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## SERMON OUTLINE

### PROCLAIM JESUS

COLOSSIANS 1:24-29  
REV. VINCE SYYAP

Proclaim Jesus!

We are all called to obey the Great Commission. **Matthew 28:19-20 - "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

This is not an easy task to do, those of us who are involved

in the ministry know this full well. When we proclaim Jesus to people, we risk facing rejection and ridicule from the people we desire to share our faith with. Even worse is when this rejection and persecution comes from friends and family that matter to us the most. Sometimes we ask, is it even worth it? Sharing the gospel is not an option but a command for every believer.

When Christ came to die for our sins He died for both the Jews and Gentiles. We are not to choose whom we share God's Word with. It is for everyone! Plus, we need to take it a step further - we do not just evangelize but we disciple, as well. As we proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, let us make it our responsibility to help the person we disciple to

grow into spiritual maturity. Our goal this year as a church is each one, disciple one.

A Christian disciple is a person who follows Jesus Christ and accepts and assists in the spreading of the good news of salvation through Him. This process requires believers to respond to the Holy Spirit's prompting to examine their thoughts, words, and actions and compare them with the Word of God. This requires that we should be in the Word daily—studying it, praying over it, and obeying it. We teach by example.

Are we ready to either be discipled or to disciple someone today? ✳

### SERVE JESUS HUMBLLY!

REV. DON GUICO

We are at the end of our series on Authentic Discipleship and Intentional Disciplemaking. We've heard sermons on Know Jesus, Love Jesus, Abide in Jesus, and Serve Jesus these past weeks. And today, we will culminate with Proclaim Jesus, the rallying cry that would further inspire us to be sent out into the world to make disciples of Jesus, with Jesus, through Jesus, and for Jesus.

As we proclaim Jesus, it is always good to check our hearts. We already know what we are supposed to do - fulfill the Great Commission that Jesus left for His church to accomplish. Motive-wise, do we know why we are doing what we are doing? Do we always ensure that our heart is right before God? Obedience to Jesus is always a matter of the heart. Because the heart is deceitful above all things, the most common pitfall in the service of the Lord is that of having wrong motives. No one is exempted from that. Not even Jesus' disciples!

In Mark 9, Peter, James, and John had the great privilege to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, where he was flanked by Moses and Elijah, who represented the law and the prophets, respectively. This must have had a great impact on them because they were still talking about it on their way to Capernaum. But between these two occasions,

two other events they went through should have taught them that a father's humble posture of faith prevails much. The humble posture in prayer is needed in spiritual battles. And the great Teacher they followed did not exempt Himself from putting on a humble posture, as He foretells how He will suffer in the hands of men and die. They missed Jesus' explicit lesson on humility, which accounts for their quarrel as to who is the greatest.

It is not wrong to desire to be great or to do great things. But what makes it wrong is to have the wrong motives for it. And when the illumination of Jesus brings it to light, it is certain that it would result to silence, out of embarrassment or shame (v. 34a).

Verses 34-35 show us two natures, and what kind of nature we should live by as disciples of Jesus. The first is the sinful nature, which desires for one's self to be the greatest in this world (v. 34b). The sinful nature is constantly and consistently focused on one's self and what one can do. The sinful nature reeks of pride - it is seen in one's actions, heard in one's speech, and manifested in one's decisions. The desire of the sinful nature is to be served. It is exemplified by the desire to be praised and acknowledged, to be esteemed and honored among peers, to be the first in all things, to best among others, etc. If left unchecked, we can easily

be deceived and we can easily deceive others. We may be able to hide it from the world, but we can never hide it from God, who detests pride. And He has His ways of bringing it to the surface.

The second is the spiritual nature, which desires for one's self to be the least in this world (v.35). The spiritual nature is constantly and consistently focused on Jesus and what He has done. The spiritual nature reeks of humility - it is felt by the heart, brings inspiration to the mind, and encouragement to the soul of others. The desire of the spiritual nature is to serve others, especially spiritual children who have come to trust Jesus (v. 37). It is exemplified by the desire to praise and acknowledge Jesus, to esteem and honor Jesus among peers, to be last in all things, to be least among others, etc. If always checked, we can not be easily deceived. We can hide it from the world, yet that is what God promotes, as He gives grace to the humble. And He will always reward humble service to Him through others.

So as we Proclaim Jesus together, embarking on this year's Each One, Disciple One, let us always check our hearts if we are doing this with the right motive - for our love of God, for His glory and praise alone. If we truly love Jesus, we will serve Jesus humbly! ✳

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