

NEW ACTS #8 – Acts 6:1-7 “IT TAKES THE WHOLE CHURCH”

EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE Red Sox EPIC world series 2004 2nd basemen– MARK BELLHORN - hitting .147 for the postseason saved vs. YANKEES

- EVEN THE MOST UNEXPECTED PERSON – **IT TAKES A TEAM**

If the church were a sport it would be more like baseball or football than GOLF.

- MOST OF US ARE PLAYING GOLF – SINGLE PLAYER - **SPECTATORS**

MP: God gives spiritual gifts to each of us so that we collectively can fulfill the plan He has for Calvary Chapel Las Vegas.

church wasn't just a social media church/celeb – they were doing it alive STORY –

PROBLEM BECAME AN OPPORTUNITY

SHOCKER (growing) – RIGHT AWAY COMPLAINING IN THE CHURCH - **GROUPS**

Relevant Magazine “STOP COMPLAINING ABOUT PROBLEMS IN YOUR CHURCH” 5 ?’s Are you being helpful? Is issue just personal preference? Are you invested? What’s your motive? What are you willing to do about it? **BECAME AWARE**

- didn't shut down – **WIDOWS REAL NEED (restricted) – THEY LISTENED**

Problems create opportunities for people to serve.

- DIRTY DISCIPLES FEET – didn't **complain, criticize, abandon - SERVED**

John 13:14 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

Pointing out a problem doesn't distinguish you but being part of the solution does.

OPPORTUNITY WAS SHARED BY MANY

DELEGATE: PLAN NOT FOR APOSTLES TO DO EVERYTHING - THEIR ROLE/RESPONS

- **EXPLOSIVE GROWTH REQUIRED FAITHFUL LEADERSHIP – word/prayer**
- CHOOSE 7 FROM AMONG YOURSELF – ALL HANDS ON DECK
 - o **FILLED w/CONSUMERS** – EVERYTHING DIRECTED TO US AND FOR US

Our unstated-but-very-apparent goal after conversion is to feed ourselves, protect our families, live in a bubble and get to heaven. carey nieuwhof

MINDSET TODAY – FILLING A SPACE IN CHURCH – DON'T KNOW/CARE/TIME

- **Serving starts with caring about the things that God cares about**

We are creating people who know how to go to church but don't know what it means to be a Christian.

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

CHRISTIAN SERVANTS ARE FULL OF IT

Before you disqualify yourself consider what it takes to have **the right stuff.**

FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

POWER: BOLD IN WITNESS (unashamed of the gospel and Jesus Christ)

- **FIRE IN THEIR LIVES - FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control.

- **TAPPED INTO THE HEART OF GOD**

FULL OF WISDOM

Wise in God's Wisdom – not just street smart, common sense, business sense

- Know the BIBLE – THE HEART AND MIND OF GOD – **READ BIBLE DAILY**

God's wisdom enables you to lead spiritually because you know what God wants.

FULL OF FAITH – SAVED - BUT MORE

- PROVEN TRACK RECORDED – CAN BE TRUSTED

Luke 16:10 He who *is* faithful in *what is* least is faithful also in much.

- BY FAITH – **CHRISTIANS LIVE ON THE WATER (not just a task)**

Their life demonstrates that they trust God and believe that with Him anything is poss.

THIS IS OUR SPIRITUAL TRAJECTORY AS CHRISTIANS – all of us

**THERE IS CHURCH GROWTH PLAN (WHEN WE): THE WORD OF GOD SPREAD –
MULTIPLICATION – PRIESTS SAVED (the hardest people to reached)**