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A Great Dream

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I. I HAVE A CONVICTION: "We today, in the D-FW area are enjoying as great a measure of God's GRACE as mankind has ever enjoyed by ANYONE, at ANY TIME at ANY PLACE!!!(Evidence: Your new Ch. home!!)

GRACE DEFINED: Gr. CHARIS, "meaning all material and spiritual gifts of God to His children." Broad.

II. LOOK AT GOD'S GIVING TO US:


III. LOOK AT WHAT GOD REQUESTS FROM US.

II Cor. 9:8. Col. 1:9-10. II. Thess. 2:15-17.
Same as I Cor. 15:58. Therefore, my beloved.....

IV. NO WAY WE CAN DO ENOUGH OR TOO MUCH!


V. EVERY GREAT EVENT OR REALITY BEGAN FIRST AS A DREAM.

A. Our Salvation originated FIRST in a dream in Heaven. *II Tim. 1:7-10. GOD'S GIFT!!

B. The Exodus of Israel from Egypt was first a dream in the mind of God.*Gen. 45:5-9, GIFT!


His dream: To make salvation POSSIBLE to ever living soul THIS side of Pentecost.

He will do it through the CHURCH. I Tim. 3:15
His Commission: Mark 16:15-16.

VI. OUR PART IN THIS GREAT COMMISSION.

A. We Have a Great Dream!!!!!

B. America is 200 yrs. old THIS year. The nation is celebrating her birthday: pol. heritage, economic heritage, social heritage.

Who will tell the nation how vital her Religious heritage has been? Prov. 14:34.

WE waited, listened, and wondered!! No one???

BUT, this NATION WANTS to hear all the story--What about Religion? The Bible? The church? Where God fit in? Jesus? H. S.? Hope???
So we dreamed:

VII. THE 1976 LET FREEDOM RING BICENTENNIAL EVANGELISM CAMPAIGN.


2. OUR DREAM:
   CAN'T reach whole world this year.
   CAN'T reach whole nation this year.
   CAN'T reach whole state this year.
   CAN reach the 36 county N. Tex. Area in 1976!
   CAN reach 3,000,000 people through TV-Radio!
   CAN knock on 600,000 doors for Jesus-survey.
   CAN baptize a minimum of 10,000 souls thru 300 congregations or about 35 each in yr.
   (This in addition to what did in 1975!)

3. OUR PROGRESS:
   90 congregations definitely IN! 34 pending.
   61 churches have committed $84,000 so far.
   1/3rd will turn in their commitments soon!
   51 churches HAVE GIVEN $38,290.85.
   NEED: $70,000 for 5-week Mass Media campaign which starts TODAY at 2:30 on channel 8 and 2 & 6 on channel 11. Ch. 4 & 5 free and can come on ANY TIME!! ALSO WFAA-AM radio, KBOX-AM and KNUS-FM. 24 to 30 spots daily!
   TWO WEEKS OF GOOD NEWS BOMBARDMENT ASSURED.
   NEED 3 more weeks immediately at $14,000 per week or $42,000 more. (Total: 470 spots)

4. QUESTIONS:
   1. Do we KNOW a sweet and pure gospel others do-not know? Yes!!
   2. Do we have a DEBT others don't have???YES!!
      Tell it like it is to EVERYONE!!
      THIS IS OUR GENERATION!
      THIS IS OUR FIELD WHITE UNTO HARVEST!
      THIS IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW JESUS WHO REALLY LOVES HIM, AND LOST SOULS!
   3. Haven't we accomplished GREAT THINGS BEFORE??? YES!
      Two Jimmy Allen campaigns. Dallas.
      Willard Collins campaign in Fort Worth.
      IMPACT CHRIST
      JOURNEY TO ETERNITY - Mid McKnight.
      ONE WAY - Batsell Barrett Baxter.

NOW: A GREAT "LET FREEDOM RING THRU CHRIST !!!"
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CLOSE: A STORY WITH TWO ENDINGS, ONE TRAGIC and ONE A HAPPY ENDING.

STORY:
Six men working on the Alaska Pipe Line Proj. Panel became stalled on highway in snow. In back was some kindlin for a fire and SIX pine logs. Each man took a log to fire. BUT............

1st man: Ole Joe here's NOT my color, so I'm not going to put my log in for HIM.

2nd man: Jack doesn't belong to the right church, so I'm not going to use my log on him.

3rd man: Bill is so uneducated and so uncouth, I hate to waste my log on him. So he withheld his log.

4th man: Jim's a common laborer. Why should I waste a forman's log on him. Withheld it!

5th man: Bob belongs to that renegade political party. Why should I do anything to preserve his vote? Withheld his log.

6th man: George doesn't even come from MY part of the country. Why should I be concerned about him? Kept his log.

CONCLUSION: 2 hrs. later a snow plough came upon the stalled panel truck. Found six men dead, each holding a pine log in his arms. He wrote up his report about his findings. In the place marked, "Cause of death" he wrote, "Who will ever know. It is the strangest thing I have ever seen?"

QUESTION: What WAS the cause of death? SNOW? NO!!! COLD!!! YES.

Not cold on the outside in the sub-zero weather, BUT COLD ON THE INSIDE in sub-zero hearts!!!!

NOW FOR THE OTHER ENDING. ...... (over).
SECOND ENDING: ........................


All were strangers, but knew of differences that existed between them.

1st man: This colored man, I wonder if he has ever heard of Jesus? I'll use my log to keep him warm while I try to talk to him about his soul. He put his log in fire!!

2nd man: Jack doesn't belong to the N. T. church. I wonder why? Wonder if he has ever heard of the Bible one? Maybe, if we can stay alive long enough he'll let me tell him about it. Pitched his log

3rd man: Bill obviously has had an unfortunate life in the past. He hasn't had much chance for an education. I wonder if he has ever been taught the Bible Way of Salvation? I'll keep him warm and maybe I can find out--and help him. When the first two logs were gone he threw his log and let it keep the fire alive.

4th man: Loved Jim, even though he was only a common-laborer. Burned his pine log purely because Jesus taught him to love all men.

5th man: Felt intensely about Bob's political differences, but not as intensely as he did the man's soul. Burned his pine log.

6th man: Thought George was odd and a bit strange, but realized all will be alike in Heaven if are faithful Christians. He burned his log.

ALL LOGS NOW BURNED. FIRE DYING OUT.

Snow plough driver found six men huddled close together ALIVE! All within moments of death. All had MADE A SERIOUS COMMITMENT TO STUDY GOD'S WORD TO FIND HIS WILL FOR THEM. 2—Christians were soon baptized. Born again. Truly alive spiritually. WHY? Warmth in the FIRE!! WARMTH IN THEIR HEARTS FOR EACH OTHER.
INVITATION:

We're asking YOU today to pitch your log in the fire!! Keep somebody alive!! Give them a chance to hear & obey the gospel of Christ. $945.00. Help on the $5,000 goal in your DOUBLEDAY contribution FOR THE GREAT LET FREEDOM RING CAMPAIGN!!!!

Do it for Jesus! Do it for lost souls! Do it from the warmth within your heart!

IF YOU ARE NOT a Christian today you need to:
Believe: Jesus is God's Son & your only Savior.
Repent of past sins. Turn away from them.
Confess your faith openly--now---today.
Be baptized because Jesus wants you to.
Mark 16:16.

I HOPE _____ RIGHT NOW _____ you want to serve Jesus MORE than you want to do anything in your life!!!!

And....you will answer HIS INVITATION as we now stand to sing!!!