

THE PASSION OF CRC

NOTES: ANTOINETTE- CRC'S FIRST FULL TIME MISSIONARY

“RODNEY CAME UP WITH A DEFINITION OF PASSION THAT WAS PARTICULARLY MOVING. HE TOOK THE WEBSTERS DEFINITION AND THE BIBLICAL/OLD ENGLISH DEFINITION AND COMBINED THEM.”

PASSION- TO BE SO EXCITED ABOUT SOMETHING OR SOMEONE THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO SUFFER FOR IT

WE ARE REQUIRED TO PASS THRU THOSE THREE CITIES IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE VISION.

REVIEW: A TALE OF THREE CITIES UNDERSTANDING THE PROGRESSION OF OUR PASSION

Ac 17:6 When they did not find them, they began dragging Jason and some brethren before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have upset the world have come here also; 7 and Jason has welcomed them, and they all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." 8 They stirred up the crowd and the city authorities who heard these things. 9 And when they had received a pledge from Jason and the others, they released them.

Ac 17:10 The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

Ac 17:16 Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was being provoked within him as he was observing the city full of idols.

PAUL PASSES THROUGH THREE DISTINCT CITIES AND HAS THREE DISTINCT EXPERIENCES. THESSALONICA IS TURMOIL AND FIGHTING AND HE IS REFERRED TO AS ONE WHO HAS TURNED THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN. IN BEREIA HE ENCOUNTERS PEACEFUL AND POWERFUL DISCIPLESHIP. IN ATHENS HE BEGINS TO SPEAK THE WORD TO LOST MEN AND WOMEN AND REVEAL CHRIST TO THEM.

WE LIVE OUR LIVES IN PHASES AND STAGES. THINGS DONT HAPPEN AUTOMATICALLY OR EASILY. EVERY STEP IS PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT STEP.....

SOME OF OUR FRUSTRATION IS THE LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF OUR JOURNEY, ITS SEASONS AND ITS PROGRESSION.

1. EVERYTHING BEGINS WITH A FIGHT- THESSALONICA

THE PLACE WHERE THEY GAINED THE REP FOR TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN WAS A PLACE OF WARFARE!

GARDEN, WILDERNESS, GETHSEMANE

THE MOST IMPORTANT WEAPON IS THE SWORD - EPH. 6.17/18

Eph 6:17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

THE RHYTHM OF THE SWORD FIGHT

THE RHYTHM OF FIGHTING TOGETHER-

1Sa 14:6 Then Jonathan said to the young man who was carrying his armor, "Come and let us cross over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; perhaps the LORD will work for us, for the LORD is not restrained to save by many or by few." 7 His armor bearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart; turn yourself, and here I am with you according to your desire."

2. THE JOURNEY CONTINUES AS WE CONFORM - BEREA

Ro 12: 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. 3.

NOTES: From Fighting to Farming...not as sexy but it's where the WEALTH IS.

FIGHTING GAINS THE LAND FARMING PRODUCES WEALTH FROM THE LAND

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**TRANSFORMATION IS THE GOAL
TRUTH MAKES US FREE JOHN 8.31,32**

Jn 8:31 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

TRUTH KEEPS US FROM LIVING IN THESSALONICA

TOO MANY CHRISTIANS SPEND THEIR WHOLE LIFE FIGHTING OLD FLESH ISSUES!

3. WE DEVELOP A VOICE TO INFLUENCE - ATHENS

1. PHILOSOPHERS WERE INTERESTED IN WHAT HE HAD TO SAY

THEY LOVED KNOWLEDGE BUT WERE NOT FAMILIAR WITH TRANSFORMATION.!

2. THEY UTILIZED THEIR GODS FOR BLESSING

WE WILL SACRIFICE TO ATHENA SO SHE CAN BLESS US!

3. PAUL INTRODUCED THEM TO THE UNKNOWN GOD

Ac 17:22 So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects. **23** "For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, `TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. **24** "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; **25** nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; **26** and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, **27** that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; **28** for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, `For we also are His children.' **29** "Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man. **30** "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, **31** because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

BUILDING AN OVERCOMING CHURCH OUT OF BROKEN LIVES THRU THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST.....

BEGINS WITH

KNOWING GOD

GODS DESIRE FROM THE BEGINNING

JESUS CAME TO RECONNECT MEN TO GOD

KNOW THE HEART OF GOD

Php 3:8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

DISCOVERING PURPOSE

CATECHISM- WHAT IS THE CHIEF AIM OF MAN? TO GLORIFY GOD AND TO ENJOY HIS PRESENCE FOREVER

WHATEVER I AM DOING AND WHEREVER I AM GOD GETS HONOR AND GLORY

Mt 6:33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

LIVING GENEROUSLY

I NO LONGER LIVE FOR MYSELF BUT FOR HIM....

Jn 12:23 And Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. 26 "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

GIVING IS THE KEY TO RECEIVING

Lk 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure--pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

RELEASE OF SUPERNATURAL INFLUENCE ACTS 1.8

FOR GODS GLORY AND THEIR GOOD

YOU ARE THE REASON FOR PEOPLE TO CHANGE THEIR MINDS

30 "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent,