tense word from the heart of Jesus to you by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit speaking through a Holy Spirit-filled believer." There are so many benefits to having access to prophetic ministry when it comes to the call of God in our lives. No Christian can afford to go through life ignorant of the purposes of God for his/her life.

- **Know today what God saved and called you for, and you will enter into the most fulfilling days of your life!**
- **Jesus has only the very best in mind for you!**

Chapter Eight:

GOD IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him . . .” (2 Chronicles 16:9).

God is looking for people! God is looking for YOU! Men and women who will be true to Him, and to the promises they have made. Christianity begins with a decision and a promise to God that we will follow Him all the days of our life! How often we make good promises to the Lord ~ and how often we fail God because we are not always true to our own word. As never before, the challenge before us is to “practice what we preach”; that is to **“be DOERS of the word, and not hearers only”** (James 1:22-25; see also 1 John 3:18). If we are not doers of the word, then we are only deceiving ourselves.

God is looking for people ~ men and women who have yielded their hearts and wills to the cause of Christ, and to the extension of His Kingdom ~ men and women who are willing to **“Lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us”** (Hebrews 12:1-3) in order to live our lives for His glory.

- There is a job to be done!
- There is a field to be sown and watered!
- There is a harvest to be reaped!

Everywhere Christians are saying (and it is true) that the end is near, that ***“the coming of the Lord is at hand”*** (James 5:7-8). These are times when we very much need to ***“establish our hearts”*** (the word “establish” is translated from the Greek word “sterizo” and means “to turn resolutely in a certain direction” – Strong’s; “to set fast, fix firmly, make steadfast, establish” – Bullinger’s). It is speaking of a definite course of direction and action ~ but how many of us are sacrificing time, talents, pleasures and money in order to fulfil the calling of God?

- **If ever there was a need to get the Gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed to ALL the world, then surely it is NOW!**
- **The hour is urgent!**

It will not happen unless men and women catch the vision of the reason why Jesus Christ has laid a hold of our lives. Far too often our own personal vision is far too small to motivate us into making ourselves totally available to the cause and calling of Jesus Christ. We must have a larger vision ~ a vision that agrees with the will of Jesus Christ for our lives. He taught us to not procrastinate; to not put off until tomorrow what He is calling us to do today:

“Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest? Behold I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together” (John 4:35-36).

Christianity does not “demand” an hour or two of your time on Sunday, but rather every hour of every day. ***Jesus said to ALL of His disciples: “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for***

My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels" (Luke 9:23-26). Mark's Gospel records this: *"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"* (Mark 8:34-38).

- God has a definite plan for the life of everyone who will wholeheartedly follow Him!
- Your life can really count for God when He is allowed to take over the controls!
- Are you a candidate?
- Will you accept the mighty challenge of God's Word?

Jesus said: *"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few"* (Matthew 9:37). If you read on you will see that Jesus told His disciples to pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth those labourers into His harvest. The responsibility of praying for the Lord to send forth those labourers fell squarely on the shoulders of those who obeyed what Jesus said, **and He sent them forth!**

- The ones who prayed and believed were sent forth!
- Effective praying should lead disciples into service ~ service that will yield eternal fruit!

Jesus said: *"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed*

you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. These things I command you, that you love one another” (John 15:13-17).

- God is looking for men and women!

God is looking for men and women who are willing and prepared to labour in His harvest. The tragedy is that there are far too few Christians so willing to labour in the harvest of our Lord Jesus (He said so Himself): *Then He* (Jesus) *said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest”* (Matthew 9:37-38)! Many are keen for a time, until things get a bit tough (the labourer’s task is not an easy one). But let me remind you of the saying: *“When the going gets tough, the tough get going!”* There is not one ounce of victory in turning back from the battle (which is not yours, but the Lord’s).

We are quick to tell of the wonderful blessings the early disciples had after Pentecost . . . but slow to realize just what made them the men they were. You say, *“But they were filled with the Spirit of God.”* That’s true, **but . . . are you not also filled with the Holy Spirit?** The Bible says: *“But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His”* (Romans 8:9).

There is another side to the story.

- Those disciples gave themselves to the plan of God!
- They got involved and laboured for their Master!

The Scripture says of Barnabas and Paul that they were *“men who risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”* (Acts

15:26). The King James Versions says: “**Men that have hazarded their lives . . .**” The word “hazarded” means “to surrender, i.e. yield up, intrust, transmit” (Strong’s); “to give or hand over to another, to deliver up” (Bullinger’s). The purpose of God came first in their lives, and the powers of darkness were driven back!

- **God is looking for men and women!**

God is looking for men and women who will **believe His Word, and what the Word of God says we can do! We can really do things for God when we will act upon His Promises!** The Apostle Paul said he could “**do all things through Christ Who strengthened him**” (Philippians 4:13). If Paul could do all things through Christ, then you and I can do all things through Christ. Let us not say we can’t when God says we can! He is looking for men (and women) who will say “**Yes!**” to His Promises, and get into action (the smallest deed is better than the grandest intention)!

- **There are so many avenues of service open to those who are willing for the Lord to use them!**
- **The Lord has need of YOU in His vineyard, and will guide you into a ministry that will bring forth fruit to His name.**
- **God is looking for men and women today!**
- **Are you available?**
- **Do you know the urgency of the hour?**

God is looking for men and women who will depend on Him to equip and supply their every need. You do not have to rely on natural ability, but rather to depend on God’s ability ~ and to have “stick-ability”! **God’s enabling is sufficient** (see 2 Corinthians 3:1-6). He will teach you as you are prepared to walk by faith “**looking unto Jesus**” (Hebrews 12:2). He has given you all you need to make the first step.

- **Take that step now!**

Take that step now, and it will not be very long before you will be conscious of the Lord's Kingdom being strengthened, edified and increased as a result of your "*effective working*" in the service of Christ (Ephesians 4:16).

- **Make your life count for God today!**
- **It will soon be too late to help the lost ~ to get the Gospel out!**
- **Let us not put off until tomorrow what God requires of us today!**
- **Know the urgency of the hour!**

The world needs God's life-changing Word NOW ~ and the "changed-life" Christian has the blessed privilege to give to this generation the Bread of Life. Jesus said to His followers: "*You give them something to eat*" (Mark 6:30-44).

- **Are you one of the men and women that God is looking for?**
- **Are you willing to be involved with Him ~ more involved with Him and His service?**

Chapter Nine:

MIXING FAITH WITH THE WORD

When we look into the Scriptures we see that they are often promoting a very different way of Christianity than that which seems to be the “norm” today. The Scriptures are always challenging us to action, to doing something with what we have heard; with that which we know. For example, let us read together Hebrews 4:1-2: *“Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the Gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.”*

In these verses we are challenged to make sure that we do not fall short of that which God has ordained for us. We are then told that **the Gospel we hear preached has to be believed in such a way that we action it . . . we mix faith with the word heard . . . so that we get the benefits of that which has been preached.** This means that preachers have the responsibility to get the right word for the right people at the right time, i.e., that “anointed by the Holy Spirit word”, so that the hearers are inspired to put into practice that which has been preached. If the hearers do not mix faith with the word, it is wasted.

- **We have a responsibility to do something with the word we hear preached!**

Let's be very honest here: most Christians do not need to hear another sermon. We have had more than enough sermons to change the world, but it has not happened. The main reason is because we have not been challenged **to action the word**. The word preached should inspire sufficient faith within us to step out and action what the Holy Spirit quickens (makes alive) to us. Faith is an action word: ***“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves”*** (James 1:22).

I have discovered that every time God speaks to me I have to do something about it. I have to demonstrate to God that I believe it is He Who has spoken to me. When I action the word He speaks I discover that my obedience unties His hands to fulfil whatever He has spoken to me about. The result is that I can impact either one person ~ or thousands (depending on what He has spoken to me)! **You can be sure that whatever God speaks to you is exactly right for you. He knows what we need to do to fulfil His will in our lives.** This is a principle.

- **If we Christians cannot prove the reality and power of God in our lives, then we will never convince an unbelieving world that Jesus Christ is alive from the dead!**

WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!

Mixing faith with the word we hear is more than simply “committing it to prayer” and doing nothing else.

- **We will not see the fulfilment of the word if we are not prepared to step out in obedience to it, to do something with that which we have heard!**

Many Christians are afraid to step out in obedience for fear of getting it wrong. My question to those Christians is: *“How will you know if it is God or not, if you are not prepared to act upon it?”* *“But what if I get it wrong?”* you ask. My answer is to keep making adjustments until you know you are getting it right. Remember Samuel (1 Samuel 3): he interpreted the voice of God wrongly three times before he got it right on the fourth. And when he got the “right connection” . . . the right interpretation that it was God’s voice and not Eli’s, he stepped into a whole new realm of relationship with God. And he went on to impact an entire nation! Until we learn this principle of **“hearing and doing . . . mixing faith with the word heard”** . . . we will only remain as a passive hearer and not seeing what God can do in and through our obedience to His word.

OBEDIENCE IS THE KEY!

The whole purpose of hearing the word of God preached is so we can apply it in a practical way in day-to-day living and so demonstrate that Jesus is very real in our lives. The Scripture is clear: **If we do not mix faith with the word heard, then it profits us nothing; it is useless; non-productive. We are told to fear that happening!** Don’t let that happen to us!

- **If we are feeling unproductive, then what adjustments do we need to make to change that?**

The big area of challenge is to make sure that the next time God speaks (in whatever way He does that, including the preaching of His word) **that we OBEY what He says.** And as soon as we possibly can! Do not put it off until another time (if you do that, you will find it will turn-out to be a “missed opportunity”). I have learned that every time I obey God that there is always someone waiting on the other side of my obedience; there is always a testimony to the glory of Jesus that comes out of it.

- **Christianity is very alive and exciting when we are committed to obeying the voice of God!**

He knows what we need to hear next. When that happens, grasp it with all your might ~ **and action it!** If He asks you to contact someone and encourage them, then do it.

- **Whatever you do, do not make excuses!**

Often God will speak to me when I am very busy. Those times are a test as to who really comes first in our lives. If it is Jesus, then when He speaks we stop everything else and seek to obey what He is asking of us. Step out and mix faith with what you have heard, and you will be amazed at what God can do through you. Whatever you do, do not doubt the word of God to you! You and I were saved, born-again by the Holy Spirit to hear the voice of God and to be **“workers together with Him”** (2 Corinthians 6:1).

In our seeking to obey God, always make sure that we are motivated by a genuine love for people. When we genuinely love people we are never going to make a serious mistake. **So, be encouraged to mix faith with the word heard and see what God will do through you next.** It is worth it!

Chapter Ten:

LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

At this point it is good to consider again the importance of knowing the power of the love of God to be actively at work in and through our lives. Otherwise we will minister out of a wrong motivation. We desire to fulfil all the will of God for our lives in the winning of the lost, and to do that we have to demonstrate that we genuinely love people, and want God's very best for them.

To be a Christian means to be a devoted follower of Jesus Christ. That means we adhere to His teachings and seek to please Him in whatever He asks of us. In John 13:34-35 He said:

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Here we see one of the most important statements of all Christianity. Jesus said it is a new commandment. That means it supersedes all previous commandments. All other commandments are fulfilled in the keeping of this new one. **Living right before God means loving right!**

- More than anything else, Jesus wants us to love one another.

That love has to fulfil the standard which He has given us: **“as I have loved you.”** What a challenge! The love Jesus is talking about cannot be fulfilled through natural abilities. **It is about allowing the Jesus Who now lives within us, to shine out through us in our relationships with one another.** Yes, the love of Jesus has been placed in our hearts when we became believers and followers in Jesus Christ. **It is now our responsibility to let that love of Jesus be seen, known and extended out of us to impact others.** If it were not possible, then Jesus would not have given us a commandment to love as He loves us. It can be done!

- **Let us be very serious and genuine in our building of relationships with others!**
- **We stand or fall in our Christian walk according to our ability to love others!**

We are living in a love-starved generation; so many have never experienced the security of genuine love in their lives. We Christians have been commanded to do this. Love others! That means we have to consciously reach out, build bridges, practice forgiveness, learn to get on with those of different personalities than ours; be peace-makers, demonstrating that what Jesus taught can be done. It is not about our Bible knowledge, church position, or even our good works ~ BUT, **how much do we love people?** It is easy to hide behind titles, positions, and the general busyness of life. I remember speaking at a Bible School and asking a young man what he felt his calling in God was. He replied that he was called to be a pastor. I then asked him if he loved people. His reply was “No.” I then told him he would not make a good pastor unless he loved people. He was not very impressed at what I said. But the fact is it is true! It is tragic when Christianity becomes more professional than real!

Getting back to the Scripture above, **Jesus said it is by our love for one another that all men will know we are His disciples! Think about this! LOVE is the only identifying thing in Christianity that speaks to all men everywhere. People have no conviction about us being followers of Jesus until they can see, feel and experience that love of Jesus coming from us ~ you and me!** Surely, if we genuinely want to see our generation come to Jesus Christ, then the key to it is in the Christians' ability to love one another!

- **Love conquers all!** (see 1 Corinthians 13).

LAYING DOWN OUR LIFE FOR OTHERS

Let's look at another challenging Scripture:

"We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death . . . By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:14-16).

Did you notice here that it states the reason we know we have been saved, born-again and come to the Christian life is because of **our love for one another**? Did you also notice that **we are to lay down our life for our brothers and sisters**? We think Christianity is laying down our life for Jesus! But the Bible says it is about laying down our lives for one another ~ that is quite a different challenge.

- **How well are we doing in our loving of one another?**

My testimony is that I had been a preacher for 16 years when God “stopped me in my tracks” one day when He spoke these words to me: **“I am going to teach you how to love people.”** I was shocked and re-acted to God by telling Him I did love people. In the next few moments the faces of five or six Christians that I did not like passed clearly through my mind. Following those faces were the words: **“How can a man say he loves God whom he has not seen, if he does not love his brothers and sisters whom he has seen? I want you to know that your love for God is only as great as your love for people!”** In a few moments I was brought to a place where I realized how I had wrongly been developing my Christian walk. I had spent hours and hours seeking the face of God, pouring over the Scriptures, never missing church meetings, etc. I had separated my relationship with God as being different to my relationship with people. It so impacted me that it seemed my Christian life was about to start all over again. I had no idea how I could learn to love people. But I was soon to find out. God started sending to me the unlovely people of this world, criminals, etc., who were asking for my help. I heard many confessions of things that people had done, and how they could not continue to live with themselves. They cried out to me for help. Little by little the Lord helped me to identify with them, and to help them. It changed my heart and my life. As a result of three death contracts coming on my life (I got to know a lot of what was going on in the underworld, which threatened the “Mr. Big’s” and they tried to silence me). I proved the power of the love of Jesus was real. The Bible says, **“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love”** (1 John 4:18). God made Jean and I unafraid of the threats and contracts of evil people against us. Hallelujah! Space does not allow me to share more here, but I learned the truth of **“perfect love casts out fear”** ~ and I can tell you that life is very very different when you are fearless in life-

threatening situations (please read the First Epistle of John ~ 5 chapters). I would also recommend you read my book, “You Can Measure Your Love For God.”

In closing this chapter, I had to **learn to love people**. It was not a gift that I suddenly knew how to love everyone. If I am really honest, I think God took the next 10 years of my life to re-adjust and change me, change my attitudes, change my criticisms of those who lived different lives to me, etc. It then changed my ministry to a much more impacting and real one to touch people right in their hearts in a positive way. The result is that today we are ministering to multiplied thousands around the world, motivated by that love of Jesus that He commanded us to have.

- **It is possible for us to love others as Jesus loves us!**
- **Do not be afraid to reach out to others and to share His love with them.**
- **They desperately need to know they are loved and accepted by you and me.**
- **When people know you love them, they will open up and share things that they will not share with others.**
- **They will allow you to minister to them through that love of Jesus, and you will become the answer to their hearts cry.**
- **Whatever you do, do not be afraid to love! God Bless you.**

Chapter Eleven:

THE CHALLENGE OF 'UPREACH' AND 'OUTREACH' TODAY

When we know both the love of God and the urgency of the hour in which we live, we will be challenged to do something that will result in the winning of the lost, of helping to get the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ out to the nations as, like Jesus, we are “*not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*” (2 Peter 3:9).

- It should concern us greatly if we are not actively involved in that which is dear to the heart of God ~ and for Jesus His Son Who paid the supreme sacrifice for the winning of the lost and seeing them established in faith in Jesus Christ!

I have been preaching for more than 54 years. The GFM Ministry has been in operation for 50 of those years. I have been privileged to travel to numbers of nations, to preach to thousands of people, and to see something of the needs that exist out there in the world. Yet, right now, I feel more burdened for the lost than I have in all those previous years. **I carry a concern that the Christian Church has to rise more to the challenge of getting the Gospel out to the ends of the earth. We have to have a greater outward**

focus if we are going to obey the words of Jesus when He told us to *“Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover”* (see Mark 16:15-20).

Multitudes of people are daily walking in a lost darkness, without Jesus Christ in their lives, and without hope. Multitudes are in the valley of decision! Can anything be done for those still outside the Kingdom of God? Can we . . . Can I . . . do anything to reach the lost in these days? Yes! Yes, we can . . . and we must!

- We who are called Christians have a divine obligation to preach, publish and make known the Gospel . . . in all the world . . . to every creature!
- This is the vision and burden of the Lord.
- And that vision must become our vision and burden more and more; so much so that we do something about it!
- Christians must become more convinced that we do indeed hold the keys and answers to this generation's great need.
- The Gospel preached brings salvation, healing and hope to the spirits of those who believe.
- Most problems cannot be solved without the spiritual input of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

UPREACH

The first step to **doing** something about the great need in the world today is for Christians to strengthen their 'Upreach.' In other words, to come to grips with God ~ to have such a daily walk and experience with God through Jesus His Son, that we may KNOW HIM and HIS POWER in our own lives. For God to be able to do a real work **through** us, He must first be able to do a real work **within** us! As we reach up to God daily He will work within us. The Bible declares: ***“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you”*** (James 4:8). It is as we draw near to God daily (Upreach) and give God time to work within us that we are made more aware of our responsibilities in the cause of Christ. Upreach will give us the knowledge of His will concerning our lives ~ and don't we need it today! If we are too busy to get alone with Jesus, then we are too busy! Our modern world has produced so many “time-saving” things, yet the number one excuse of most is: *“I just don't get time for this or that anymore.”* This is heard far too often amongst the people of God. Let the Bible speak: ***“See then that you walk circumspectly*** (“accurately, pointedly”), ***not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is”*** (Ephesians 5:15-17).

Christian believer . . . it is time to get alone with God, and to get a vision of the right values in this passing life here below. Time is running out for this old world. **It is time to be fully engaged in doing the will of Him** ***“Who has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light”*** (2 Peter 2:9). Let us repair the broken-down altars of the Lord by giving time to prayer and Bible reading daily. The lack of 'Upreach' in the life of a Christian causes us to limit the power of God in so many avenues of our life. Too often we limit His provision, limit His ability through us, limit the promises of

His Word. One of the sins of God's people in Old Testament days was they **"limited the Holy One of Israel"** (Psalm 78:41). We can be very guilty of this very same thing today. A renewed 'Upreach' in daily contact with Jesus Christ will help to remedy this. A right 'Upreach' will make Jesus Christ more real to you than your best earthly friend. **"Seek, and you will find"** (Matthew 7:7).

OUTREACH

The second step in being used of God to bring light to those who still sit in darkness is for us to be willing to get actively engaged in 'Outreach' ~ in the spreading of the Good News of Jesus to all in need. If our motives are right in our 'Upreach' then sooner or later we shall hear the voice of Jesus say: **"Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest"** (John 4:34-38).

- All around the world right now the fields are white unto harvest; hungry hearts are waiting for the servants of the Lord to bring them the Great Message of Salvation, Hope, Holy Spirit Ministry and Deliverance in the name of Jesus Christ!
- Every born-again believer can help to do something about reaping that harvest, or we can let it die, never to be reaped!
- If we do nothing, then their blood will be required at our hands (see Ezekiel 3:17-21)!
- This should sober us up no end!
- Never will the opportunities be so great as they are right now!
- Never are you more able to do something about winning the lost to Jesus! **"Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your heart . . ."** (Hebrews 3:15).
- Make yourself more available today!

- **The hour is urgent!**

These are days of great victories for those who will be willing and prepared to obey God, and to work with Him . . . to those who will be so caught-up in ‘Upreach’ and ‘Outreach’ that every persecution will only cause us to **“Rejoice that we are counted worthy to suffer shame for His name”** (Acts 5, especially verse 41).

- **The fields are white unto harvest NOW!**
- **Multitudes are still in the valley of decision, without God and without hope!**
- **Let us be workers together in such a way that we shall fulfil the calling of God on our lives, being His living witnesses (Acts 1:8), bringing glory to His name, and having the joy of knowing there is rejoicing in heaven over every sinner that repents!**
- **It is our privilege, responsibility and duty to see that all in our generation hear the Gospel at least once. I say it can be done ~ as long as we will let God have His way in our lives!**
- **God is using all who are useable!**
- **Are you useable?**

Have an ‘Upreach’ that produces vision for ‘Outreach’! Let us make these days the very best of our lives to the glory of Jesus! If you cannot go you can pray and give ~ but let your focus be the winning of the lost while there is still time.

Chapter Twelve:

SAVED TO SERVE THE PURPOSES OF GOD

We are living in a time when our generation desperately needs to hear and know the truth of Jesus Christ, and why He came to purchase their Salvation. You and I are called to fulfil the purposes of God in our generation, and it is vital that we are found doing His will in this urgent hour. Let us be reminded, as well as challenged, by the Scriptures ~ and there are many ~ as to our responsibility to proclaim the Gospel Message to the ends of the earth.

“After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, ‘Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honour and power belong to the Lord our God! . . . Then a voice came from the throne, saying, Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!’ And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, ‘Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife (bride) has made herself ready” (Revelation 19:1-7).

We Christians have the greatest message to share! We need to know and be convinced by it! Our calling is to serve the Lord, to be involved in His work, and to be **“making His deeds known among the people”** (Isaiah 12). We do not serve to earn Salvation ~ we serve because of our Salvation. We now have a testimony that

life is so much more fulfilling with Jesus Christ in our hearts. The Gospel makes us aware of the fact that those who do not know Jesus Christ as their Personal Saviour, Lord and Friend, are caught in the grip of sin and are heading for a Christ-less eternity and a place of torment called Hell.

- **Do we care about that?**
- **How does this truth affect us?**
- **Does it motivate us in love for our fellow man that Jesus Christ has extended His love and grace to us, and now He wants us to extend our/His love and grace toward others?**
- **Are we aware of the urgency of the hour in which we live?**

The Scripture quoted calls us servants, in that we are chosen by God to serve Him in His purposes. It also tells us that His wife has made herself ready. How does that happen?

- **It happens as we are committed to doing the will of God in our lives day by day!**
- **It happens out of a love relationship with Jesus!**

That relationship makes us different and causes others to want to ask the questions as to why we are so different. Be alive in Christ Jesus! Remember, we are part of the Answer, not part of the problem!

DO YOU KNOW GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU?

Right now, do you, do I, know the purposes of God for that which He has called us to in the here and now? If you do not know, then what are you doing to find out? God does not want us to stand before Him with “empty hands” in that day when we give an account of our lives. The Lord has sent His mighty Holy Spirit to endue and enable us to fulfil His purposes (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8). The Holy Spirit speaks to us and leads and guides us into the purposes of God. If we are not fulfilling our calling in God, then others are not going to be made ready for the marriage of the Lamb! Yes, you and I do have a responsibility to be fulfilling the purposes of God. We are **“workers together with God”** to bring about His plans and purposes in the earth today (2 Corinthians 6:1). If we do not know God's purpose for our life, then we are actually “missing the mark” of what it means to be a born-again, Holy Spirit-filled Christian believer. **If this is so, then I urge you to make it a matter of urgency to seek the Lord until you hear from Him and know your calling in Him.**

- He wants you to fulfil your God-given destiny today!
- He has placed within you a Message that can change the hearts of people and bring them into a personal, living relationship with the risen Lord Jesus!
- What an honour to carry and share that Message with others!

Right now there is a growing hunger in the hearts of many people around the world. How do I know this? Because, as a result of our doing what God has called us to do, we are experiencing scores of people making contact and wanting to know more about how they can be set free from all manner of problems, needs and “empty

life-styles.” They want to be more useful in the Kingdom of God today! Our time is taken up in responding and ministering to these dear people.

So, **what has God called you to be doing in this hour?** If you do not know, who are you talking to that may be able to help you find out? Have you offered your services to your local church, community, or a mission organisation? It is far better to be involved in the service of Christ than to be merely “wandering aimlessly” through life hoping that “things will fall into place” one day. As a young Christian I got involved in everything I could in my local church. I gained valuable experience in working with other people, of facing responsibilities I had not had to before. It caused me to grow in my Christian faith. As I served, I also kept my heart and ears open to the Holy Spirit, and I found that He led me into new areas of service. I discovered that they were all preparations for that which God had called me to later on. Now that I am in the latter years of service for Jesus Christ, I can look back and see the benefits of my getting involved very early on in my Christian walk. Service to God causes us to be “pressed in closer to God” so we can fulfil that service in a fruitful way. (See Isaiah 6; Matthew 9:37-38; John 4:34-38).

All around us are needy people. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to some of them, and see what will happen. Talk to them of the love of Jesus for them, and how He longs to make Himself known to them. You may be just the person who has the joy of leading them to a saving knowledge of Jesus, and they will rejoice with you throughout all eternity! Yes, we are saved to serve.

- **Let us be more outward looking and see the needs of others, and step forwards and be the answer they are looking for.**
- **You can do it!**

Chapter Thirteen:

KEEP THE PRINTING PRESSES ROLLING!

The potential of good Christian literature is limitless! Through it we are able to present Christ in places where we might never personally be able to go and preach. We know that wherever men, women and children will open their hearts to receive the written message, the Holy Spirit is right there to meet with them, and to reveal JESUS.

In this needy and urgent hour of time, more than ever Christians need to be exhorted and challenged to make sure the printing presses are kept rolling, producing power-packed literature and books that will win souls into the Kingdom of Heaven! If you want to win more souls to Jesus Christ today, then pray about supporting Literature Ministries (especially those ones that have proven to be a blessing in your own life). God is concerned that people the world over do not perish, but that they come to repentance and faith in Him (2 Peter 3:9).

- **When His concern becomes our concern, He will guide us into avenues of service where our life, time and money will be used to count the most for the Glory of God!**

Although we are not able to fulfil every request that comes in to us for our literature, we still feel the need to keep expanding our outreaches (currently we are in more than 110 nations)!

- **How can we rest satisfied when there are still so many without the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ? . . . and KNOWING that through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit we have been made “*able ministers of the New Testament*” (2 Corinthians 3:5-6)?**
- **Yes, we are equipped to give them the Answer, Who is Christ Jesus the Risen, Living Lord!**

As long as there are sinners to be saved; and no matter where, or in what spiritual position Christians have attained to, the printed page will have a most important place to occupy in the lives of people. My sincere prayer is that God might touch your heart and open your eyes more to see the effectiveness of anointed Gospel literature placed into the hands of the people, and give you a greater desire to want to help to get it into those hands through keeping the printing presses rolling. Just imagine if we had no printed Bibles!

- **Let us indeed be workers together with God in this needy hour of time (2 Corinthians 6:1-2)!**
- **Know the urgency of the hour!**

The Gospel Faith Messenger Ministry is very privileged to have been involved in keeping the printing presses rolling for 50 years! Many hundreds of thousands of people have been ministered to over those years, and today we are touching more people than ever, as God uses my writings and books to impact many lives around the world.

“UP THE TEMPO!”

Let me remind you of what has been written at the beginning of this book, for it is what has inspired me (more than ever) to increase our involvement ~ and to cause this book, “**The Urgency Of The Hour!**” to be produced. In August 2012, when I was ministering in Nairobi, Kenya, I had an encounter with the Holy Spirit. He showed me the urgency of the hour in which we are living and told me that a number of nations which are still open to the Gospel will soon close, and it is only the literature that we have already placed in those countries that will continue to minister inside those countries after they close. The Holy Spirit said to me, “**Rodney, I want you to ‘up the tempo’ and get more books printed in those nations.**” At that time our GFM funds were low and we had books waiting to be printed in India, Myanmar and Kenya. It was like God was asking me to do more when we could not even do what we had already committed to. I told the Lord I was willing, but that He would have to increase the funds so we can obey Him. It was a very real experience and it affected me greatly.

Soon after my arrival back home in New Zealand, I was standing at the kitchen sink washing loose tea-leaves down the drain, when suddenly those tea-leaves turned into lost souls, perishing and going to a Christ-less eternity ~ as quickly as those tea-leaves were rushing down the drain! The Holy Spirit then reminded me of what He had said to me in Kenya, and **I stood there weeping as I saw the urgency of the hour we are living in.** As I cried out to the Lord to help me to meet more of the great needs, the Lord released a greater faith to me that saw a change take place. We saw finances released from unexpected quarters that enabled us to print all the backlog of printing in India, Myanmar and Kenya; and also enabled us to print many thousands more books and Gospel

tracts since then.

- **We are seeing an increase of my writings and books getting published in the nations since then, and the testimonies and reports that we are receiving as a result are that God is using them to touch and impact multiplied thousands of people through them. Scores are being sovereignly filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking in other tongues and prophesying as a result of my books getting to them!**

What we are experiencing is amazing me! God is so good!

- **When we obey His challenges to us, we step into another realm of faith and are able to accomplish so much more! Hallelujah!**

My heart yearns to keep the printing presses rolling more than ever before! (Now, every time I see tea-leaves in a sink I am reminded of lost souls going to a Christ-less eternity)!

May God open all our eyes more to see the urgency of the hour, and the perishing of lost souls, so that we will be stirred into action to do something about rescuing the perishing. One of the most effective ways is to keep the printing presses rolling, producing good Gospel Literature that will help to bring in the harvest for Jesus Christ.

Right now The GFM Ministry is involved in the translating and printing of books in different languages. Right now thousands of Bible Correspondence Course students are working their way through our free Courses. It is all very costly, but it is worth it! Why not join us today in helping to fulfil the Great Commission

of taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ into every nation? You will be eternally grateful that you did!

I pray that this book has helped you to become more aware of **the URGENCY of the hour**, and that God desires that YOU be a crucial part of helping to get the Gospel Message out to the nations of the world while there is still time. Be prepared to make whatever changes are necessary so that you can have the joy of being a part of a great ingathering of souls to Jesus Christ before it is too late!

God Bless you!

BOOKS/ BOOKLETS/ MANUALS BY RODNEY W. FRANCIS

Books:

- Voices, Worms and the Prophetic Ministry (English, Nepalese, Swahili Kenya and Myanmar)
- Some “God Happenings” In My Life.
- Developing Prophetic Ministry (English, Swahili Kenya, Myanmar and Nepalese)
- Equipping For Leadership (English, French Ivory Coast, Swahili Kenya and Urdu Pakistan)
- Divine Healing ~ A Key To The Growth Of The Christian Church! (English, Nepalese, Telugu India, Tamil India, Malayalam India, Myanmar, and Italian languages)
- You Can Measure Your Love For God (English, Nepalese, Telugu India, Myanmar, French Ivory Coast, Urdu Pakistan and Italian)
- God’s Call Can Be Fulfilled! (English and Swahili Kenya)
- Unbelief ~ The Power That Needs To Be Broken! (English, Urdu Pakistan, and Italian)
- The Prophetic In The Exodus (English, Myanmese, Italian, Swahili Kenya, Urdu Pakistan and Nepalese)
- An Encounter With God (English, Urdu Pakistan, Telugu India, Nepalese, Swahili Kenya and Italian)
- Counselling And Deliverance (English, Korean, Nepalese, Myanmar and Urdu Pakistan)
- The Evil Powers Of Canaan
- The Urgency Of The Hour!
- Keys To Worship God
- Blessed Are . . . A Study Of The Beatitudes
- Discovering The God-Factor!
- Spiritual Warfare
- How To Handle Criticism
- Are You Called To The Ministry?
- Those Two Trees!

Booklets:

- The 'Dunamis' Power Of God
- God Wants To Set Your Future Up!
- Healing & Holy Communion
- God's Supernatural Call! (English and Myanmar)
- The Power Of The Prophetic
- Do You Know And Understand The Prophetic Foundation Of Your Life And Your Church?
- Capture Your Vision!
- The Prophetic Double Anointing
- Prophetic Acts And Declarations (by Joan Emery)
- Discernment ~ A Key To Christian Maturity (by Kathy Nunes-Vaz)

Manuals:

- School Of The Holy Spirit (English, Nepalese, Swahili Kenya, Telugu India and Italian)
- The General Epistle Of James
- Counselling And Deliverance
- Kingdom Living (Teaching on Matthew Chapters 5 to 7)
- Baal (or Baalim) Worship
- Bible Basics (Foundational teaching for Newer Christians ~ 15 Chapters) (English and Chinese)
- Curses (What the Bible has to say) (by Rodney Francis, Len Buttner and Kerry Wright)

Feel free to send for our catalogue of what is available through
“The Gospel Faith Messenger” Ministry.
For further information on the writings and ministry of Rodney
Francis, please feel free to contact him via the following:

“The Gospel Faith Messenger” Ministry

**P O Box 57
Paraparaumu 5254
New Zealand**

Telephone: (00 64) 4 904 0727

E-mail: gfm@gospel.org.nz

Web Page: www.gospel.org.nz

Or, for our free Bible Correspondence Courses,
please contact:

The Gospel Faith Messenger Ministry

**P O Box 5601
Frankton
Hamilton 3242
New Zealand**

Telephone & Fax: (00 64) 7 846 0684

E-Mail: gfbiblecourses@gospel.org.nz



Rodney W. Francis

Rodney W. Francis was converted in 1959 at 17 years of age in an Independent Pentecostal Church at Palmerston North, New Zealand. He is the Founder/Director of “The Gospel Faith Messenger,” a literature/prophetic teaching Ministry that commenced in 1964 and has been developed to bring individuals to personal faith in Jesus Christ, instruct them in the foundations of the Christian faith and to equip them to repeat the process. Scores of people in over 110 nations have and are being ministered to through “The GFM” by means of E-Mail and Web Page Ministry, books, booklets and manuals, 3 Bible Correspondence Courses (several thousand students currently), International Preaching Ministry, Prophetic Equipping Schools, mentoring, fathering, releasing people in the Spiritual Gifts ~ all built around the importance of hearing the voice of God in our lives. Operating in the Spiritual Gifts has opened the world for him to minister internationally. He has proven the benefits of the Spiritual Gifts and desires that all Christians experience the reality and joy of functioning in them too.

Rodney is married to Jean, who has faithfully stood by him and supported him over all the years of his more than 50 years of ministry. They have one son, Mark, who is married to Tania, with two lovely children, Annahlise and Brayden. (Mark and Tania are developing their own Christian ministry in the field of healing and deliverance.) www.christianconnection.co

Rodney has a number of Timothy’s in full-time ministry, both in New Zealand and overseas. His heart is to see others equipped with the love of God, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and a passion to release the reality of Jesus into the lives of others. He has had the joy of seeing many people released into Spiritual Gifts over the years. Today he is also developing and facilitating prophetic teams, and is released to minister in the wider Body of Christ worldwide, working out from Paraparamu, New Zealand.