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CHRIST COMMONWEALTH-COMMUNITY

The Love-Life Agency

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(Pronounced makh'-ahee-rah)

- Daily revelatory thoughts to sharpen you and to help you grow in deep spiritual understanding and knowledge.
- Scriptures for your daily meditation.
- Daily Christ-centered and apostolic-prophetic prayers.

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**TO ADVANCE THE KINGDOM; YOU MUST
BE PERSUASIVE**

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences" 2 Corinthians 5:11 (NKJV)

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To PERSUADE (Peitho) signifies "*to apply persuasion, to prevail upon or win over, to persuade,*" bringing about a change of mind by the influence of reason or moral considerations. It is to induce one by words to cause belief in a thing (which one sets forth), to make friends of, win one's favor, gain one's good-will, or to seek or strive to win one. (See Vine Expository and Strong's Dictionary). In a parable Jesus shared in Luke 14, a certain man invited many to join him in a great feast. But one by one they all made excuses, on the day of the feast.

Yet see what the master said to his servant:

*"And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and **compel them to come in,** that my house may be filled"* Luke 14:23

After the previous excuses the master changed his approach or instruction. It was no longer about invitation, it is now a matter of **COMPELLING/PERSUADING (Anagkazó)**.

This is how we have to think towards God's work. Until we compel men we will not see God's work done as He wants it done. Anagkazó means to put constraint upon whether by threat, entreaty, force or persuasion. Men will always choose the "self" or their own selfish desires. Men will struggle to choose Christ and the things of Christ. They already see themselves as enemies of God in their minds (Colossians 1:21). But we have the duty to make many turn to the Lord and to see His Love.

We have a duty to snatch men from darkness.

*"and some save, **snatching them out** of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh"* Jude 1:23 (American Standard Version)

Will you stand to watch a friend or another man to commit suicide whiles you can help?

When you see someone walking by a road side and doesn't see an oncoming vehicle, you will find a way to save that fellow if you truly care. This is how it is. There are many who are heading towards

destruction. Some knowingly and others unknowingly. To reject Christ is as committing eternal suicide. For one to reject Christ means he or she has denied his or her eternal security.

Are you going to look on for others to perish?

Certainly not!

Have you heard this before?

"Being born again is not a necessity, everyone has the right to choose his or her own path of religion and salvation".

What did you think about it?

And this:

"If they will not attend the Church meeting it is not by force."

Interesting...

Listen, apart from Jesus, ***"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved"*** Acts 4:12.

Salvation is only in JESUS.

And when they reject Jesus they perish. (John 3:16)
Men who have not received the Lord, don't know they need salvation and how to get saved. The God of this world has blinded their minds (2 Corinthians 4:4). Others have their lives controlled by demons. Therefore, until they are persuaded through God's Spirit and our relentless pursuit, they cannot decide to receive Jesus nor be involved in ministry. Most excuses people make are by selfish, demonic, ungodly influences. There are people who may want to attend a Church meeting but the forces controlling them prevents them from deciding. So they find excuses to make. Though those excuses are not true, they will try to stand by them. Thus, we must be relentless, since we know what they need. Understand that we are not wrestling just with their choices but the forces governing their thoughts. Therefore, we PERSUADE THEM. We also don't take "NO" as an answer, no matter how polite or hostile they sound.

SNATCH THEM OUT OF THE FIRE.

SNATCH THEM OUT OF DARKNESS.

The Lord has given you power through the Spirit to do this.

Do it at all cost!

Because the LOVE of CHRIST IS AT WORK IN YOU, you will take steps to see others saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. This is God's desire (1 Timothy 2:4)

GO OUT THERE TO SAVE MEN AND DON'T TAKE "NO" AS AN ANSWER.

COMPEL THEM, SNATCH THEM, AND PERSUADE THEM TO COME IN, SO THE LORD'S HOUSE MAY BE FULL.

YOU ARE THE MAN FOR THE JOB.

Hallelujah!

DIG DEEPER

(2 Corinthians 4:1-2; Luke 14:15-24; Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 9:12; 2 Corinthians 5:11-21)

WE PRAY:

That we increase in the wisdom to strategically get men saved no matter the hostility and hindrances. In the name of Jesus!

BIBLE READING

Day 58: Deuteronomy 4-7

DECLARE THESE WORDS:

- I relentlessly persuade men to be saved.
- I have a strong heart and genuine passion of love for the unreached souls.
- I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.
- As a light bearer I cannot be intimidated by darkness.
- I get many saved at all cost.

OH Hallelujah, GLORY TO GOD!!!