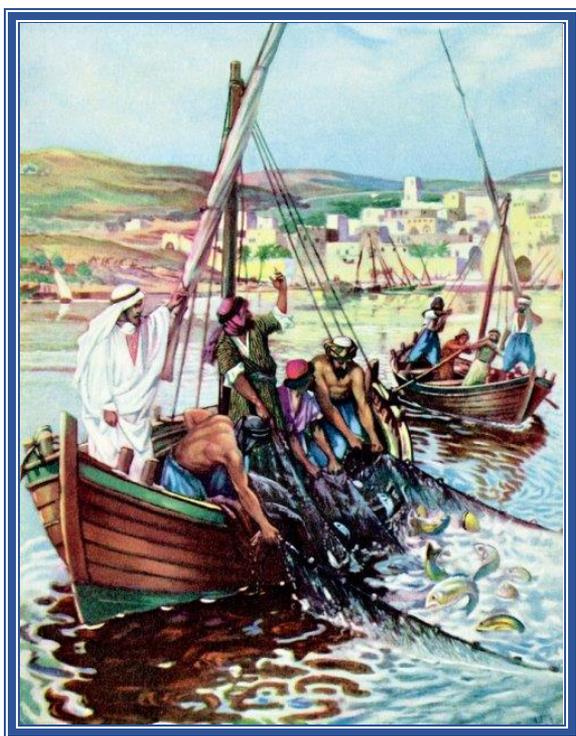


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Mobilizing Saints for Community Transformation



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Easy Pole Fishing

It has been our Lord's will that all His followers become a fisher of men. Jesus said, **"come after Me and I will make you become fishers of men" (Mark 1:17)**. Jesus' word "come" means to *follow Him*, and to *learn from Him*. Yes, this is evangelism, but evangelism was never meant to be difficult. Jesus confirmed this saying, **"take My yoke upon you . . . for My yoke is easy, and My burden is light" (Matt. 11:29-30)**. A yoke is a frame of wood by which two draft animals (usually oxen) are joined at their necks to work together. Of the two oxen, one leads the other, and the One that leads us is Jesus through the Holy Spirit! Biblically the "neck" refers to the *will*. This yoke reveals we must willfully follow Jesus with confidence knowing that we are not in this alone. We merely follow His instructions as He leads us to prepare the heart of a soul to finally bite the bait for their salvation.

Every disciple throughout the Church Age was meant to fish for men, especially the end-day Church. Why is this so important? **"God wills all men to be saved" (1 Tim. 2:4)**. He **"gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16)** and He does not want anyone to perish (2 Peter 3:9). God loves all mankind! His heart aches for those headed toward the wrong eternal destination. Fortunately, God made this calling easy for us when we allow the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us. God always made things easy for mankind.

In the beginning, God only commanded Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit of one tree, the tree of knowledge of good and evil. That was easy but Satan was tricky. Later when the Old Covenant (OC) was cut on mount Sinai, God gave His wife, Israel, Ten Commandments. That was easy too, but men influenced by religious spirits added 613 laws. God didn't make it hard, men did! The New Covenant (NC) is even easier. There is only one Great Commandment, and it assists us in keeping the one Great Commission.

John 15:12-13 This is My commandment, That ye love (agape) one another, as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life (self-life or will) for his friends (others).

This love is not a romance between a man and a woman or the brotherly love of even generous philanthropists. This is *agape*, God-love well defined within the **Classic Amplified Version** of **1 Cor. 13:4-8a**. This author abbreviated this definition as: **“Love . . . is patient and kind” (v. 4)**; love is never envious, jealous, boastful, or haughty. It is not conceited, arrogant, prideful, or rude. Love does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking: . . . **“love is ever ready to believe the best of every person” (v. 7) . . . and love never fails (v. 8)**. That is all we need to be and do. And since **“God is Love” (1 John 4:8)** and He dwells within us. His loving Presence makes evangelism easy for us.

Though the OC Jews are still sweating while working hard to keep the 613 laws, the NC Christians have it incredibly easy. **“The (*agape*) love of God (was) shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost” (Rom. 5:5)** the moment we were saved. We merely walk in this love placed within us. Thereby we allow Love Himself to live and love through us. God’s love fully equips us. Our choosing to love others keeps the only law of the NC. The Apostle Paul explained this writing **“love (*agape*) worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law” (Rom. 13:10)**. Is that not meant to be easy? If we choose to love everyone, we will never break God’s law! Overall, we are merely commanded to love God and love people. Love is all we need to win lost souls to Jesus!

Love God in worship and song.
Love people despite their wrong.
Love God in hard times and good.
Love others just as He would.

This one Great Commandment enables us to accomplish the one Great Commission. “Commission” according to Webster’s Dictionary has many definitions. One definition defines it as *the state of being authorized to perform certain duties or tasks*. God called us and equipped us with *agape* love to fulfill this commission to expand His family.

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power (*exousia* meaning *authority*) is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations (ethnic groups), baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Evangelism is honestly easy when we utilize *agape* love as our primary tool. This love was the same method which Jesus applied during His ministry on earth. Everything He did for the lost was out of God's love for them, especially His sacrificial death on the cross.

First and foremost, as a preparatory step, we must examine our hearts to make sure we have no anger toward any person. If we love God, we are expected to love our brothers, not just fellow Christians but anyone, everyone (1 John 4:21). If you are angry with someone; you must choose to forgive them for whatever they harmfully did or said against you or against someone you love. Then ask God to allow you to see them as He sees them, so He may share His love *for* them *through* you. You may not feel free of your anger immediately, but God will complete the reformation of your soul with time. God's love is our greatest and most powerful gift, but we must choose to consistently release it. With time it will become easier and easier.

Our choosing to live in *agape* love will make evangelism effortless for us. That is why Jesus chose the term “fishing” for evangelizing. Though natural fishing may be a labor for natural fishermen, spiritual fishing is more like the sport of lazy fishing enjoyed on a lazy summer day. It’s not hard or exhaustive like playing football, soccer, or basketball. No, no, it is easy to fish in God’s love. As fishers of men, we start by choosing our pond or mission field of subjects: neighbors, friends, co-workers, customers, classmates etc. It also benefits to make a prayer list of their names. For neighbors perhaps list them by their address on your street or neighborhood. You may not know all their names but list the ones you do know. As you pray for them, God will open an entry for you to talk and interact with them.

Recently my husband and I moved to South Carolina into a new house within a new neighborhood in Conway. That makes it easy for us to introduce our names to our new neighbors and ask for theirs. In our previous colder state learning names worked well while shoveling snow though that wasn’t so much fun. A block party can provide many names too. Once you have a list, the fishing begins with simply three steps of God’s *agape* love: **PRAYER, CARE, and SHARE**. This is our easy role in reeling in a soul to Christ while God manages the actual issues, the difficult, dark, and hidden barriers deep within their souls from any past or present

difficulties or miseries. God does the real work.

Prayer-evangelism is talking to God
about our neighbors
before we talk to our neighbors
about *God*.

The FIRST STEP of evangelizing via God's *agape* love within us is **PRAYER**. Through individual **PRAYER** we are following Jesus Who prayed and has never stopped interceding for mankind. Our love for Jesus compels us to follow Him in **PRAYER**. Aim to pray for your subjects at least three to five times a week. **PRAYER** is a precious gift and our primary fishing rod. Our simple prayers allow God to supernaturally construct a connection from our heart to their heart, the spiritual fishing line that will eventually reel them in to Christ Jesus. Results usually do not appear overnight, though sometimes they do. It may take several months but don't give up. Keep praying. Here are some good topics to use in **PRAYER**.

Consider praying that . . .

- ***their blinded eyes be opened to the truth*** (2 Cor. 4:4)
- ***their stony hearts be softened to the Gospel*** (Ezek. 11:19)
- ***their deaf ears be opened to hear the Word*** (Rom. 10:17)

A Sample Prayer is on page 25 though a more aggressive prayer is within my book, *Transforming Prayers*. Yet, either one will be effective if one continues to pray in *agape* love to draw these precious souls to an eternal life in Christ Jesus. Jesus taught us to “ask and keep on asking” (Luke 11:9) i.e., keep praying until you (or sometimes someone else) reels them in. Pray and proclaim their salvation for Jesus said that “when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them” (Mark 11:24). That is His promise to us. I watched my father and uncles one by one come to the Lord. **PRAYER** is our necessity. And agreement can be its power booster.

... if two of you shall agree on earth
as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done
for them of My Father
which is in heaven. Matt. 18:19

A weekly **PRAYER** of agreement is very impactful too. Ask your Christian spouse or a friend to join you in **PRAYER** occasionally for “where two shall agree . . . it shall be done” (Matt. 18:19). Another influential maneuver is an occasional **PRAYER**-walk alone or with another believer also. God promised Abraham, Moses, and Joshua that He would give them every place they set their foot (Josh 1:3). God has not changed His mind; He will do the same for us today.

Abraham walked through
the Promised Land before it was taken,
and the whole nation of Israel walked
around Jericho before the walls came down.

Consistent **PRAYERS** may rank you as a guardian of your neighborhood. For example, after about a year of praying for my neighbors in a large circular court, I saw the birthing of a tornado at the entrance of our neighborhood. Raised in the mid-West, I recognized it quickly, and commanded it to leave in the Name of Jesus for all the authority of Jesus was placed within His Name for us to use. That funnel fizzled to zip, though it split a tree in three parts at the entrance. Another day while walking around that court, I heard a husband yelling at his wife without any response from her. It went on and on. Finally, I commanded that spirit of anger to stop in the Name of Jesus, and he stopped. Peace was back in the atmosphere. God authorized us to pray, and our faithfulness in **PRAYER** may also expand our position.

As NC believers, we have all been classified as a “**royal priesthood**” (1 Peter 2:9). God entitled us to verbally release blessings upon others. A drive-by blessing is an additional form of **PRAYER**. Speaking blessings upon your neighbors as you enter or leave the neighborhood increases the change of its atmosphere to

peace and joy. Just as we can “feel” negativity when someone swears, so will our neighbors “feel” the blessings of God. A spoken blessing can even break curses that hinder people from receiving Christ. Your nastiest neighbor needs the most blessings. Bless them regularly as you drive by or walk your dog. Any time is good.

Consider this **BLESS** acrostic.

- **Body** *physical needs, health, protection, strength*
- **Labor** *work, income, job satisfaction, and security*
- **Emotional** *joy, peace, hope*
- **Social** *family relationships, marriage, friends*
- **Spiritual** *salvation, faith, holiness, grace*

The SECOND STEP of evangelizing via God’s *agape* love within us is **CARE**. **CARE** is choosing to speak words of love and act in deeds of love day by day. Remember, we are following Jesus. Jesus spoke words of spirit and life (John 6:63) and He did works of love and compassion. Sinners were drawn to Him by His affection for them. Jesus loved them to the Father. And now it is our turn to minister in love those around us to Jesus. The Holy Spirit assisted Jesus and Jesus sent Him to assist us. The Holy Spirit is our Comforter, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, and Spirit of Truth et. al. (John 15:26 AMPC). He knows everyone and everything about them. Let Him help you understand and reach out to them.

As fishers of men, our **CARE** for them is the tasty bait upon the hook, so they may savor it and see that God is good. After all, it is **“the goodness of God that leadeth (people) to repentance” (Rom. 2:4)**. So, what is our **CARE** like? **CARE** is our cheerful face, consistent smile, kind words, encouraging words, even complimentary words, a pat on the back, or a hug. Many years ago, while working as a newly born-again pharmacist along with a Christian tech, we decided to love everyone that entered the pharmacy. There were two nasty male customers. One so nasty that my tech often requested to hide in the backroom. If she remained out front, she often ended up in tears. One died and we grieved for we knew his eternal destination.

Finally, one day the other man walked in as usual. And we did our usual. “Hi, good to see you. How may we help you?” He just grumped and thumped down on the waiting couch looking at us like a grinch. We were still welcoming him with smiles when he finally asked, “what is with you two?” We pointed up and said, “Jesus.” Young in the Lord, we did not lead him in a sinner’s prayer but thereafter he was kind. God touched his heart that day, and I hope he was saved. Later the Lord had me design a Christmas brochure to distribute to our customers the whole month of December to lead them to Jesus. One lady mentioned that she read it daily for weeks. Everyone is looking for love.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

CARE is also our reaching out to meet their felt needs. It was obvious to us that the teen living next door was downcast, he had a low self-esteem, and a lack of confidence. **PRAYER** was not enough. I gave him a job walking our dogs. At first, he wasn't doing very well at it. Regular encouragement assisted him, and our dogs were affectionate to him. He eventually enjoyed his job and especially spending his earned wages. From this simple act of **CARE**, his demeanor changed. He smiled more. He walked positive. He held his head up. Currently he is a tall and confident State Trooper. We are so proud of him.

At another neighborhood, I had another teen walk our dogs once a day, Monday through Friday, for he had a single mom and three younger siblings. With wintery cold weather emerging, he arrived one day in his regular clothes. I asked, where is your winter coat? He didn't have one, so I called his mom and asked if I could take him shopping. I let him pick the coat he wanted. He was all smiles. He started attending a church and we talked about it. But then we moved again. I hope you stay longer in one location than we did, so you reel in more fish. There is so many ways that we can express our **CARE** for those around us.

Try to:

- *Offer your help when needed.*
- *Pick up the trash on your street regularly.*
- *Offer to pray when one is sick.*
- *Ask “how are you today?” And then listen.*
- *Keep smiling and speak positively*

CARE is also listening to our neighbors until they choose to listen to us. Listening is very, very important. Everyone needs to be heard. Be patient. The day will come when they choose to listen to you. I learned this from the Alpha Course which we ministered at our church and in our home winning those listeners to Jesus. One example was when we lived in a home with only *one family* as neighbors. They were a young couple with three boys. The youngest boy was three years old, and his mom told me that he had never spoken a word. There was also turmoil in their home, so I was praying for them. That little boy would come over on our property and watch me work in my garden. He was quiet at first, but after a few days, he started to speak to me. Why? I was listening to him. I tried to convince his parents that he was talking. It took them a few weeks before they started listening too.

Our **CARE** may also be any form of fellowship. In three different neighborhoods, I have written a weekly or monthly

newsletter with history, health issues, tasty recipes, and always a Bible verse at the end. In one neighborhood, I always used healing verses. So, it should not have surprised me that while I was conversing with a neighbor holding her sick and feverish toddler, that I tapped him on the head saying, “be healed” and left a bit nervously. He was healed instantly. By the way, that was *not* my idea, and not *my* doing. That was **CARE** *ordered* by God Who gave me a glimpse of my doing this before I had the nerve to obey Him. In fact, I argued with God while talking with her but finally agreed to obey. Jesus only did what He saw the Father do (John 5:19). Likewise, the Holy Spirit will show us what to do for He is our Leader. We are merely following Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

Our **CARE** does not judge or condemn the unsaved either. We are following Jesus. We are learning from Jesus. Jesus did not come to condemn the world but to save the world. Jesus was perfect. He could have condemned the woman caught in adultery, but He didn’t. He could have condemned us—we are sinners, but He didn’t. Jesus took our sin upon Himself, died in our place, and forgave us of all our sins. In His day, sinners were attracted to him. So, sinners may want to be around us too when we speak and walk in God’s love. As your neighbors are touched with love and kindness again and again; they will finally trust you, open their

hearts up primarily to you—yes you—for God connects our heart to the hearts of those we offer **PRAYER** and **CARE**.

The greatest result of **CARE** is its burst into **COMPASSION**. **COMPASSION** is a far deeper **CARE**, a divine, supernatural **CARE**. **COMPASSION** is feeling what God, the Father, feels for that person! The Greek word for “**COMPASSION**” is *splagehnizomai* meaning *to be moved as to one’s inwards or bowels*. It was the “bowels” (*splagehnon*) that were thought to be the seat of love and pity, *inward affection*, and the *tender mercies* of God. The Apostle John, who was called the Apostle of Love, wrote this as “**the bowels of compassion**” (1 John 3:17). While on earth, Christ Jesus was often moved by **COMPASSION** to cleanse the leper (Mark 1:41); to heal the sick (Matt. 14:14); to heal the blind (Matt. 20:34); and to raise a dead son to life for his widowed mom (Luke 7:13). His heart ached for their situations.

Jesus taught His disciples about **COMPASSION**, by the **COMPASSION** of a king forgiving his servant of his massive debt (Matt. 18:27); of the Good Samaritan attending to the wounded Jew (Luke 10:33); and of the prodigal’s father running to his wayward son (Luke 15:20). **COMPASSION** is miracle-working faith activated by God’s *agape* love. Scripture confirms this saying, “**faith works** (*energeo* meaning *is activated*) **by love**” (Gal. 5:6).

Miraculous faith can be activated from God's *agape* love within us. Some examples will be shared in the testimonies.

The THIRD STEP of evangelizing via God's *agape* love within us is to **SHARE**. This **SHARE** is not what you may think. It is not a list of memorized scriptures. There are methods using multiple scriptures to lead people to the Lord which do succeed. My husband and I have been at fairs where we led people to Jesus that way. Some were saved, *but some walked away*. Why did some walk away? Their hearts were unprepared. No Christian had been **PRAYING** or **CARING** for them, so they couldn't listen and receive truth. In easy pole fishing, the fisher must *wait* for the fish to respond, to choose to swallow the bait and hook. So, for close neighbors and friends, we don't dive in and cram the hook down their throats. We gently prepare them to taste the bait. We are fishing for men, not hunting them down. It is best to take it easy, and let the Holy Spirit lead us step by step.

As fishers of men, our **SHARE** is a short, quick tug on their heart string, a brief testimony, a short mention of God's goodness, how He loves them, perhaps a scripture but not too much. Make it easy for the listener. Even with **SHARE** we must follow Jesus. Jesus only said what He heard the Father say (John 12:50, 14:10). Jesus only did what He saw the Father do (John 5:19). We are following

Jesus; we are yoked with Him. So, what do we say? The Holy Spirit will give us the words we need to utter in that moment. Jesus foretold this when He promised His disciples that **“the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour and moment what [you] ought to say” (Luke 12:12 AMPC)**. Just trust Him. Eventually while you **SHARE** some small morsel of truth, God will open their heart to you. They will chomp down on your bait of love, and you will reel them in to Jesus! That is easy pole fishing for men!

Prayer

Care

Share

How easy can it get?

Love Never Fails

Testimonies

(1) One of the many next-door neighbors we had over the years was a very angry woman at first. Our daughter played with her daughter, so she quickly learned that I was a children's pastor then. That made her angrier. Often when I worked in our front yard, she would come over and I could feel her great anger. I was praying for her and spoke words of love with smiles nonstop. This continued for months and finally one day, she shared the cause of her anger. Her younger brother committed suicide by hanging himself. Evidence showed that he tried to stop his faulty decision but failed and died. Everyone at her church said he went straight to hell. That crushed her heart. What should I say? I didn't know but God did.

A memory surged through my mind in a split second. It was about a woman who had been deceived by the devil to swallow her full prescription of medicine. Once swallowed, Jesus was right there with her and told her to tell her sister what she had done. She did and then collapsed. She was in a coma for a long time, but she survived. So, I turned to my neighbor and said, oh, no. God loves your brother. He was right there with him. Her anger came crashing down like a wall of concrete. Tears appeared and she quietly left. That anger never appeared again.

A few weeks later she had surgery and was recuperating at home. The next morning, she called me crying in pain. And my **CARE** for her morphed into **COMPASSION**. I felt how God felt for her! God deeply loves everyone. I dropped my phone, ran out our door, ran to her house, and up her stairs. There she was in a red robe sitting at the end of her bed crying. I sat down next to her, wrapped my arms around her, and rocked her only saying “Oh God, Oh God.” That is all I could get out. Finally, she settled down and I hugged her and spoke a brief blessing and left.

Shortly thereafter while working out front, she called from her front door for me to come join her for some iced tea in her kitchen. As we sat and drank, she shared that after her surgery, her Mormon friend visited her and prayed for her, and her pain got worse. Then she called me, I came and held her, and she got better. (That wasn't me. That was Christ in me, the Great Physician.) Then she asked, “what do you have? I want it.” She was chomping on the bait and hook, and I reeled her right in. I said, I have Jesus, do you want Him? She said yes and I led her in a sinner's prayer. It was not hard; it was easy. It was just **PRAYER, CARE, and SHARE** at the leading of the Holy Spirit. Easy pole fishing works. Later she questioned the church she had attended many years, and the Holy Spirit showed me another one for her and she loved it. It was not our church (for we traveled far) but it was near and right for her.

(2) In a different neighborhood an unmarried Mormon woman with two children was taken in next door by a single man in the military. He was kind but often away. We reached out to them as our guests during the holidays. Her son was walking our dogs as I worked part time as a pharmacist. This woman began to experience spinal pain, though she never mentioned to me how dreadful it became. I called her one day to tell her I was getting off work soon; her son did not have to walk our dogs. But she responded in tears, saying she was in great pain! Again, **CARE** exploded into **COMPASSION**. Out of my mouth came words that I had no intention of saying. "As soon as I get home I will come over and pray for you." I was shocked at what came out of my mouth. But I knew it was Christ in me, and I must obey Him.

While ministering to her, I shared just one scripture, the laying on of hands upon the sick in the Name of Jesus (Mark 16:17-18). I placed my fingertips on her spine and kept quoting this scripture in the Name (*authority*) of Jesus. In faith I thanked God for her healing. She never mentioned what was happening to her and I didn't feel a thing, and finally I left. About a week later she invited my husband and I to dinner along with four Mormon missionaries. We talked back and forth all evening, and she listened. At that time, I was regularly preaching at a church. She appeared one Sunday morning and asked if she could share her

testimony. She said that while I prayed for her, fire shot through her spine. She was healed instantly. She believed my explanation of scripture over those of the young missionaries. She confessed her faith in Jesus and sang *Amazing Grace*. God does it all, not us.

(3) One year while our kids were in High School, we invited all their friends once a week to eat dinner and watch the Alpha Course videos. One evening one of the girls looked sad and sick. We had a delicious salad, pizza, and dessert but she didn't take a single bite. Suddenly she jumped up and ran to our bathroom. Amazingly I jumped up too running after her. As she prepared to vomit in the toilet, my hand touched her back. I did not know why I was even there. God is sometimes *Yehovah*-sneaky! She stopped, turned around, and looked at me with a smile. She returned to the table and enjoyed lots of pizza. Every young person that attended was saved before the course was over. The younger the age, the easier to reach.

(4) While talking to a new neighbor in our last former neighborhood, another neighbor began shouting out the F word again and again. Usually, my heart wrenches when I hear such a word, and quickly move away. But somehow, I only felt concerned for her. I felt there must be some pain causing her to speak this word. And I knew God loved her. So, I just kept smiling and let that

series of the F word pass over my head. This went on for several weeks seemingly with no results until my husband and I were taking a walk near her home and noticed her car was gone. An old truck was there instead. She saw us and limped out of her house. She shared the horrific accident she had just experienced without the F word. She started to weep, and I hugged her tight in **CARE** and said, God loves you! Those three words became my simple regular **SHARE** to her.

More negative issues arose in her life. She lost a job. Her children were avoiding her. She attempted to commit suicide. Thank God she failed and was hospitalized on a mental ward. She needed some items brought to her, so I gathered them up and brought them to her. I stayed with her holding her hand the whole-time reminding her that God loves her. She never said the F word around me again. She had hip surgery and recovered in a nursing home where I visited her and later picked her up and drove her to an apartment she moved to. I visited her and she visited me. I believe she has started her journey with the Lord. She just needed love. Everyone needs love, especially God's love.

As a children's pastor in my thirties, I did lead over 50 children to the Lord in our original neighborhood and over three hundred children in the Children's Church Services and summer

VBSs. Finally, I recognized that adults also needed to be saved. About a couple dozen of adult neighbors were reached even though we moved frequently. I know now that I could have done more. All we do is consistently release God's *agape* love to those around us through **PRAYER, CARE, and SHARE** as a little morsel here and there, while God is accomplishing the real job!

God connects hearts. He softens hearts. He opens hearts. He heals bodies and souls. He saves and delivers. And He wishes to do this through *every* believer any day of the year, anywhere. We are His current body on earth. We are meant to represent Him and manifest Him for we were created in His image and that is what the word "image" means. One to one pole fishing for men is the easiest evangelistic strategy for individual Christians to reach those who live, work, or study near us without causing disruption. But we can go to other neighborhoods where we are unknown to freely share scriptures and lead those to Christ whose hearts are already ready to receive Him, all in one day.

As the end-day Church, we need all these strategies activated by *the entire body of Christ* because the Rapture *is* soon, proven by the Seventy Week Prophecy. Those left behind must suffer the seven-year hellish Tribulation. Could the blood be upon our hands if we don't reach them? I think so. Three of the above

testimonies were accomplished before this author even heard of **PRAYER, CARE, and SHARE**. But once I did, I recognized it as the method the Holy Spirit had led me to use for decades. Any believer in Jesus is capable to fish for men. And don't be surprised when God steps in and does a miracle. **“Jesus Christ (is) the same yesterday, and today, and for ever” (Hebrews 13:8)**. The Bible says, **“Christ in (us) . . . the Spirit of Him that raised Jesus from the dead dwell(s) in (us)” too [Rom. 8:10-11]**. We have all we need.

Are you ready to pray for those lost souls around you?
Start by praying this prayer to accept this duty:

Heavenly Father, I know that my family, neighbors, friends, and others matter greatly to You and that You have commanded the Church to draw them to Jesus. So, out of my love and obedience to You and out of my love for them, I commit myself to pray for them and care for them on a consistent basis and eventually share the Gospel with them. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

The next page provides space to list the names of those who you will keep in prayer.

Sample Prayer

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, I ask that the Holy Spirit open their blinded eyes to the truth, soften their stony hearts, open the ears of their understanding, and convince them of their sin and need for Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord. May Your goodness lead them to repentance. I claim these households be enlightened by Christ, for the heathen are my inheritance in Christ Jesus. And I apply and plead the Blood of Jesus over their lives.

PROCLAMATION: I claim Christian home gatherings, prayer gatherings, and Bible study gatherings on (street name). I ask for signs and wonders of Your love, healing, and revival on (street name). I call my neighbors saved, sanctified, walking in faith, loving the Lord with all their hearts and their neighbors as themselves, and winning the lost to Jesus.

BLESSING: Lord, bless their family relationships, bless their marriages, bless their children, bless them with good health, bless their finances, bless them with witty ideas, bless their possessions, bless them with long life and godly new friends.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, Your will be done, Your Kingdom come on earth (street name) as it is in Heaven. And to You be all the praise, the glory, and honor. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

(2 Cor. 4:4, Ezek. 11:19, Rom. 10:17, Matt. 5:45, 13:13-15, Ps. 2:8; Jn 2:12-13, James 3:9)

Easy Net Fishing

In 1996 after finishing a calling of 21 days of prayer in Israel, I was reading a book, *That None Should Perish* by Evangelist Ed Siloso while flying home to the United States. This book was my original introduction to **PRAYER, CARE, and SHARE**, and it also revealed how this technique used collectively may impact entire communities. Months later, Siloso came to speak at a nearby church, and I attended the meeting. He shared this easy method, and its collective results within several communities of the United States and elsewhere. Finally, he requested the attending pastors to send their intercessors in July 1997 to Argentina to prayerfully assist him as he organizes the local congregations to take their city for Christ. And it was not just any city either but Argentina's Seat of Satan, San Nicholas. Fortunately, the church I attended willingly sent me along with another young intercessor. A total of ten were sent out of our city for an unforgettable, marvelous experience. We would partake in a city-wide fishing net of **PRAYER, CARE, SHARE** that triggered revival.

Somewhere between 100-200 intercessors from eight nations came to assist the local pastors and believers of San Nicolas to reach their city for Christ. The local pastors had already established a precious degree of unity. Forty pastors had prayed

together daily for sixty consecutive days prior to our arrival. The first thing we did was drive in buses to the main city park. The spiritual atmosphere there was very oppressive. I am ashamed to say that I literally questioned why I had come. It seemed unchangeable.

Within a couple days the local pastors and their intercessors along with the visiting intercessors planted a stake at every main entrance into the city. These included major roadways, the airport, bus station, and dock. As we pounded each stake into the ground at each entryway, we proclaimed a specific Bible verse received by revelation and written upon the stake. Together we also proclaimed all the city gateways open to Jesus. At the site in which I participated, each one of us had the privilege to pound the stake and proclaim what God revealed to us personally about this city. After everyone had participated, our group spontaneously erupted into jubilant praise! The Holy Spirit was happy!

With pastors united in prayer and the stakes placed at the gates, now the city must be saturated with **PRAYER** to break through the darkness suppressing San Nicholas. Though no two cities are exactly alike, this method is primarily effective for all. There will always be some variances, perhaps different modes of unifying the pastors or different ways of claiming and maintaining

gateways. But the principal plan remains the same. Once these factors were in place, this city saturated with **PRAYER** would birth revival within days starting a transformation of the community.

God fully explained what I had witnessed *after* I returned home. It had seemed odd to me that a city with so many Christians could be so dark and dreary. Through scripture the Lord described the situation of San Nicholas as having a brass heaven. So let me share what that means. After cutting the OC with Israel, God listed all the blessings that would come upon them if they diligently hearkened to His voice and kept His commandments. These blessings are recorded in Deut. 28:1-14. They describe how God intended Israel to live in cities that are prosperous, safe, plentiful, happy, and healthy. But should Israel *not* obey the voice of the LORD and His commands, the many curses of Deut. 28:15-68 would prevail including a brass heaven which well represents them all.

Every NC believer in Jesus also received the blessing of Abraham (Gal. 3:14) along with Israel. All Christians are a blessed people meant to live within blessed communities and nations. Jesus also gave His Church His authority over the works of darkness, so we may command them to depart. *But* when God's OC or NC family strays into sin, curses overtake the blessings of God. Therefore, sickness, poverty, addiction, drought, famine,

even war and massive evacuation may take over a city or nation. The *Christians* of San Nicholas had sinned, so the city had the notable curse of a brass heaven (Deut. 28:23) along with many other curses. This is the condition of our cities also.

What really interested me is that it is the Church, not the lost that are the primary cause of a city's plight. God said of those who know more, more is expected. God expects sinners to sin or disobey. That does not surprise Him. But He expects obedience from His own children—Israel and the Church. Remember the Philistines putting the Ark of the Covenant on a new cart because they didn't know God's Word that the priests were to carry it on poles. But the Israelites did not get away with moving it incorrectly. Uzzah died. Of course, the Philistines did suffer from plagues and mice until the Ark was returned. They couldn't appeal to a God they didn't know. **The Christians of this generation are the only ones capable of changing the spiritual climate of our cities and nation!** Only we can reverse the curses by obeying God's prescribed solutions of **2 Chron. 7:14; Joel 1:13-14, 2:12, 15; James 4:4-8a.** (Also consider reading *Reviving Prayer*.)

Since the spiritual heavens of San Nicholas were brass, the spiritual ground became hard as iron (Deut. 28:23). Picture, if you will, a brass bowl sitting upside down over an entire city. Allow

God's spiritual blessings to be compared to a natural rainfall. As the rain falls, it rolls off the sides of the bowl. No rain could penetrate the soil beneath the bowl. Therefore, the soil would become very dry and hard. This was San Nicolas's condition and the condition of our cities too. **The hearts of unsaved men have hardened to the Gospel, because the rain of the Holy Spirit has been cut off due to the sins of *Christians*.** When Heaven looked down upon a city like San Nicholas, the light of the Church could hardly be seen through a brass heaven.

But that changed for San Nicolas in a matter of days. How? There are multiple portions of the remedy. They included the unified efforts of the pastors, the regular gatherings each night of praise and worship the first week, and even some fervent travelling prayer known to birth revival. But the city was also saturated with **PRAYER**. Every Christian family was called to pray for the families within five houses on each side of their home and the ten houses across the street from them. That equals 20 families with perhaps 100 to 120 individuals. Every street of the city was covered in **PRAYER** and had been for some time.

Meanwhile, when the local pastors continued to meet daily in the morning, they no longer merely prayed together for revival along with intercessors; they were now repenting of their

sins, reconciling past conflicts with one another, and praying for each another! There was weeping and hugging among us all!

The next level of unity was ready to begin. All the Christian families were united via radio for one-half hour on three consecutive evenings, the Tuesday through Thursday of the second week. Why radio? Scripture tells us that our foe is **“the prince of the power of the air” (Eph. 2:2)** or airways. This was an effective way to enter in combat over the sound waves of the air *together*. Truly Ed Silvano was inspired by God. Satan and his ruling spirits dwell over our cities and regions within earth’s atmosphere and second heaven. **“We wrestle with principalities and power . . . in the heavenlies” (Eph. 6:12)**. But we may not wrestle the way you think. We must close the doorway of the enemy to work on earth.

On the FIRST of the three evenings, all the local Christians were gathered within their homes along with the visiting intercessors to collectively listen to the first broadcast from the local Christian radio station. The power of agreement was in effect. Each listening participant was led to consecrate his or her life and home to the Lord in unison. Each Christian family anointed the four outer walls of their homes simultaneously with oil. The Lord later showed me the impact this made in the spirit realm. It was as though thousands of little holes had been punched in the brass

heavens over the city. The brass bowl was now a brass colander. The light of San Nicholas' believers could now be seen. Heaven looking down saw a city beginning to light up for Christ Jesus!

The SECOND evening we gathered again in the homes. This time a wastepaper basket or garbage can was set in the middle of the main room where all were gathered. Then over the radio Ed Silvano led everyone to examine his or her individual life and repent for any sin. I thought I was spotless. I had fasted five days prior to our coming to lead me into a repentant preparation. And while in Argentina, I was on a denial fast as the Lord directed me for my protection. Nevertheless, right then God showed me an area of my life that required repentance, and I figuratively threw it in the wastebasket. In some homes there were drugs, alcohol, pornography, satanic music, and cultist items literally trashed. Christian hearts and homes were cleansed throughout the city simultaneously! It was as though the holes punched in the brass colander the evening before were now bursting larger. The holes were now greater in size than the metal spaces between them.

Later I described these spiritual changes of the city before several congregations in Maryland. Initially I equated the first evening with a hazy 40-watt bulb and the second evening after repentance with a clear, bright 100-watt bulb. But I was wrong in

this assumption. After I was requested to share this message with a Sunday school class in our own church, I brought a metal bowl, a metal colander, a flashlight, and a small lamp with a 100-watt bulb. First, I would show no light passing through the metal bowl. That was San Nicholas at the start. Then I would use the flashlight through the colander to exhibit the lighting of the city on the first evening of consecration. Then I planned to use the 100-watt bulb through the colander to exemplify the greater light of the city after the corporate repentance on the second evening. We darkened all the windows and prepared to turn out the lights so they could see the difference in the intensity of the light. But my lamp fell over and the 100-watt bulb broke.

I knew God was up to something. I went downstairs into the storage room and found a huge floodlight. Yes, a floodlight. **God wanted us to understand the incredible difference that the repentance of the Church makes for themselves and their community.** After shining the flashlight through the colander to represent the united consecration on the first evening, I then shared the united repentance on the second evening and whipped up the floodlight. The light shone so brightly through the colander that every young listener loudly said, “oh!” Our spiritual light is exceedingly bright when we truly repent. On that second evening,

Heaven saw San Nicholas light up in dazzling brilliance! The heavens were opening over the city.

The THIRD evening I had the privilege of joining the prayer coordinator. Various intercessors were dispatched to various areas of the city that were either deficient in Christian homes or exceptionally full of drug dealing, prostitution, or a site where an evil principality appeared monthly called “**the queen of heaven.**” (By the way, this manifestation is a counterfeit of the virgin Mary mentioned long before in **Jeremiah 7:18.**) We cruised throughout the city that evening to check each location, and then arrived at the radio station to listen to Silvosio speak across the waves.

That evening all the local Christians walked their own streets with a portable radio. In unity they simultaneously **PRAYER-**walked their domain leaving a flyer at each house they had been praying over for several months. The flyer was an invitation for all to attend a Prayer Fair that coming Saturday in the main park. That evening the heavens completely broke open. Why? because the Church’s love and light were now reaching out to those lost in darkness.

The next day, Friday, we fasted while the evil principality appeared. And we also fasted in preparation of the Prayer Fair the

next day. When we arrived in the park that Saturday morning, I was amazed at the change of its atmosphere! It was heavenly, as though we were caught up in worship. God's Presence was Manifest everywhere we walked. This Prayer Fair was a collective **PRAYER, CARE** and **SHARE** outreach to a multitude of residents. Seven Prayer Stations were set up for this ministry. And the city residents flooded into the fair and received what they came for!

For several hours there were continual physical healings at the Prayer Station for Healing where I participated. Fortunately, I had a translator assisting me. Residents were miraculously healed one right after another all day. It was God's **CARE** and **COMPASSION** released through His Church ministering to her community. The most marvelous wonder to me was the many people who ran to us asking how to get saved! It was so easy to **SHARE** that day. They were easily saved! If you think this can only happen in Argentina, you are wrong. It has happened in a few communities within the United States too. It can happen anywhere! **"The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1).**

A fishing net is like all our individual pole strings intertwined together to reach many souls. This net was a corporate **PRAYER, CARE,** and **SHARE** through multiple congregations

working together. And it was easy. Even easier than fishing as a single fisher of men with a pole, hook, and bait. It was far more impactful resulting with hundreds being saved and healed within one single day. And it did not stop. The congregations of San Nicholas continued to grow for some time thereafter. Our cities and nation have a brass heaven and iron earth along with many other curses. That is why the collective Church must humble herself in fasting, repent, reconcile, unite, and then fish together with this great net. It is not too late, but time is running out! Jesus is returning soon for His Bride. (Also consider reading: *The Expedition of the End-Day Prophecies*).

In the late season of the 1990s, there was a nationwide calling of **PRAYER, CARE, SHARE (PCS)** titled the Lighthouse Movement led by the Mission America Coalition across our nation. The Christian residents of over a million homes were praying for their neighbors. Each home was called a Lighthouse and that is exactly what they were. But why quit? It doesn't matter what this easy fishing is called. It is time to continue individual and collective fishing for men before it is too late. The Lord is still pleased with this easy yet effective method of evangelism. And that is why this little book was written and freely made available to anyone. (Mission America is currently called The Table Coalition.)

Three Tiers & Three Perimeters

For any congregation choosing to implement this simple evangelistic practice of **PRAYER, CARE, and SHARE**, three tiers of prayer could be used to empower the results. The **first tier** would be the congregational members who plan to pray for their neighbors, prayer-walk their own neighborhood, etc. to be a light on their street.

The **second tier** would be a group of close living Lighthouse families willing to collectively meet in **PRAYER** once a week or so, rotating from one home to another. When they gather, the resident owner could lead the rest of the group in a **PRAYER** of agreement for their own neighbors and then for all the neighbors of all the Lighthouse homes within their collective group. The power of agreement increases the results. And even small outreaches could be collectively organized by them as a small group.

The **third tier** is for Congregation's Worship Center to be the primary Hub Lighthouse containing all the lists of the neighbors their members are praying for. These lists could be kept within a box or jar or net in the sanctuary. Then every Sunday for a just few minutes the Pastor or a designated leader may lead the entire

congregation in a **PRAYER** of agreement for the salvation of all these people collectively. In the past, some congregations even placed murals on their walls for everyone to write the names of those they are praying for. And one of the greatest ways to keep this ministry flowing is to allow a few members to give a testimony weekly as to how they are reaching out to their neighbors, how the neighbors are responding, and especially when a neighbor comes to Jesus. Or they could write their testimonies down and place it within a box to be shared on the bulletin or elsewhere. Encouragement keeps this ministry moving forward.

There are also three perimeters which may be secured within a community that is collectively organizing a PCS Movement. The first level of security is accomplished by **each singular Lighthouse** of each congregation ministering PCS on their own street. Thereby each one is securing their personal perimeter. Our prayers and blessings can push back darkness from entering or expanding within our street or neighborhood. We are the light and our light overcome darkness spiritually just as natural light does.

Then **each lighthouse congregation** whose members are practicing **PCS** individually on their own streets should also reach out to the neighborhood surrounding the worship facility thereby securing their collective perimeter. This may include weekly

PRAYER-walks of a team of intercessors and perhaps collective prayer gatherings before outreaches are made for the surrounding neighborhood.

If **multiple congregations** are practicing **PCS** within the same community, this can eventually secure the full city. Once each congregational or collective perimeter is secured, the pastors and intercessors of these multiple congregations may prayerfully stake the gateways together to secure the community perimeter and welcome Jesus in. City-wide prayer gatherings especially for repentance have been known to make a great impact when inspired and ordered by God and planned in unity. Finally, city-wide outreaches like the Prayer Stations of San Nicholas may effectively catch a massive net full of souls. God greatly blesses His Church when we work together. And we can win a city to Jesus!

Dare to Disciple

Though this original form of evangelism only includes **PRAYER, CARE, and SHARE**, why not add **DARE** i.e., dare to disciple. Jesus did not call us to make converts but to make disciples, How? By **“teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world (or Church Age). Amen.” (Matt. 21:20)**. Converts rarely remain converts by themselves. The devil will instantly try to convince them to question their decision and turn them back to the world. They must be taught the Word and learn to read and trust the Bible as their guidebook of life. They need to know and fellowship with God personally but also in fellowship with other believers for edification and care. Yes, we need care too.

What are we to teach them? Jesus said they were “to observe” (*tereo* meaning *to keep*) everything that Jesus had commanded His 12, 70 and 500 followers to do. Before His twelve disciples were even born-again, Jesus taught them the Sermon of Beatitudes (a lifestyle of love), how to pray, the workings of the Kingdom of God through many parables, and how-to walk-in faith (Mark 11). Finally, He **commanded** them to preach and minister. To do so, Jesus **“gave them power and authority over all devils,**

and to cure diseases. And He sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick” (Luke 9:1-2). And they did.

That was not all. Jesus then sent the unsaved seventy followers **“two by two before His Face into every city and place, whither He Himself would (eventually) come (also, and told them to) . . . heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you” (Luke 10:1, 9).** Jesus sent them two by two because they were not preaching door to door in a local neighborhood one afternoon, but they were living in a stranger’s house for several days within an unbelieving community. But they succeeded. They returned with joy for **“the devils (were) subject (to them) through (the Name of Jesus) [Luke 10:17].** And Jesus endorsed this, saying: **“I give unto you power (exousia meaning authority) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all (not some of) the power of the enemy, and nothing shall for any means hurt you” (Luke 10:19)** before reminding them that their greatest gift was their eternal life i.e., their **“names written in heaven” (Luke 10:20).**

Finally, Jesus called the newly born-again 500 followers after His resurrection to wait within Jerusalem for the promise of the Father by which they would be powerfully equipped to spread the Gospel throughout the city of Jerusalem, the regions of Judea

and Samaria, and the whole wide world (Acts 1:8). By the way, we are still commanded to reach these areas. Only one hundred and twenty of the 500 obeyed, but that was sufficient. They fasted and prayed for ten days following the instruction of the prophet Joel. Right on God's timing, they all received the baptism of the Holy Spirit on the feast of Pentecost.

This promise of the Father was the Church's empowerment like Jesus made Christ Jesus (Luke 3:21-22, 4:14). Jesus announced His anointing as Christ as: **“the Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He hath anointed (*chrio*) Me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the LORD” (Luke 4:18-19a)**. That was our Lord's calling on earth. And that became the calling of the twelve also. And it became the calling of the seventy and the 120. And it has never changed. It is the calling of the present-day Church equipped by the same baptism of the Holy Spirit. We need it for many souls are still unsaved and time is running out quickly.

To disciple new converts, this author chooses the study manual the Lord had her write in the early 80s, which she updated every decade. It explains who we are in Christ, but is called *Christ*

in Us as Kings as part I, then *Christ in Us as Priests* as part II. Part I includes the beginning of creation, the fall of mankind by the First Adam, mankind's redemption by the Last Adam—Jesus, and the calling of the Church. It also explains God's intention for mankind to represent and manifest Him since creation. It includes our God-given spiritual weapons: the written Word of God, the Name of Jesus, and the Blood of Jesus. And it explains the empowerment promised to the Church throughout the Church Age. It is an **“equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry” (Eph. 4:12)**. If we do not teach new converts, they will not be prepared to lead others to Jesus. Part II focuses on our service to the Lord in prayer, praise, and worship et. al.

Today each Lighthouse should prepare for the great end-day harvest of souls, especially our neighbors, co-workers, friends, and family. We should stock up on Bibles and discipleship materials. Invite them to your church but also consider providing them a weekly Bible Study in your home. When the fullness of the end-day revival arrives, sanctuaries will not be able to contain all the new converts. As Christians we must be ready to teach them ourselves. It is part of the Great Commission.

My Lighthouse

*The storm may toss, the waves may rage
Against My Rock set for all age.
The Night may tightly grip each heart,
But from Me you won't depart.*

*For on My Rock My Lighthouse stands,
Strong, impen'trable to Dark plans.
Slicing through the murky Night,
To bring the masses to My Light.*

*And you, My children tend the Light.
Keep it burning always bright.
Do not slumber, don't despair,
But encourage with hope and prayer.*

A poem from the heart of God.

This is the briefest, yet most precious and personal book ever written by this author. We are living in the end-days and time is running out for us to win the lost to Jesus before the Tribulation begins. Though these end-days are darkening more and more throughout the world, the Light of Jesus i.e., Christ in us should shine brighter through us than ever before! Our merely keeping the Great Commandment is the simplest way for us to keep the Great Commission! May all the Church arise and choose to be the Light!

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