

Survival Stories from the Field

Lk. 14:25-35

Five Steps of Survival in the Field

Step #1 – Go For Broke

- Verses 25-27 = The main point discusses the issue of Survival in the Field. The only way a Christian can survive is if he or she goes for broke surrenders their complete will and life to their Heavenly Father. There is no such thing as a partial surrender, it is all or nothing.
- **Mt. 19:26** – Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Step #2 – Leave Fear at the Door

- Verse 27 – This main point discusses every Christian overcoming their hesitancy and fear about sharing their faith in the field. We are not asked but required to overcome our fear because when we focus on our fear, our minds get clouded with worry.
- We do not have to worry because Jesus has promised to never leave us and we have the promise that the Holy Spirit will always give us what to say.
- **Mark 13:9-11** – “You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

Step #3 – Practice Makes Perfect

- Verse 28-30 – This main point discusses the area of preparation that we are to consider as Christians before going out into the harvest field. (Spend time in Prayer and in the Word so that you know the Message)
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17** – All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Step #4 – Have a Game Plan

- Verses 31-33 – The main point addressed here focuses on each Christian carrying out the mission of Christ, having in mind the right focus, the right goal, and the right motive. “It is not about Me, It is all about Jesus!”
- **John 3:30** – He must become greater; I must become less.

Step #5 – Remember the Driving Force

- Verses 34-35 – This main point is focused on helping each Christian to *stay the course* by reminding of the command we have been given to carry out the Gospel and the results of not following that command.
- **Proverbs 15:3** – The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

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