

Deliverer Needed Series

“Speak to the Son”

Joshua 10:12-14

Introduction

- Have them stand and read the text.

Little experiment – take a deep breath, now just sit.

- For the next 35 minutes, no work, not emails, I see you on your ipad, bible and note programs, no multi tasking.
 - Take another deep breath – before you go to sleep.
 - Why does that feel so good?
 - Because it is not normal we go and go...
 - Do you ever feel like you come to the end of the day and you just didn't accomplish what you wanted to.
 - Am I the only one – am I preaching to my self this morning

314 million Americans – Who does the work?

- 114 million are over the age of 65, 200 million to do the work.
- 107 million are under the age of 18 – 93 million to do the work.
- 29 million are unemployed – 64 million left to do the work.
- 58 million work for the federal, state and local governments – so they are not really working, just kidding – 6 million left to do the work.
- 5 million are incarcerated.
- 1 million Americans to do the work.
- 999,998 are in hospitals or mental institutions.
- That leaves 2 people to do the work – me and you and I wish you would get busy.
 - Obvious a joke – not a real study.
 - There are not 2 people to do the work.
 - But that is how it feels.
 - There is so much to do and so much I just don't get to.

If you feel that way, so do I.

- Then this story is just for you.
 - Joshua had something to do.
 - He had to lead the people to fight the enemy.

But Joshua after fighting most of the day, the moon began to appear, the sun started to go down, he was running out of time.

- And Joshua does something radical – Joshua looks up at the sun and Joshua spoke to the sun and said sun stand still.

Now we think how could that be?

- Maybe tell the story of how Johnny went to Sunday school and said, if you heard what they really said you would never believe it.
 - We will get into that on Wednesday.

But as Joshua spoke to the sun, it allowed him to have more time finish the work, to complete the task that was before Him that day.

- Now that reminds me of another one whose name was Yashua, we know Him as Jesus.
 - Explain the different languages.

Well just like Joshua was able to finish the work that God gave him to do that day.

- So Yashua, Jesus finished the work that God gave Him to do.
 - John 17:4 – I have finished the work that you have given me to do.

Jesus at the end of his life and ministry was able to say, I have finished the work.

Are you suggesting that we can speak to the sun and make it stay out longer? This church is getting crazy!

- Well we can't really speak to the sun, I mean you can, but I wouldn't expect anything but looks from people.
 - But we can speak to the Son, S-O-N.

WE can speak to the son and say I need your help today.

- We can follow in His footsteps.
 - What did He do?
 - He didn't have to go to bed and take an Alka-Seltzer because he was stressed out.
 - He finished the work God gave him to do.
 - How could that be?

Personal story – maybe later in the text.

I have gone through two separate times in my life – and that has happened again – what God is working in me – I come to you not just as pastor, but as brother and as a friend – something I learned from listening to Pastor Jon Courson – this is not a study I came up with on my own but something someone worked into me – which is okay.

Mark 1 – Jesus spent the day ministering in Capernaum.

- And then verse 31 they brought to him all who were diseases and possessed and he healed many.
- Then it says in verse 35 – then rising a great deal before the daylight – to spend time with his Father in heaven.
 - If he was ever justified to take a break, it would have been this day.
 - But Jesus gets up, finds a quiet place, to have a quiet heart, to spend time with His Father in heaven.

And I believe it was not just this day, but I believe it was his habit because we read in Isaiah 50, which is a prophecy about Jesus and it says....

Jesus always knew what to say, who to talk to, who to not talk to - where did Jesus receive this insight – Morning by morning.

- He would later say in John??? – I have my own self do nothing.
 - Jesus was directed day by day.

Jesus got up early.

- That is a relative term, for you Moms that might be 5:30 and for some of you teenagers that might be before noon. But what it means is:
 - Before you get going.
 - Before you run out the door and say, here I go to accomplish the tasks.
 - Before that Jesus would receive insight from his Father in heaven.

We see there in Mark 1, Jesus is being pressed in on every side – His handlers are trying to get him to see the big time has hit.

- But Jesus says, no we need to move on to some little towns; the word Jesus used means an unwalled village, a Podunk place.
 - But Jesus said for this reason, I have come forth, come forth, not from heaven but from His time with the Father.

And I believe this why Jesus could lie down at the end of the day and then at the end of his life and say- I have finished the work.

- Was there more to do – sure!
 - Was there more to accomplish – yes.
 - But he finished the work – God had given to Him.

Something that always has ministered to me about Jesus and convicts me all the time is He never seemed to be in a hurry.

- Now I am always in the hurry, there is always something else that needs to be done, another email to return, another phone message, text message, I have an office phone, I didn't know I had one.
 - Studies to prepare.
 - People to meet with.
 - I seem to meet myself coming and going.
- And in our world – that seems to be good – you are in high demand – but as I consider the life of Jesus, is it really?

Jesus was accused of being a lot of things busy wasn't one of them and yet me?

- People come up to me all the time and say – I am sorry to bother you, I don't want to take too much of your time because I know you are _____
 - And I appreciate that heart – I know what you are saying to me – I respect your time and there are lots of people who want a piece of it.
 - I appreciate that heart but at the same time it hits my heart because no one ever walked up to Jesus and said – Hey look I know you are busy but...
- But I get it all the time –

Chicken with the head cut off looks busy.

- But it is dead.
 - Being crazy busy usually doesn't mean you are right on with God's calling – it usually means you have been severed from the head.
 - The head of the church, Paul tells us, Jesus.
- Because Jesus said, my yoke is easy and my burden is light.
 - Jesus said, come to me all of you who are weary and heavy-laden, or as we would say today – busy.
 - And I will give you rest.
 - And if that is not the case for me – it is usually because I am not connected to the head.

I have found the importance of checking in, what is the most important thing we are doing today.

- Because the pressures still come, but you can know I am doing what God is calling me to do.

- I have found if I don't have a pad of paper or an ipad to take notes, because if I don't it conveys I don't have anything to say.
- If I said, I have the Powerball lotto numbers for next week.
- Would say – what are they or would you punch your neighbor to steal his pen and paper to write down the numbers.
- When I have my paper ready, my note taking app open next to my Bible – here I am but I don't expect to hear anything.
- Let him speak some thing that are important – a thing or two to do in your discretionary time.
- It might be to take your son to the park or your daughter out for ice cream – it might be to talk to a neighbor about Jesus or write a letter or an email to a friend.
- It might be to go get your pastor Jason a birthday present because his birthday is tomorrow, I don't know what God will tell you.

But I have found when I am doing His deal, and the pressures come, we can say, interesting but the Lord told me to take my wife to Starbucks and listen to her for an hour.

- But you are missing a huge opportunity, I hear you, but I want to listen to the son, let Him speak to my life.
 - I will never get done the things others want me to get done.
 - I will never get done everything I think I should be able to do.
 - But I can finish the work that God gave me to do.
 - Jesus said I have finished the work God has given me to do, not all the work that was possible to do, not the expectations that everyone put on me.
 - The work God has given me to do.
- How do I know – speak to the son, not the sun, but son – have time to meet with him and let Him and His word be a light to your feet and a lamp unto your path.

Abraham was busy, Isaac was busy, Jacob was busy, but God met them not in their business but when Abraham was in his tent, and Isaac was meditating in the field, and when Jacob was digging a well (maybe).

Seek first the Kingdom of God and all these things will be added to you.