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.....proclaiming Jesus, the Jewish Messiah!

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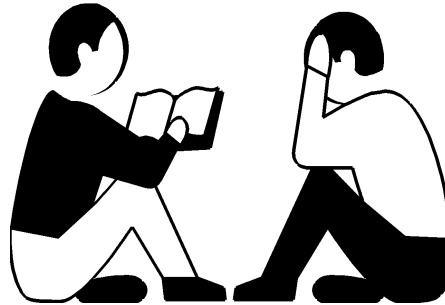
Affecting History

I recently had the opportunity to, over the course of four nights, share the importance of understanding the Jewish roots of our faith at a church in Valdosta, GA. It was an incredible experience. I have never spoken on four consecutive evenings before and enjoyed the chance to get to know the people of the community. It also gave me the opportunity to share four different messages relevant to the church, to help them understand the rich heritage we have, as well as how Jesus is pictured in the Old Testament and the Jewish holidays.

After one of the services a lady approached me at my literature table. She patiently waited as I spoke to several people. As the crowd thinned out she came up to me to talk.

“Murray,” she said, “Your messages have changed the way I look at the Bible. I finally understand how important the Jewish people are to us as Christians. I now realize how indebted we are to the Jewish community. It is amazing how the Jewish holidays and the Old Testament point to Jesus as Messiah. I am a kindergarten teacher. Our school has always shied away from doing anything Jewish because Jewish people don’t believe in Jesus. Now I want to go back to my school and teach my children about the Jewish holidays and the Jewish roots of our faith. This is incredible. What books should I buy?”

I helped her find some books and then said to her, *“Ok, now you go and teach your class about the Jewish roots of our faith. Help them to learn to love the Jewish people and Israel. You go and affect history.”*



Education is the key!

At that moment I realized that I had a hand in changing the lives of those children. Maybe one of them will grow up to become a missionary to my people! At least they will be sensitive to Jewish issues. Jewish rabbis have a saying, *“If you save one soul it as if you have saved the world.”* In our Kingdom, as we teach our children, we make disciples who will save the world with the message of Jesus. As our ministry shares the Gospel and speaks in churches we have a hand in changing the course of lives, families, and history. Here is how we are doing it...

In Churches

Some of our time is spent ministering in churches. When we are there we want people to know that we have an agenda. **Not only do we want to teach about the Jewish roots of our faith, but we want people to leave our services with a deepened burden for the Jewish people.** We want to encourage people to spend more time in prayer for their Jewish friends, for the Jewish community, and for Israel. We want to equip people to go out and minister to their Jewish friends. **We want to be a**

known resource so that people will contact us for help with any Jewish person who might be in their lives. We want teachers to take the information we give and pass it on to their students.

Ministering in churches gives us the opportunity to encourage pastors in communicating God’s love for the Jewish people and Israel to their congregation. Many pastors call our ministry for help in these areas.

By speaking in churches we are affecting history.

In Christian Schools

One of the expanding areas of our ministry is teaching classes in Christian schools. Every time we have an opportunity to teach a high school missions or Bible class, we are influencing the lives of those students. Many of the students come up to us after class relating how our presentation has changed their view of the Jewish people and our relationship to them as Christians. Students are leaving classes with a deeper burden for the Jewish people and for Israel. Students are being equipped to witness to their Jewish friends.

The next generation of believers need to be influenced and equipped to carry the torch of the Gospel into the marketplace. The next generation of believers will be confronted with more tension in the Middle East. The next generation of believers need to know that the Jewish people have a special place in God’s heart and plan.

By teaching in Christian schools we are affecting history.

At Homeschooling Events

As the homeschool movement has grown, we have grown along with it! Not only do my wife and myself homeschool, but our ministry is involved in ministering to homeschool parents and their children. The best place for our children to learn about the Jewish people and the Jewish roots of our faith is in the home. **More Christian families are celebrating some of the Jewish holidays, especially Passover in their home, in Christ.** As we have the opportunity to minister to homeschooling families (and families who do not homeschool) who want to celebrate the Jewish holidays in their home, we oftentimes recommend books for them to use. It is not unusual for them to contact us later overjoyed at the blessing they have received as a family.

By ministering to families we are affecting history.

By Doing Evangelism

Of course, the main part of our work is meeting with Jewish people one on one. It is exciting to be a part of the Lord's work by directly affecting the lives of Jewish people. By affecting Jewish people individually, we are affecting their history, and the history of their families. Lives are changed in incredible ways.

In the past month we have prayed with two more Jewish people to accept their Messiah!

Bert prayed with an elderly Jewish lady in a nursing home. He had been meeting with her for over a year. After reading the Bible and having her questions answered by Bert she prayed to accept the Lord. It is our hope that her family will see her new faith and respond by considering Jesus for themselves.

Casey got a call in the office from a Jewish lady in financial trouble and living in a shelter. After ministering to her over the telephone for over an hour the lady agreed that she not only



Happy Hanukkah!

needed financial assistance, but that she needed spiritual help as well. She prayed with Casey over the phone to ask Jesus in to her life!

We are continuing to receive calls from people who have Jewish friends.

A lady from North Carolina called to tell us about her Jewish employer who is struggling through a difficult marriage and is depressed over his life.

A gentleman from Atlanta called to ask for help for his Jewish neighbor who is out of a job and is looking for answers to life's tough questions.

We can affect history. And we are. By speaking in churches, Christian schools, at homeschooling events, and meeting with Jewish people one on one, we are making a difference.

Hanukkah

Hanukkah is not the Jewish version of Christmas! Hanukkah celebrates God's protection of the Jewish people 164 years before Jesus when the Syrian Greek King Antiochus wanted to anni-

hilate the Jewish community. God's faithful hand enabled a small band of Jewish zealots, led by Judah Maccabee, to defeat the Syrians and rededicate the Temple to the worship of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

All Christians should praise God for his protection of the Jewish people during Hanukkah, for if King Antiochus had his way, the lineage of our Lord Jesus would have been destroyed. **If it were not for Hanukkah we would have never had a Christmas!**

If you have a Jewish friend do not neglect to send them a Hanukkah card. The dates for Hanukkah are December 19th-26th.

Thank You!

As we approach Thanksgiving I want you to know how thankful we are for you. We are able to affect history through our ministry because you care enough about my Jewish people to support what we are doing.

Your prayers and financial support help to make our ministry possible.

Thank you so much.

For the staff,

Murray Tilles

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