

Faith Outreaches

In our collective, the term 'Faith Outreach' is used to describe times when we put everything down and leave where we are staying (whether a camper van, or shared accommodation) for a period of time, stretching from as little as a few days to a few weeks, and sometimes for a month or more. Often we head off with just the clothes on our backs and possibly a few items in a backpack (e.g. a bible, toothbrush, penknife etc.). On other occasions it has included taking a tent or sleeping bag, and possibly some tracts to distribute. Faith Outreaches can be in urban or rural settings, and sometimes they can include a mixture of both.

Introduction

Most people would agree that modern-day Christianity, as taught by most churches, bears little resemblance to the way of life practiced and taught by Jesus, his disciples and the early Churches. In the affluent West, in particular, the vast majority of professing Christians prefer to opt for financial security and social respectability, which can make stepping out of the comfort boat in faith a hard, even alien, prospect for most people to consider. However, 'walking on water' is what Jesus taught his followers to do, and it is what we should be doing and teaching others to do too.

Every aspect of our life is improved when we allow it to be governed by faith rather than fear. Whatever is not of faith is described as sin, which means 'missing the mark'. The term 'Living By Faith' is often used within christian circles. However, when was the last time (if ever) that we took the time to ask God what we should be doing today, with a sincere willingness to do just that?



It is understood from scripture that the period of 'Great Tribulation' is marked by 7 trumpets and Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 4:16 that the rapture occurs with the "trumpet of God". In 1 Corinthians 15 we get a more accurate picture of when this trumpet is... it is at the *last* trumpet. So, it is clear that, if the Tribulation is marked by 7 trumpets, and that the rapture is at the last trumpet, then this occurs at the *end* of the Tribulation. This fits in with what Jesus said himself in Matthew 24: 29-31: "Immediately *after* the tribulation of those days..."

It follows, that if believers are called to go through the period during which this prophecy about the cashless society comes to pass, they will need to do everything they can to prepare to live without buying and selling ahead of time. So, why is not more being done to teach people (both in and out of the church) about this urgent need and eventuality?

In light of this, we believe that Faith Outreaches are helpful in bringing into sharper focus the reality of God's supernatural provision, when we choose to step out in faith and seek to serve other people... but they are also a form of necessary preparation for what is destined to come, quite possibly in our own lifetime.

If we are serious about not wanting to get micro-chipped in future, we are probably just kidding ourselves if we are not willing to take the necessary steps to learn to live without money ahead of time. This is worth praying about further when considering whether to experiment with Faith Outreaches... and Living By Faith in general.

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