



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC The Power of Prayer

SPEAKER

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The congregation and visitors of BBTC were ministered by a team of evangelists from Christ for All Nations (CfaN): Pierre Oosthuizen, Marie Tsuruda, Jonathan Lew during the weekend services. Their spirit-filled messages were focused on the urgency of Salvation and the demonstration of God's power through numerous miracles that happened over the three days.

MESSAGE ON SALVATION

Through various examples in the scriptures, Marie reminded us of the wonderful love and grace of God for the Lost and His desire for us to be saved.

1) Sin separates us from God

- The creation of Adam & Eve: God had intended for his creation to have a relationship with Him. Due to their one sin of disobedience, they were separated eternally from God. Yet, God had called out to them, but they hid from Him. Their hiding is a reminder of how we, ourselves may have tried to keep our sins hidden. In doing so, we have separated ourselves from God. In Ephesians 2:13, God in his grace and mercy had provided us with a way to draw near to him; through the blood of Jesus Christ. Thus by listening to the call of God, who searches us out, we can be saved.

2) Seek & Save the Lost

- Luke 19:10 reminds us that Jesus had come to seek and save the lost. Many people in the world are running around lost; not knowing our Creator and not knowing their purpose. In the parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11, we were told of the son who squandered his inheritance and how he subsequently repented of his sins. On his return, we saw the father's love and compassion as he sought his son out from a distance, ran to him, kissed him and dressed him. He restored him into a place of sonship and right standing. He wanted to celebrate the return of a son who was lost.

3) The Driver and Lord of Our Lives

- The stories of the Driver and the 10 Rooms were about the importance of making Jesus the Driver and the Lord of our lives. She emphasized that when God looks for the lost, He is also looking to be the Lord of their lives. Not just some parts of their lives but every part of their lives. It also serves as a reminder to Christ-followers of the need to “Surrender All” to the Lord.

MESSAGE ON HEALING

4) Do you want to be made well?

- From Matt 8:14, Bro Pierre reminded us that God took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses. We can receive what God has freely provided for each of us.
- John 5:1, at the Pool of Bethesda, Jesus asked the sick man if he wanted to be made well. His response was not an immediate yes but that he was not quick enough to get to the pool. In a world where being #1 is celebrated i.e. the one who is first, who breaks the record etc., it creates a culture of excuses such as: “we are not good enough, not clever enough, not smart enough, it is not my fault, it is his etc...” These are excuses for why we fail in life. We are reminded that Paul says in Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”. Pierre urges us to let go of our excuses. If we want to be made well, there is a responsibility that comes with that. That means making the change that God wants us to make, changing our attitudes, our behaviours and be willing to stop holding back, and start giving back to God!

CONCLUSION

The encouragement from Marie and Pierre brought numerous people to receive salvation and even rededication of lives. Those who wanted to be made well were touched by the healing grace of God. May we recognize the responsibility that we have in being healed and saved.

QUESTIONS

1. How do we respond when we are facing ailments whether physically, mentally or emotionally? If it is positive, share what has worked for you. If it is negative, share some of the challenges in overcoming this area.

2. As we grow in our relationship with God our Father, are there hidden areas in your lives that God is surfacing? How will you let God be Lord over your life?

3. There is a responsibility that comes with being made well and wanting to be made well. How can you start giving back to God?