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(All prophecies are Jesus speaking unless otherwise indicated)

Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Make disciples of all nations. This is My call. This is the ultimate and overall vision. You, My children, have been faithful to preach the Gospel, to get out and witness, to pour forth My message, the written Word, the spoken Word, the Word through your samples, through your love, through your sacrifice, through your giving to and helping the poor. You've poured forth, you've sown the seed, and I am well pleased. You've done the things that I've said to do.

But now you must also make disciples of all nations. You must win, feed, and cultivate, for in the days and years ahead you will have need of those who can help you do the job.

This takes faithful feeding and shepherding. It takes a longer-term vision than you're used to. It takes commitment. But even as you've had to make a commitment to sticking with Me, to staying in the Family, to living the truth, so now I ask you to make the commitment to feed the sheep. Come before Me and commit yourself to this new vision--the vision of winning disciples of all nations, the vision of both preaching the Gospel and creating other preachers of the Gospel. This is how the Word will spread; this is how I will fulfill the vision. ⁽¹⁾

(Dad speaking:) The Lord is asking, and has for some time been asking, that the Family move away from the quick results methods to the long-term results methods. It's a sacrifice to faithfully follow up on and feed the sheep. It seems like a sacrifice at the time to focus your efforts on follow-up ministries and feeding ministries rather than ministries that bring a quick turnaround in the sense of lots of lit distributed, lots of souls won, or lots of finances coming in, or all of the above. It's not bad at all to get out lots of lit, to win lots of souls, or raise lots of finances; but it is bad to neglect what the Lord is calling you to do, and what is really your primary calling--feeding the sheep and training disciples--in favor of these other things just because the results are quicker. It's a case of misplaced priorities and wrongly perceived values.

It's in the faithful, long-term follow-up and feeding that you meet and win those who will be disciples, co-workers, kings, protectors, and supporters. They don't get scooped up with the crowds in the shallows. They wait for you to make the effort to come find them in the deep waters.

That's what the Lord is calling the Family to do, and that's what you need to do if you want to be on board with the new moves of the spirit, if you want to move in the direction the Lord is leading the Family's witnessing, and if you want to get in position for God's full blessings. ⁽²⁾

Open your doors unto these that are hungry, unto these that search, unto these that need the fellowship, the caring, the shepherding, the counsel, the wisdom. They need a

listening ear, they need to be directed to My Word. They need regular feeding that they may be strengthened, that they too may become witnesses of My Word and of you unto others.

And though they may not be willing to leave all behind to serve Me, yet they can still serve Me by caring for and loving you, by witnessing in the place of their work and to their friends, and thus they can bring others unto you. And you can encourage these with your testimonies and with testimonies of My children all around the world. And these will support, these will help, and these will be proud to be part of you.

You are the leaders and these are the sheep. Feed them and care for them, become involved with them. Pour forth your hearts unto them. Pour forth your love unto them. Accept them and open your doors unto them. Be not afraid.

For though there be few that are willing to give up their all to serve Me, there are many who are willing to love Me, who are willing to acknowledge Me, who are willing to give some of their time unto Me. If they will take these steps, I will love them and bless them. There are many of these that would fellowship with you, that would be called by your name, that would huddle about you for the feeding of My Word. They will not be as you are, wholehearted and dedicated, but they hunger and thirst for feeding, they seek for good shepherding, for love, for truth. And they would be willing to come unto you for these things. But you must be faithful to feed and faithful to care for them. ⁽³⁾

Going out to feed My sheep can be difficult. Sometimes you're tired and you don't feel like getting out of your nice comfortable bed to go out into the muddy pasture among the sheep, facing the elements. Sometimes it's wet or cold outside, or the sheep are far away on the other side of the field or meadow, or they've managed to get themselves in some sort of trouble with brambles or predators. But still you go out to feed My sheep and minister to them, and it is your faithfulness to do so that proves your love for them. It is your perseverance in feeding them that makes you a good shepherd, one who loves them and has a heart for them.

You don't have to be inspired to feed My sheep, or have a vision for their future, or have a deep love for them. It can help if you do, of course, but feeding them doesn't depend on any of these things, just on your obedience and faithfulness to do it day after day after day, to provide what My sheep need and to take it to them, no matter what the cost. This is how you show your love for them, and as you do, all these other things are added unto you--the inspiration, the vision, the love. If you don't feel these things now, just do it anyway. Continue to feed My sheep. Lovest thou Me? Feed My sheep. ⁽⁴⁾

(Dad speaking:) if you're faithful to feed the sheep--whether there's just one or two or there's a hundred--one day you'll wake up and realize that those sheep are helping to sustain and feed you and others. It's a law of the spirit. As you give, as you obey, the Lord blesses, and it will be given unto you. It's also a law of nature and science that as you invest in those who have the wherewithal to further your cause, you're accomplishing far more than if you try to do it all yourself.

Forget trying to do it all yourself! You need the help of these who are now friends, sheep, contacts, or kings, many of whom the Lord wants to become disciples or members to some degree or another. Feed them! Feed them the *Activated* mags and books! Feed them with your sample and with your fellowship! Feed them with the wonderful wealth of Word that's at your fingertips, with so much more still to come--and much of it material that is specifically -tailored for follow-up and training new disciples. ⁽⁵⁾

The fact is that financial stability is a product of building a work. It's the result of faithfully feeding, teaching, ministering to and following up on those you have witnessed to, and all of these components are going to be major parts of the offensive. So sooner or later you are going to have to make the switch to this type of ministry. It seems wise to begin to work toward this now, even though it's not an easy transition to make.

Homes that have successfully made the transition explain that there is a difficult period at the start. You are ministering to friends and converts and they aren't yet supporting you, but they still take your time as you feed them, teach them, and bring them along. Eventually they do begin to support you, but that period before they start to do so can be a "dry" financial period. This stage can have a bit of a two steps forward, one step back feel to it. But as you hang in there, the blessings and rewards will come as a result of your obedience and faithfulness. And those that have made this transition successfully say that when they continued to minister to these folks even through the dry and difficult financial period, the Lord blessed them and came through for them, and now much, if not most, of their support comes through their follow-up ministries. ⁽⁶⁾

I will lead Family Homes and members to a variety of witnessing ministries and open as many doors as you are willing to walk through and appropriate by faith. But those open doors will only result in lasting fruit to the degree that you are faithful to follow the process all the way to the end. It's not enough to walk through the open door, make a splash, gain a few souls, and then move on to some exciting new open door. ... In most cases I will expect you to follow through with what you start, in order to reap the full harvest that I intend for you to reap, until I fully close the door and tell you clearly that your work is finished.

You will feel and see mighty manifestations of the spirit as I lead you into situations that no other disciple or missionary has ever entered before. I have many of these miracles of the spirit lined up for those who pray, and are desperate, wielding the spiritual weapons at your disposal and tuning in closely to My Spirit and to the guidance of your helpers.

But, once that door is opened and you walk through by faith, in some ways that is the "easy" part, the miraculous move of the spirit that only I can do. ... Then comes the pick and shovel work of faithfully following through on every lead, ministering to and feeding the sheep I bring your way--not just planting the seed, but then watering it, fertilizing the soil, and tending to the sprouting plant.

You, My loves, are professional in planting seed and you have been faithful to My call to do so for many years, which has resulted in untold millions who have received the seed of My

Word, and come to know Me and know of Me. I commend you for that faithful work and the tremendous fruit that it has borne. In this new day of the Witnessing and Winning Offensive, you will need to focus on the more long-term work of caring for the seeds that are planted, nurturing them, weeding the fields, cultivating and bringing in the crop. That will take a new level of professionalism, which includes method, organization, planning your work, and methodically working the plan. ⁽⁷⁾

You, My children, must be farmers in the Spirit--farmers who move slowly, patiently and faithfully, who know that the fruit comes forth through their patient labors. They can't make it come forth faster. They must do what they must do in obedience, in faithfulness, and then the fruit comes forth. ⁽⁸⁾

No matter how many potential members you meet in a day, it's likely that none of them will become what they are ordained to be if you aren't faithful to follow through with method and perseverance and consistency--which includes calling them, e-mailing them, praying for them, feeding them the Word, taking the time to meet them, providing their spiritual needs, and bringing them through their entire spiritual childhood until they can grow into the calling that I have for their lives. ⁽⁹⁾

It is the time to make disciples of all nations! Gather them in. Feed them. Win them. Shepherd them. Make them a part of you so that they too can be fruitful, they too can become shepherds, and they too can be-come preachers of My Word. ⁽¹⁰⁾

Those who will win disciples are those who will seek them out each and every day, regardless of whether it's their primary ministry or not. They will do this by faithfully listening for My checks, diligently handing out My Word to everyone they meet, witnessing to those whom they sit or stand next to, or if they are home that day, they will be praying proactively for those that I will lead them to meet next, using the keys and the spiritual weapons. ⁽¹¹⁾

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2. Shooting Straight, Part 15 #3540:88, 94, 95
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10. Our Activated Future #3298:165
11. Love for the Lost #3680:153