

CHRIST'S MESSAGE TO THE PESCADOR

PURPOSE AND SITUATION OF THE MEDITATION

This meditation is presented on the morning of the last day of the weekend. Its spirit is one of victory and celebration. Its intention is to challenge the pescadores to reenter the world of everyday life in the complete assurance that Christ is with them.

This last meditation reminds each pescador that Christ chose each one of us (John 15:16), that He now send us out to minister (Mark 3:14), and that Christ will be with each one always in every situation wherever we are (Matt. 28:20).

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Outline

I. INTRODUCTION

Christ's message is that He has called each of us to be His followers and to be His leaders in all areas of our daily lives. Just as Jesus called His disciples "that they might be with him and that he might send them out to minister" (Mark 3:14), He calls each Christian to do the same.

II. EXPERIENCING HIS PRESENCE

- A. Abiding in His presence, John 15:5
- B. Abiding in His word and prayer, John 15:7, 8:31,32
- C. Abiding in fellowship with other Christians, John 13:33,34, Luke 24:30ff
- D. Trusting Him in the midst of trials, James 1:2-5, I Peter 1:6-9

III. MINISTERING IN HIS NAME

- A. Deny yourself, take up the cross, follow Him, Luke 9:23, 14:25-33
- B. In the Christian community, Acts 2:42ff
- C. In the urgent needs of others around us, Mt. 25:31-40
- D. In Him, producing fruit that remains, John 15:8, 16

IV. CONCLUSION

- A. We are more than conquerors through Christ, Romans 8:37
- B. We are led in triumph in Christ, II Corinthians 2:14
- C. Our victory is assured because of Christ's victory over sin and death, John 16:33. "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world!"

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SAMPLE MEDITATION

(The sample may be used as the Meditation itself, or as a commentary on the outline.)

This morning's meditation is "Christ's message to the pescador." In Spanish, Pescador means "fisherman." His message is that He has called you to be a Fisher of men. As His follower, you are called to reach people for Him. It's an awesome thought that Jesus called you, just like His disciples, to be with him and to send you out to touch people for Him.

As we enter the final phase of the Tres Dias, we reflect on Jesus' final words to the Twelve: "You did not choose Me, but I chose you." (John 15:16a, HCSB)

Imagine Jesus saying to you:

I brought you to this weekend for a purpose. At Tres Dias you have experienced my presence and encountered Me in a new way. Like My disciples at the Transfiguration, you would like to stay on this mountaintop forever. But this mountain vision is given to prepare you for valley duty: "I appointed you that you should go out and produce fruit and that your fruit should remain." (John 15:16b, HCSB)

I brought you here in order to send you to My work in the world. My call to you at Tres Dias does not end with just yourself – I send you now to live my life in your environments. I will bear fruit through you. This is the fruit that will endure.

You cannot do this alone. You must remain in vital union with me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me. ⁷ If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and, therefore, prove to be My disciples." (John 15:5, 5, 8, HCSB)

The encouragement of Christian fellowship is imperative, too. "I give you a new commandment: love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35, HCSB)

It is only as you are a genuine community of love that you reveal My life to the world. You cannot be effective alone. Your effectiveness is linked to your living in union with Me and loving My people.

I am not promising you an easy life. Trials will come. Trust Me the midst of them. "Consider it a great joy, my brothers, whenever you experience various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴ But endurance must do its complete work, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing." (James 1:2-4, CHSB)

When your faith is tested and trials come, be encouraged My child, I am using the trials you experience to make you more like me.

Ministering in My name demands self-sacrifice. A watching waiting world needs to know My love and experience My life. I call you to deny yourself, take up your cross daily, and follow Me. (Luke 9:23) You must deny your selfishness and self-will and give your life in service to Me.

I call you to minister in and through My Body, the Church. By continuing in My word, in fellowship, and in worship, you will be strengthened, encouraged, and prepared for effective ministry in the world.

There are urgent needs all around you. People are hurting. People need to know Me. Love them. Serve them. Bring them to Me. Always remember that when you touch people with My love, “Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me.” (Matthew 25:40, KJV)

My true disciples will bear fruit: “My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and, therefore, prove to be My disciples.” (John 15:8, HCSB) The greatest fruit that remains is the transformed life of a person reached for Me. Evangelism is the true task of the Fisher of Men.

Life in vital union with Me, places incredible power at your disposal. I declare to you: “The one who believes in Me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these.” (John 14:12, HCSB)

This challenge of fruit bearing and ministering in my name should not frighten you. I will lead you in triumph. In Me, you are more than a conqueror. (II Corinthians 2:14, Romans 8:37)

Your primary responsibility is to bear witness to what you know to be true about My victory. You do not have to win the victory. The victory has already been won by My death and resurrection.

I now live in you. Live in my strength (Phil. 4:13, Gal. 2:20) and proclaim My victory. “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but *be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*” (John 16:33, HCSB)

What is Jesus saying to you?

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