

Crosspoint Friends and Family,

I want to encourage you to spend time looking again at the passages we looked at yesterday. I'm not breaking it down into daily segments like the typical Shepherd's Guide but reading these passages and asking some leading questions can help you digest the sermon a little more this week. I've provided the Scriptures I used yesterday along with some questions at the end of this email.

One of the things I hope you will consider in light of yesterday's message is that the **BOTTOM LINE** should invade all of us, and every part of our lives. It's not only the "WHY" for missions, it's the "WHY" for everything. Do you work at your job **for His name's sake among all nations**? Do you raise children **for His name's sake among all peoples**? Are you married or single **for His name's sake among all families**?

When Ben read the email from Jake at the beginning of the service, I was struck, not only by the timing of Jake's email and the message, but specifically with Jake's comments that they were "feeling blah" and wondering "why are we here"? I loved Jake's response - Jesus has prepared a place, that's why. It's His plan, His initiative, for His names sake, among all peoples. What crystallized for Jake and what I hope crystallizes for us is that it is **not about how we feel**, but it is about His name's sake among all peoples. If it's not Bottom Line for us then **FEELING BLAH will make you quit and go home**. **FEELING BLAH** in your marriage will lead you to "why are we married"? **FEELING BLAH** will lead you to "why do I have *THIS* job"? **FEELING BLAH** in the most difficult moments of raising your children will make you say "I can't do this" or "why do we have all these kids"? He has redeemed us, given many of us spouses, jobs (money), friends, children, and the church **for His name's sake among all peoples**. That's why we don't quit. That's why we keep going.

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Here are the passages we looked at yesterday, with a few questions to consider...

#### **FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE**

Psalm 23:3, Psalm 31:3, Psalm 79:9, 1 John 2:12

1. What are some of the things that are happening *for His name's sake*?

#### **HIS TARGET IS THE NATIONS**

Genesis 12:1-3, Luke 24:45-47, Matthew 28:18-20, Revelation 5:9

1. Is God intent on being known among **SOME** nations?
2. Would you even ever consider that God might have more work for you and your family among families in unreached places? Why? Why not?
3. What are some of the ways your family can engage His work among other nations NOW?

## **BOTH/AND**

Acts 1:8 "...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses BOTH in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth" (NAS)

1. Has ministry here in Hunt County and ministry in remotest parts of the earth been "either/or" for you and your family? Why, or Why not?
2. In the original language "you shall be My witnesses" looks like "you will exist to be spent to me". EXIST has an incarnate implication - real life - work, love, live, breath, etc.
3. Are you EXISTING to be spent in His mission here at Crosspoint to Hunt County or just a spectator? Are you EXISTING to be spent in His mission to the nations or just a spectator?
4. Are we left with that choice of being involved?
5. Are we left with that choice of *where* we are involved?

Are there other Scriptures that you can find that display the Top Line (His blessing) and/or Bottom Line (His name's sake among all peoples)?