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# Affiliation

## Newsletter

### Quote of the month

“Corporate evangelism is basic to personal evangelism. In the New Testament the functioning body of Christ set the stage for individual witness. This is why Jesus said, 'love one another' so that 'all men will know that you are My disciples.' ...Personal evangelism takes on unusual significance against the backdrop of a mature body of local believers Christians who are making an impact in their communities because of their integrity, unselfish behavior, orderly conduct, wisdom, diligence, humility, and their forthright testimony for Jesus Christ. ...God's general plan is that community evangelism be carried out in the context of dynamic Christianity, and vigorous body life.” (Gene Getz)

### GRACE MEN DON'T FLEE! By Pastor Duke Horton

Nehemiah was commissioned by God to go back to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls. He wasn't a prophet or a preacher; he was the king's cupbearer. He received the bad news about his brethren and their condition in Jerusalem (Neh. 1:2-3). The message caused him to be broken, and to set his heart to seek the Lord. God used the news to give Nehemiah HIS burden. When the call came, he was comfortable and secure in the king's palace, but he took on God's burden for the lost.

When he received the news, he prayed. We know that the need doesn't constitute the call, but if we're available, the need will call us to prayer. Nehemiah said, "Okay God, I see the need. What do you want me to do about it?" He experienced 2 Chronicles 16:9: For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. God gave Nehemiah a vision, putting into his heart what he should do (Neh. 2:12). He went back to Jerusalem to seek the welfare of the children of Israel. He was commissioned by God to leave the palace and its comfort and cushy job.

When Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem the adversaries immediately began to "breathe out threats" and mock him. They hired a false prophet to make him afraid and cause him to hide. But Nehemiah asked, "Shall a man such as I flee?" The enemies were coming to stop the work of God. There will always be voices telling us to flee. "Run! You have failed too much. You have used more than your quota of grace." Yet God continually encourages us, "Don't be weary in well-doing." Do we let our failures and weaknesses cause us to flee our call? No! The voices may say, "Quit! Get out of the race!" Will we flee? No! Grace men don't flee! There has never been a man of God who hasn't faced the temptation to quit. Jesus asked the disciples if they were going to quit in John 6:60-68. Peter said, "Where will we go? You have the Words of eternal life." We stand in the grace of God, and grace calls us perfect in Christ (Rom. 5:2, Ph. 3:15). Therefore, we don't flee our call. His grace is all-sufficient (2 Cor. 12:9).

There is always a price to pay when building the walls. It may mean we have to sacrifice some temporal thing to fulfill our eternal call. Bob Jones, Sr., often said, "Don't sacrifice the permanent on the altar of the immediate." We only have a short time. By God's grace, let's spend our time building the walls of the City of God. Let's continue choosing the eternal over the temporal. Let's keep choosing what pleases our Heavenly Father. Eccl. 7:13

says, "Consider the Work of God." Let's keep our eyes on Jesus. Choose to be occupied with Christ in the midst of trying circumstances.

Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. He came to disciple those whom the Father had given Him in the truth. He wants us to "walk as He walked" through dependence on the Father (1 Jn.2:6), and to "compel" people to come into His house so that it is full (Lu.14:23). In the Book of Acts we see the supernatural acts of the Holy Spirit always following "on the heels" of the active proclamation of the Gospel. Peter was preaching the Gospel when the Spirit was poured out upon them (Acts 2). Peter was evangelizing when God used him to heal the lame man (Acts 3). Later Peter and John were arrested because they were evangelizing, and were released with a warning not to continue (Acts 4). When the church prayed for boldness the house was shaken where they were assembled. In Acts 5 the apostles were arrested again for preaching the Gospel, and were delivered from prison by an angel. Over and over we see God enabling, delivering, providing and protecting the church as they obeyed the Great Commission by faith. They were simply "about [their] Father's business."

There is no such thing as a great man of God. There are only grace men of God who have responded to God's great grace. I pray the Holy Spirit can use these words to encourage everyone to continue going forward in your heavenly call. Grace men don't flee!

### BOOK OF THE MONTH

Walking from East to West by Ravi Zacharias

This is "the intimate account of [Ravi Zacharias'] journey beyond a turbulent childhood and the Eastern culture of his homeland, and of the search for truth that sustained him."

### COMING EVENTS FOR PASTORS

GGWO Eurocon 2010 in Budapest, Hungary, March 16-20  
"THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS: PSALM 29"

### CONTRIBUTIONS

If you'd like to contribute with suggestions, quotes, news, recommended books or articles for pastors, etc., please email them to [pastor@ggcf.org](mailto:pastor@ggcf.org).

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Check out the GGWO Pastors Network. What a great resource! You can watch current Leadership Classes with Pastor Schaller. Also there are two discussion forums on the subjects of Marriage and Church Government.