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And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John Chapter 8 verse 32 KJV)

Love like Jesus!

Do you ever feel like God is leading you to speak to someone you love about Jesus? Are you scared that the person may reject you? That the person may make fun of you or ridicule you? Should we not be much more alarmed that the person could cry out our name from the darkness of hell? Should we not worry much more that we would not have taken an opportunity that God was giving us to lead a brother or sister to Christ? I heard recently a saying: "some people don't get the chance to hear the Gospel once, why should others get to hear it twice?" The truth is that if we are living the life we are commanded to the world will be so tired of hearing about Jesus that they will seek Him out wanting to know what all the crazy Christians are talking about... or they will all have been reached and those who can be touched will be. I pray everyday you would love like **Jesus: For there is no respect of persons with God. (Romans Chapter 2 verse 11 KJV)** – God does not care if you are the worlds richest man, or the worlds most righteous, if you don't know Jesus Christ you will not know eternal life. God cries out for everyone, all races, all those lead astray in false religions and false gods, and as He loves all we must love all too! Love like Jesus!



Between newsletters

It is our desire to glorify God and share the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ with anyone, anywhere, who God blesses us to touch! If you wish you could hear from My Emanuel in-between newsletters there are many ways you can follow us and see what God is giving us to share for His glory daily, please take this time to "like" us on facebook at www.facebook.com/myemanuel – you can subscribe to the blog at www.myemanuel.com/blog – "follow" us on twitter at www.twitter.com/myemanuel – or subscribe to our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/myemanuelchristian, you can also see previous newsletters at www.myemanuel.com/sermonsandmore.html.

30 day challenge

As of this newsletter you can currently find the first 7 days of the 30 day challenge! I pray you would visit www.myemanuel.com/prayer and seek out God's purpose for not only your life but your marriage, your children, and all those you love! If you are hurting and desperately seeking the Hope... I can show you where to find Him! His name is Jesus Christ, you may not know Him but He has known you since creation! Will you rejoice eternally when you know Him?

And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him? (Mark Chapter 4 verse 39-41 KJV)

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Weekly Sermon

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Walking the line

Have you ever met a Christian brother or sister who you had a hard time believing they were a Christian? It wasn't they way they looked or what they said when you discovered they were a fellow believer but it was what they did before you knew... it was just a few days earlier when you passed by seeing them partying and carrying on, it was when you saw them not being very Christlike that when you saw them proclaiming to be a Christian that made it hard to understand or believe how they could be that way one minute and this way another... many brothers and sisters that claim to be in Christ are living in a carnal, hard to understand, lost way. Once we are born again in Christ we are called to live a different life, as the Holy Spirit dwells with-in us we will live a different life, we will speak differently, act differently, think differently, our entire life will become more about becoming like Him and less like being ourselves. As you read today's message I pray you would remember what the scripture says: **He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. (Matthew Chapter 12 verse 30 KJV)** – you can't have it both ways... you cannot "walk with Jesus Christ" and "walk with the world" it doesn't happen for those who have true salvation. The scripture is very clear: **Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. (1 Corinthians Chapter 10 verse 21 KJV)** – to party 6 days a week, being drunk, carnal, and doing things that grieve the Holy Spirit only to walk into a church Sunday morning... church is surely the place you need to be but understand that without repentance and turning your back on that life style... you may need to truly, deeply examine your relationship with the Lord because you have a problem.

"Don't judge me", I'm not, God will: **Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. (James Chapter 4 verse 4 KJV)** – I'm trying to tell you the truth, the truth is much more scary than the message you reading today. If we claim to know the truth, and we continue to willfully sin against God... have no doubt if God's word says its wrong, its wrong. People justify being drunk by saying "Jesus drank wine" never knowing that Jesus Christ was never "drunk" and yet they try to drown their misery in alcohol only to drown the Spirit that dwells with-in them. The scripture is clear about these things: **For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. (Hebrews Chapter 10 verse 26-27 KJV)** – do not make the grace of Jesus Christ cheap, do not say "I can live anyway I want and ask for forgiveness", God's mercy is abundant but I struggle even now to explain to you what will happen to those who have been given the knowledge of the truth which is Jesus Christ is the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE, knowing that you have accepted Him and yet you continue to sin openly without regard to the pain and suffering He endured because of you... because of me. No man is perfect and this is the blessing and beauty of the mercy of Christ but once you have accepted the truth to continue to be at war with God... how can you claim to be saved?

I warn you as Jesus warned you: **Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (Matthew Chapter 7 verse 21 KJV)** – stop trying to justify your sin, stop trying to justify your evil, stop letting the devil control you for even now he whispers "who is this guy to judge you? He doesn't know you" and yet you forget we serve a God who knows all things, He saw what you did last night... He knows what you are doing today... and yet you deny His grace and mercy by your very own actions... tell the devil to shut up, stop running from the truth, get on your knees and cry out for mercy and forgiveness. Once you give your life to Christ it doesn't belong to you anymore... your selfish indulgences and sinful ways are a thing of the past, you may fall and fail but you will trust in the Lord to convict you and build you up. Stop sinning. Obey the Lord's perfect law, for out of our love and out of His mercy we must seek to be more perfect everyday, obeying Him not out of requirement but out of love. Trust in the Holy Spirit to guide you and lead you knowing that if you are partying and sinning against God that the Holy Spirit will flee far from you...

Prodigal son! Prodigal daughter! How the Lord Almighty awaits your return! Turn your back on your life

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of sin! Turn your back on living your life for yourself! Reach out for the Lord and know He has already told of your story: **And he said, A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him. And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found. (Luke Chapter 11 verse 11-32 KJV).**

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Life impacting scripture

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Luke 12:48 KJV

--For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required--

We as Christians have been given the best of blessings. We have been given clothes, food and wealth. We have been blessed with cars, houses, jobs and material things. We have been blessed with talents and abilities. We have so many things we can share and ways we can help people, and bless others.

But above all we have been given the **Truth!**

We have been given Love! We have been given the Gospel! We have a job, a task to complete! On the day of judgment if someone came to you before they went into hells pits for ever and said "You knew the Truth? You knew where I was going and you didn't tell me? Didn't love me enough to correct me? Didn't care enough to even try?" What would you say to that person? Or every person you've ever passed by? Or what if God asked you " My son , why did you waste so much time? You could have shared my love with so many people! But you just passed them by. Why my son? Why?"

You couldn't answer could you? I would not be able to give Almighty God who saved me an answer!

So how about instead of talking about last nights football game we talk about God? How about instead of talking about our problems we talk about our blessings? How about instead of talking about what we think is wrong with our lives we talk about what God has done for us! What he brought us through, and how he saved us! How about when we talk about our weekend we talk about how fun church was? Or instead of talking about that great magazine article you read you talk about those great bible verses you read? How about instead of staying on our computer , playing video games or watching TV we go out and talk to a neighbor about Jesus? Brothers and Sisters we don't have to be perfect at it! We don't have to be a professional salesman or a 30 year traveling evangelist. All we have to do is show them the love God gave us! Tell them about Him! If you stutter , stutter! If you cant talk well , say it how you can! God will give you the strength! Plant the seed and God will make it grow We can take one step and God will take ten!

Be the Love that Jesus was. Love like you have no tomorrow, love like today is your last day! That person may not know God and they desperately want to! God wants to love them he just wants you to say something to them! Shine your light, Gods not ashamed to call you his own son and daughter so don't be ashamed of him! He gave his life to prove what you were worth, He loved you first!

**Freely you were given the Gospel.
So freely share it!**

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Testimony

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Do you have a testimony that you would like to share with our readers? We would love to hear what the Lord has done in your life that has provided you with a testimony to glorify his name! Please contact us at dhigginbotham@myemaneul.com if you would like to share your testimony! You may remain totally anonymous!

Why do you do this?

Not too long ago a sister in Christ asked me “why do you do this Daniel?” “Why do you take time away from your family for my husband, for my family?” I must admit looking back now I know that God was with me because the response I gave was the one that I will give you again tonight. Many times I know some people must wonder what in the world Timothy and I think we are doing, we spend so much time trying to do so much for the Lord. Why? Why in the world would I ever take time away from my family to write the news letters, the blog messages, and all the wonderful things that God puts on my heart? Because I know that while I am not justified by my works God has given me a freedom that I can never repay, one that I want to share with my brothers and sisters and one that I know can forever change lives!

I pray that God would give me strength to more and more do the things I do and that He blesses me to do for His glory but I want you to know I have a freedom in Jesus Christ. God has freed me from so many vices and demons that I cannot begin to count the wonderful changes He has made and continues to make in my life. When I think that I am all out of energy and strength something deep with-in my boils up, burning to the surface as I desperately and feverishly work away knowing that if just one person is touched by God through me that I can truly and beautifully say I lived my life fighting the good fight! For the scripture says: **For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. (Psalms Chapter 84 verse 10 KJV)**. So as anyone would ask, why? Why do we do this? We do it for the glory of the Lord in thanks and respect for the freedom and grace He has poured out upon us. I do not do it because I am forced, commanded, or called, I do it out of my deep love and respect for the Almighty God who breathed me into existence and after 25 years of doing it my way showed me there was freedom in the blood of Jesus Christ.

God, my Father be glorified! Reveal your love and power, your mercy and grace, your endless wisdom and peace to my brother or sister reading this even now! May they know Father the wonderful love and endless beauty that you have revealed to your servant Father and may they know that they can have what you have blessed me with if they would only trust in you! Amen.

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Outreach

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30 day challenge

As of October 1st just 7 days ago we started the “30 day challenge”. This program was developed by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit with the purpose of giving my brothers and sisters the truth: God is the only hope for marriages. With so many lives being destroyed and so much pain and suffering this world is in desperate need of the regeneration and healing only found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. After the first day of the program I was blessed to receive an e-mail from a sister in Christ and while I won't share the e-mail word for word with you what I will tell you is that it said “I am a mother of multiple children, I just lost my job, and my husband isn't sure he wants to be with me anymore”... my heart and spirit immediately felt a deep pain and sorrow for this sister in Christ. God opened my eyes to the desperate struggle and the importance of the program He had inspired and has now used me to complete the first leg of this journey.

Tonight I want you to know that we can make a difference for Christ. God can use us to do great and mighty things! Please know that God can fully change us into the greatest example of His mercy and grace! His redemption flows on those who repent and seek a personal relationship with Him and we are totally made anew! Don't think your testimony, that your talent, that your ability is not important! God can use any man or any woman who is dedicated, determined, and convicted to glorify His name and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Tonight I pray you would search your soul, search your heart, has God blessed you? Are you being a good and faithful servant or are you refusing to use the gifts God has blessed you with for His kingdom? Didn't He die for us? Don't we owe Him everything??

Tonight I pray you would check out www.myemanuel.com/prayer and if you are in need of a healing in your marriage or just want to grow closer to your spouse and family that you would feel free to view the past 7 days of the program and sign-up to receive the next few weeks!

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Prayer and praise request!

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Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not to temptation but deliver us from evil, for the glory and the power of Your heavenly kingdom. Father we pray that you would lift up these prayer request and allow all who seek answers in prayer to receive You, for truly we know Father if we ask we shall receive. We ask that you would allow all those who read these words and prayers to pray for their brothers and sisters in Christ. Father we glorify and praise your name for these praise request and know that just as you answer our prayers we glorify your name even in the dark places! Praise you Father! In Jesus Christ beautiful name we pray, Amen.

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Reviews and newly found ministries

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Are you a leader or member of a God fearing ministry that puts the Lord Jesus Christ first in all they do? Do you have a website or blog that you post Christian messages or provide any type of ministry? Contact us at dhigginbotham@myemanuel.com to request that we add you to our bi-weekly newsletter.

New music:

Mark Schultz- All things possible

Mark Schultz- It is well

Brandon Heath- Jesus in disguise

Mercy Me- You are I AM

Have any requests for you ministry to be given a shout out? Let us know and give us some brief details about it!
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