"So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."

(1 Corinthians 3:7)

## **1. The Command to Preach Is Universal**

The Great Commission is not optional. Jesus gave it to **every believer**, not just pastors or evangelists:

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...'" (Matthew 28:18-19)

This mandate reflects God's **missional nature**. God desires **all people to be saved** (1 Timothy 2:4), so His followers are called to go beyond the church walls and engage the world. Evangelism is both a **responsibility** and an **act of obedience**.

## 2. No Setting Is Too Ordinary for the Gospel

Many assume that preaching only "works" in formal or quiet settings like churches or conferences. But Scripture teaches otherwise. Paul preached **wherever people were**—even in marketplaces:

"So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there." (Acts 17:17)

Jesus also **ministered on the move**:

"After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God..." (Luke 8:1)

The Gospel is contextually adaptable (1 Corinthians 9:22). God uses

both quiet moments and public proclamations. What matters is **faithfulness**, not the setting.

#### **3. Street Preaching Plants Seeds – Even in Resistance**

Many people in public spaces aren't ready to hear the Word. But that doesn't make street preaching pointless. Sometimes, the **mere hearing of the Word** can convict, challenge, or begin a spiritual journey:

"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ." (Romans 10:17)

Even when people reject the message, God tells us to keep preaching:

"You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious." (Ezekiel 2:7) This reveals the **prophetic role of the Church**. We are called not just to comfort but to **confront** the world with truth. The Gospel is both **grace and judgment**—it offers salvation, but it also holds people accountable (John 12:48).

#### 4. Salvation Is Often a Process

Very few people respond to the Gospel the first time they hear it. Most go through a journey of hearing, wrestling, questioning, and eventually believing:

"Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet..." (Isaiah 58:1)

Even if someone appears uninterested, the Word may bear fruit in time:

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

Evangelism is **sowing spiritual seed** (Mark 4:14–20). We may not always see immediate results, but God works invisibly in hearts. Regeneration is the Spirit's work, not ours (John 3:5–8).

## 5. There's Joy in One Soul Saved

Preaching might seem thankless, but heaven rejoices over just **one** transformed life:

"There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." (Luke 15:10)

Every soul is **eternally valuable**. The Gospel restores broken people

into God's family and redirects their eternal destiny. The mission is worth it—every single time.

### 6. Repeated Messages Become Testimony

If you've heard the Gospel over and over and still resist, know this: every message becomes **evidence** that God reached out to you:

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14)

"This will take place on the day when God judges people's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares." (Romans 2:16)

The Gospel is both **invitation and witness**. When accepted, it brings life. When rejected, it becomes part of God's righteous judgment (Hebrews 10:26–27).

## Are You Saved?

Have you been hearing the Gospel but still haven't surrendered to Christ? Don't delay. Salvation is not just about hearing—it's about responding:

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." (Hebrews 3:15)

### **Closing Prayer**

# May the Lord help us to preach boldly, live faithfully, and respond humbly. Amen.

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