

## **Bridging Between Phases of Relationship**

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Jesus always had a secret agenda. In everything He did He was trying to lead others to Himself. How can we create our Love Ministries in such a way that we can help them transition to the next stage in the connection with Christ?

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I don't intentionally spoil my grand kids. Its just that correcting them often takes more energy than I have left.

If you aim at nothing,  
you hit it every time.

- Talking about love ministry
  - Let me explain

### › Power Point

- Much of Failure

- comes at transitions

Each transition

Graduating

Inviting

Jesus was intentional

You will nail the transition

if you are intentional.

Explain.

Big View - Events

Small View - Working with Individual

# Do You Believe?

- Not a question
  - an invitation

## **Matthew 9:27–31** ESV

And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, “See that no one knows about it.” But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

- Not just there
  - to bring sight
- Wants to experience
  - faith relationship with them
- Asks them a question
  - before healing.
- Questions?

- What if they said no?
  - Jesus walks away?
- Jesus does this often.
  - Do you believe?
  - According to your faith.

## Saving Others

- Paul on trial
- some want his death

[Acts 26:27](#) (ESV)

King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.”

## Issue of Blood

- Jesus' intentional agenda

- People Say,

We should do things just because we love people, not so we can get them to come to church.

- This statement
  - looks good on surface
- Built on fallacy
- Think about Jesus
  - He didn't become human
  - ignominious life
  - abusive death
- Sooo.... Purpose???
  - walk right

- See right
- talk right
- leprosy
- have food
  
- End Game
  - Deepen relationship
  - Receive Him
  - Be Saved!
  
- Same for us
  - we have greater purpose.
  
- Not for them
  - warm a pew on Sabbath.
  
- Deepen relationship
  - receive Christ
  - understand truth

- live it out
- be saved.
- Often corporate worship
  - helps along that journey.

#### [Luke 8:42-48](#) (ESV)

As Jesus went, the people pressed around him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

- Key Points
  - Jesus drew attention
  - Jesus stopped
  - Jesus asked

- Why?
- Jesus was not content
  - just be miracle worker.
- He wanted more
  - connection to faith
- Transition woman
  - (and crowd)
    - Next phase in relationship.
- Faith and learning.

## 10 Lepers

- where are the other 9?
- They just wanted healing?
- No relationship?



## Feeding 5000

- Left before crowing Him king.
- Not the relationship he wanted.
- Also, didn't want to be a food vendor.

## Paralytic

- Connects physical healing
  - with spiritual healing.
- Teaches the importance of
  - next step in relationship.

## Jairus daughter

- Doesn't pronounce
  - healing from afar.
- Waits until death
- goes to house

- goes to bedroom
- sends away mourners
- heals child

## Blind Man

- Don't sin anymore

Syro-Phoenician Woman

## Intentionality

- In our Programming
- In our Relationships

We need to be intentional

We are going somewhere.

That does not mean forceful.

Scale -10 to +10

Don't force.

Accept their pace

But welcome them along journey

Always be looking down the road for next step.

## Question

### Leaders

How do our ministries fit into cycle?

How can we make a cycle that transitions well?

Are their ministries that are not functioning well?

What transitions are we failing at?

### Members

Think about your relationships.

Where is each relationship on the spectrum

What is the next step for each relationship?

What would it look like to transition well?

How can you transition between love and learn?

## Appeal

- Be intentional in your relationships.
- When appropriate, invite to next phase.