



part two: the ‘doing’ of a witness

Higher Ground

1. I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;

Still praying as I'm onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

Refrain:

Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on Canaan's tableland,

A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

Higher Ground

2. My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;

Though some may dwell where those abound,
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

Refrain:

Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on Canaan's tableland,

A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

Higher Ground

3. I want to live above the world,
Though Satan's darts at me are hurled;

For faith has caught the joyful sound,
The song of saints on higher ground

Refrain:

Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on Canaan's tableland,

A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

Higher Ground

4. I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright;

But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

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By faith, on Canaan's tableland,

A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

the “doing” of a witness

*Acts 1.8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My **witnesses** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”*

last time we observed the “Being” of a witness

*Is. 44.8 ‘Do not tremble and do
not be afraid;*

*Have I not long since announced
it to you and declared it?*

*And you **are My witnesses.***

Is there any God besides Me,

Or is there any other Rock?

I know of none. ’’

the world is a global courtroom

*God is to be
glorified
through the
lives of
witnesses who
can tell of His
greatness*



the incredible largeness of being

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poised in crisis

a witness to the greatness of things including the 'God' scheme of things

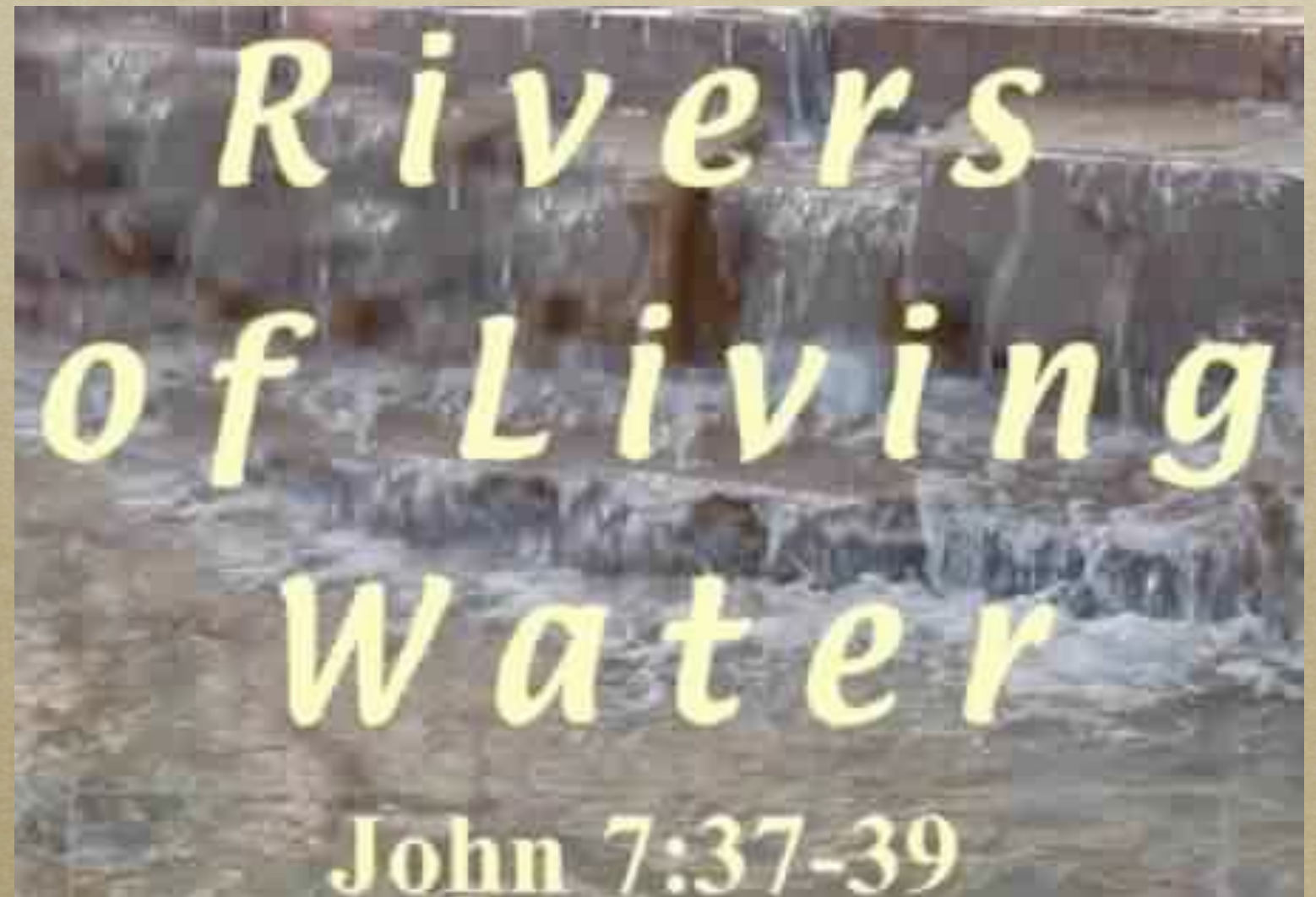
because of the greatness of elevating the lives of those around

His Lord who is embracing a vastness in all plans

filled with the Holy Spirit

*out of this largeness of being
flows rivers of 'doing'*

*the doing of
witness is
living proof
of His
largeness
within you*



*the Holy Spirit always adds his
own witness to ours*

Acts 5.32 “And
we are witnesses
of these things;
and so is the
Holy Spirit,
whom God has
given to those
who obey Him.”

And God confirmed the
message by giving signs and
wonders and various miracles
and gifts of the Holy Spirit
whenever he chose.

- Hebrews 2:3-4 NLT -

indisputable reality of witnessing

1. *you “are” a witness*
 - *whether a faithful or poor one*
2. *Paul says ‘woe is me if I preach not the gospel’ 1 Cor. 9.16*
 - *there is an outward obligation to witness*
His greatness before men
 - *there is an inward compelling of the*
“witness within” to tell the greatness of
such a Redeemer

practical reality of witnessing

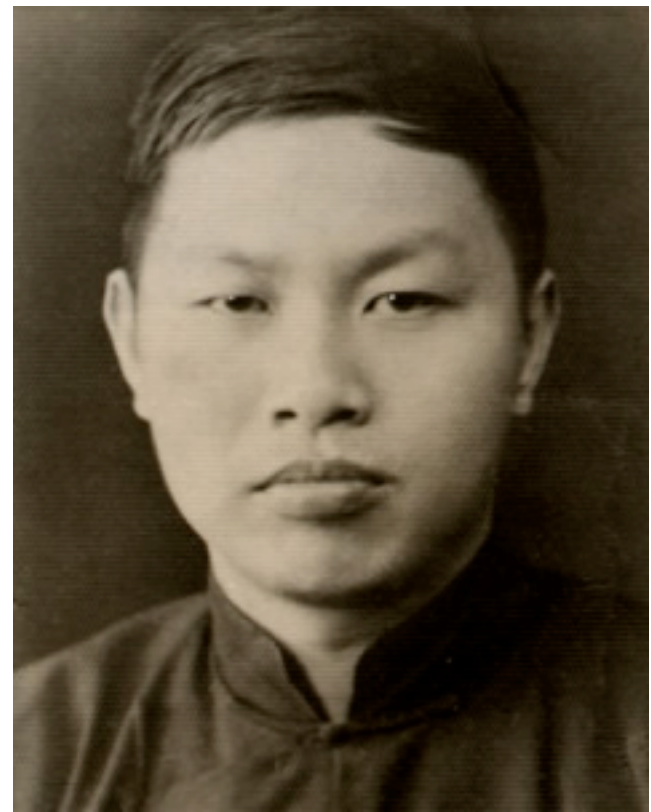
1. *the best time for evangelism is when someone is young*
2. *especially when one is a new believer they have many friends who do not know the Lord*
3. *in school a student has contact with more peers than at any other time in their life*

real blessing of witnessing

1. *witnessing 'aligns one' with the Lord and not with the world*
2. *He confesses our name before the Father*

Matt. 10.32-33 ¶ “Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.”

The Believer's Secret of Happiness



“In every believer’s life there are two big days, two days of special rejoicing. The first happy day is the day when he believes in the Lord. The second happy day is the day when he for the first time leads someone to Christ. To many, the joy of leading a person to the Lord for the very first time even exceeds the joy of their own salvation. But many believers are not happy, for they have never uttered a word for the Lord nor ever led a soul to Christ. Do not let this be your condition; do not degenerate to the point of having no joy.”

Spiritual Exercise by Watchman Nee p. 70 CFP

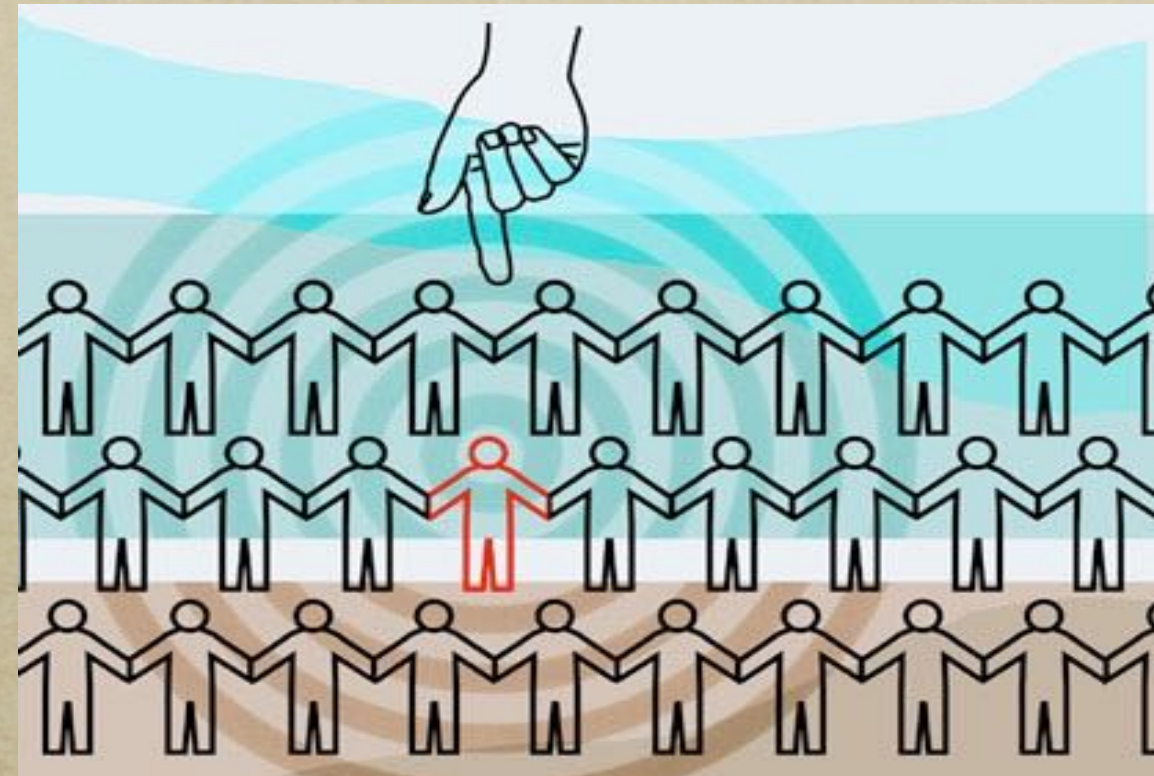
‘hitting the wall’ of doing witness

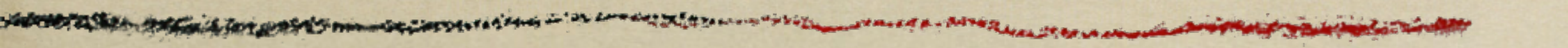
*despite the blessing and
reality of witness, most
christians struggle to
find the door into the
“witness zone”*



witness zone

1. where you get out of your 'comfort zone'
2. where you penetrate into someone else's 'safe space'
3. where the holy Spirit starts to convict a heart





*there are a few basic
reasons why we have
not broken through*

reasons we hit the wall

*1. some
believers have
never truly
‘identified’ with
the Lord*





*it's hard to do witness when you are
identified with the world*

10 Must Know Facts About MILLENNIALS



There are about **79 million** millennials in the U.S., versus the **48 million** Generation Xers.



41% of millennials have no landline at home and rely on their cellphones for communication.



The purchasing power of millennials is estimated to be **\$170 billion** per year.



Millennials send about **20 texts** per day.



Millennials will make up **50%** of the U.S. workforce by **2030**.



80% of millennials have their phones next to them.

Gen X "Whatever!"



GENERATION Z

★ BORN 1995-2009 ★

ZEES GLOBAL GEN
GEN Z iGEN
DIGITAL INTEGRATORS
CLICK 'N GO KIDS
COTTON WOOL KIDS
SCREENAGERS
UPAGERS
BUBBLE WRAP GENERATION
THE ZEDS
TEENS TWEENS



reasons we hit the wall

*2. some
believers
are
ashamed
of their
faith
(Lord)*

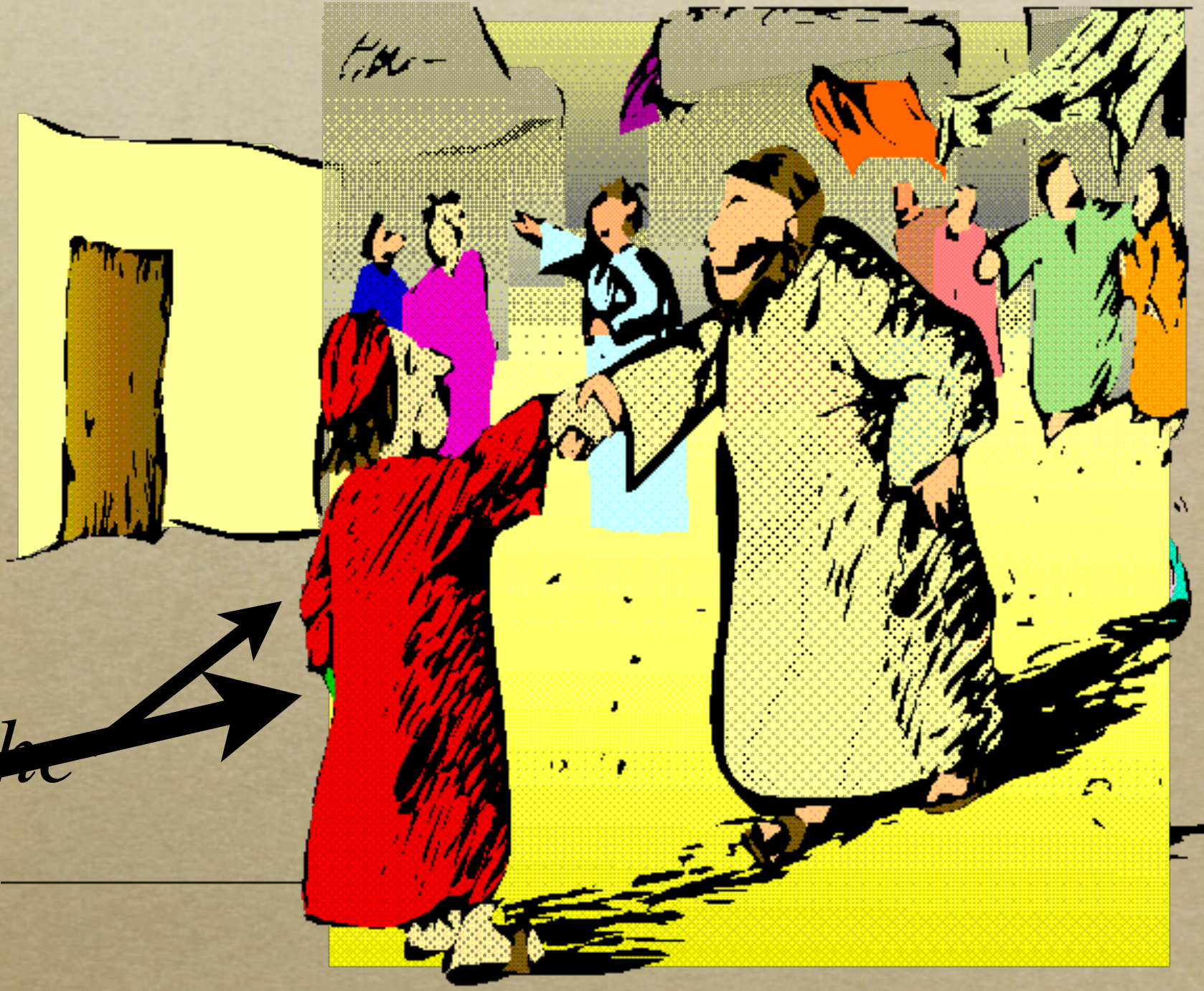


**too
too
unscientific
too
dogmatic
exclusive**

reasons we hit the wall

*3. most
believers
are just
afraid*

*but after the
~~resurrection~~ and the
disciples Spirit*



see how the Lord produced
Peter the “witness”



luke 5 - how Peter became a fisher of men

*1. he
commanded
him to go out
faith issue:
obey the Lord*



application

is Jesus Lord of your boat?

1. do you believe the Lord has put you in your particular 'boat'?

2. faith's wider perspective knows that your being there is to 'do' witness as opportunity arises



luke 5 - how Peter became a fisher of men

*2. he led Peter
to the side of
the boat the
fish were on
faith issue:
Spirit's leading*



application

1. warning: don't be put off by fish's outward fight -

gruff puffin fish

religious jab fish

2. pseudo-spiritual sole

holy mackerel

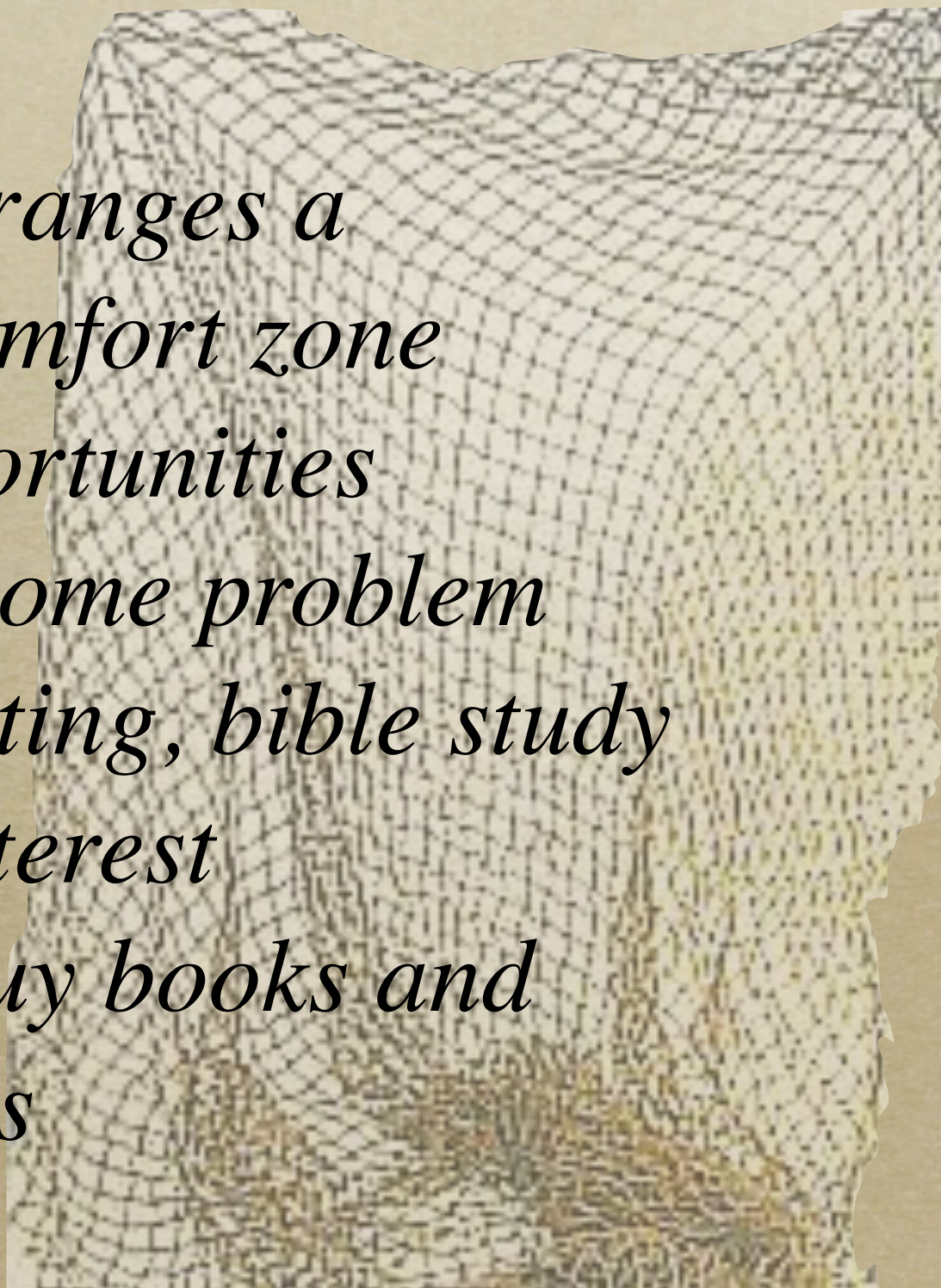
3. confused flounderer



Witness

4. *if the fish initiates by coming to you - this is a mighty big clue of His sovereign ways*

always be ready with your net

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- 1. col. 4.5-6 when the Spirit arranges a zonevasion, step out of your comfort zone*
 - 2. doing witness is seizing opportunities*
 - the 'help' net - someone has some problem*
 - the 'event' net - concert, meeting, bible study*
 - the 'interest' net - common interest*
 - the 'media' net - use tracts, buy books and bibles, share you tube messages*

luke 5 - how Peter became a fisher of men

*3. obeying led
to the
unforeseen
blessing which
elevated
Peter's awe of
the Lord*



application

3. an opportunity taken does not mean there will be an immediate response - but a door will open to cultivate the witness

4. only take an opportunity as far as they are ready to go - your largeness of being will be seen by being sensitive to their 'space'

5. when someone is ready to pray, do not be afraid to help them and pray with them - in the witness zone the Spirit takes over

luke 5 - how Peter became a fisher of men

*4. the awkward
moment when
Peter was
captured
faith issue: real
vocation fishing
men*



application

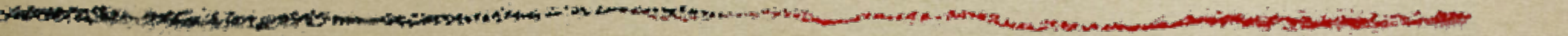
there will usually be two awkward moments:

*1. when you first break into their space
from an unforeseen angle of elevation*

*2. when you pull them into 'His Space'
when they are under conviction*

*though you may feel you need help, don't let
the moment slide by without some kind of
response or acknowledgement God is here*

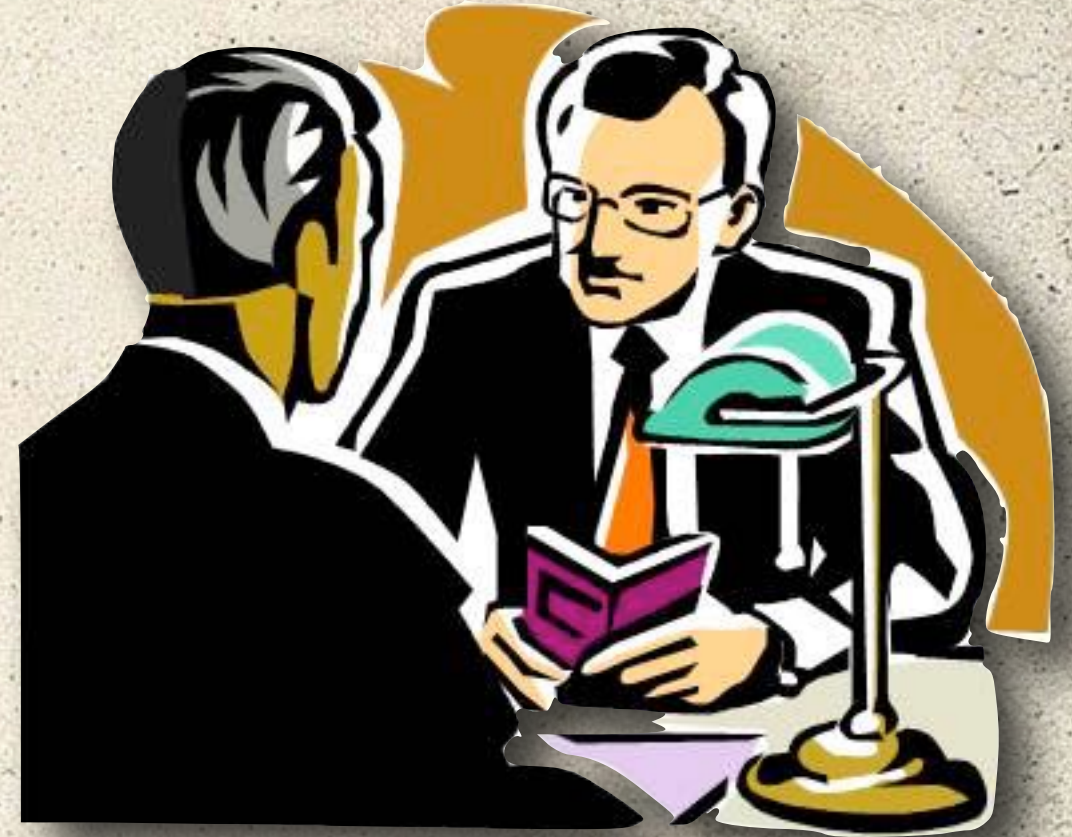
reviewing the lessons



3. in the witness zone

two awkward moments:

1. when you first break into their space
2. when you pull them into 'His Space'



4. applying grace and salt

Col. 4.6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.



1. a gracious witness opens the heart
2. a gracious witness is sensitive to their 'space'



4. applying grace and salt

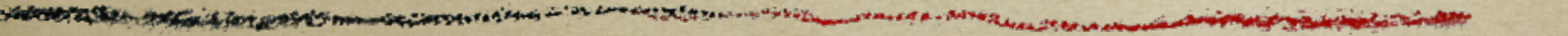
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1. salt is speaking the truth
2. prayer 'seasons' the witness



doing witness is very significant
to our Lord



your 'being' is for the 'doing' of witnessing

1Pet. 2.9 ¶ But you are
A CHOSEN RACE, A
royal PRIESTHOOD,
A HOLY NATION, A
PEOPLE FOR God's
OWN POSSESSION,
so that you may
proclaim the
excellencies of Him
who has called you
out of darkness into
His marvelous light;

On the streets in Romania



your doing witness is part of your large being

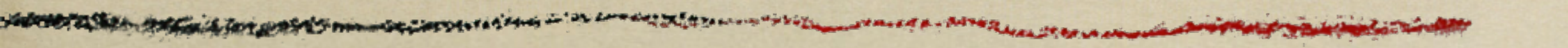
- Matt. 5.16 “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.



four searching questions to consider

- 1. Have you identified fully with the Lord in consecration since your baptism?*
- 2. Do your school friends or work associates know that you are a christian?*
- 3. Have you witnessed to your school friends? Have any become Christians?*
- 4. Has it cost you anything?*

a door waits before us



*you are only three steps away
from being a vessel the Lord
can use to share His
salvation with the world*

#1: Psa 51.12-13 are you willing?

“He has prepared beforehand...”

1. the willing find witnessing opportunities all around

2. the fearful need to be willing to fail for Him

3. “intentional disciples”
believe their lives are in a certain place by and for the will of God



#2: 1 Pet 3.15 - prep your heart for the Lord's direction

1. make a prayer list of those in your 'life zone'
2. the Spirit in prayer will impress someone upon you
3. pray for an opening (question or observation)

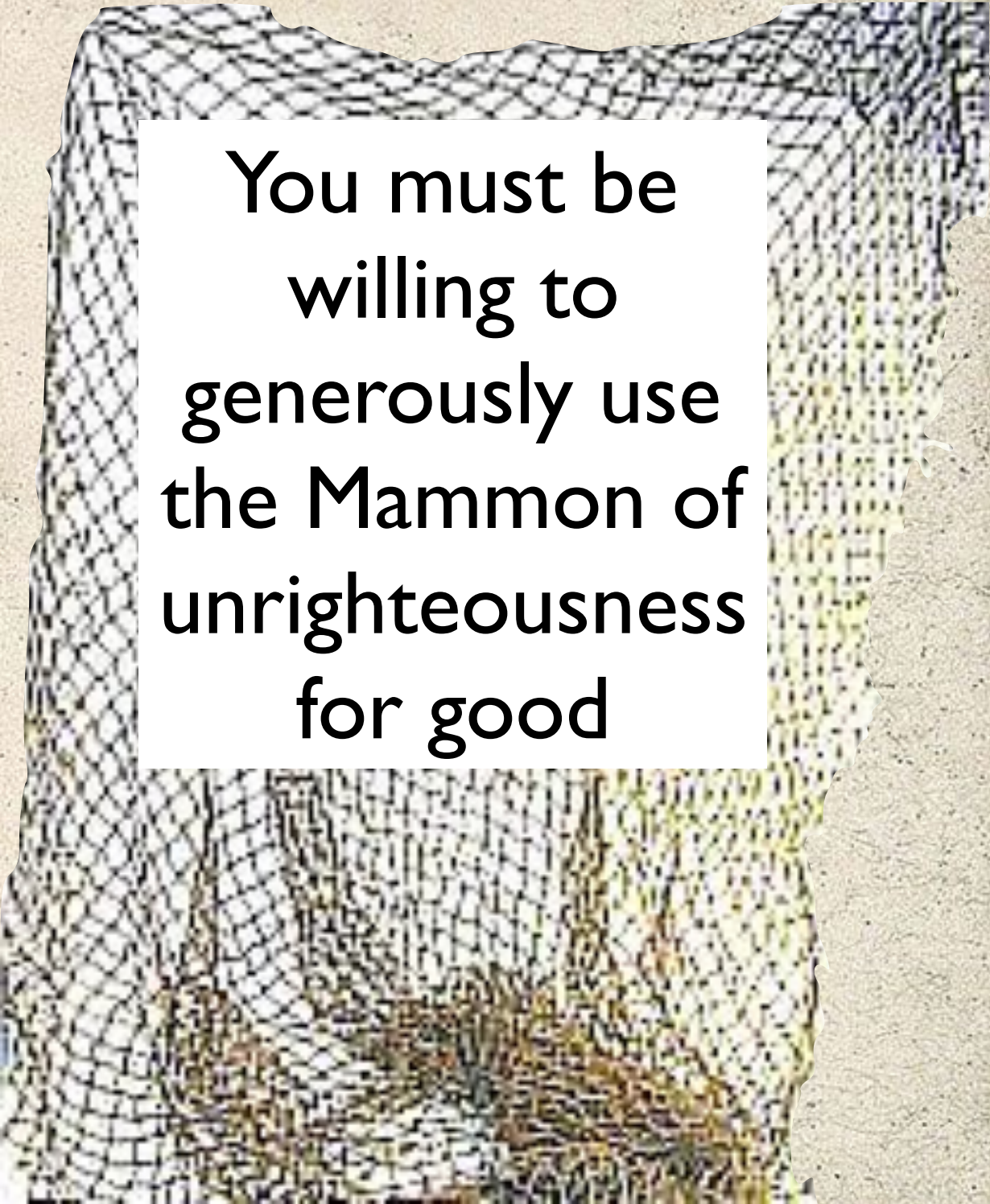


be ready for fish to
sovereignly come to you

3. nets repaired
and ready with
time and money

kinds of nets available

- the 'help' net -
- the 'event' net -
- the 'interest' net -
- the 'media' net



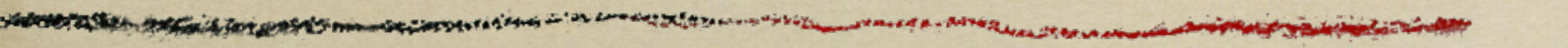
You must be
willing to
generously use
the Mammon of
unrighteousness
for good

If your will, prayer and money are dedicated,
you are ready to enter the 'witness zone'

Col. 4.5 Walk in
wisdom toward them
that are without,
redeeming the time.



next time



*finding methods of witness by
experience*