

Extreme Faith (Part 7)

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Do you live an Extreme life of FAITH? If so, it will be evidenced by the following EXTREME ACTS lived out on a daily basis.

EXTREME COMMITMENT
EXTREME TRUST
EXTREME GIVING
EXTREME RIGHTEOUSNESS
EXTREME LOVE
EXTREME WORSHIP

You may enjoy living a life of Extreme Faith; but where this life gets really EXTREME is when we start reaching out and inviting others to live the same life of faith in Jesus Christ

EXTREME EVANGELISM

John 3:1-21

3 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

3 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

4 “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

5 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

9 “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

10 “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of

earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Romans 10:1, 4, 8-15

10 Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.

4 Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

8 {this} is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: 9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. 11 As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

EXTREME EVANGELISM...

1. Feels the burden of Eternity

183,671 per day

2.13 per second

67,039,915 per year

Luke 16:19-31

19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

25 “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

27 “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

29 “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

30 ““No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

31 “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

*Jesus spoke of hell more than any other person in the Bible

Jesus doesn't only reference hell, he describes it in great detail. He says it is a place of eternal torment ([Luke 16:23](#)), of unquenchable fire ([Mark 9:43](#)), where the worm does not die ([Mark 9:48](#)), where people will gnash their teeth in anguish and regret ([Matt. 13:42](#)), and from which there is no return, even to warn loved ones ([Luke 16:19–31](#)). He calls hell a place of "outer darkness" ([Matt. 25:30](#)), comparing it to "Gehenna" ([Matt. 10:28](#)), which was a trash dump outside the walls of Jerusalem where rubbish was burned and maggots abounded. Jesus talks about hell more than he talks about heaven, and describes it more vividly. There's no denying that Jesus knew, believed, and warned about the absolute reality of hell. From <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/the-uncomfortable-subject-jesus-addressed-more-than-anyone-else/>

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might

*Do you feel the same burden that God feels for the Lost... The burden that was evidenced by God's sacrificial love that sent His "one and only son, that whoever believes Him shall not perish but have eternal life." The burden evidenced by Paul's words about Israel that they be saved. The burden evidenced by Peter's words in 2 Peter 3:9 that God is "patient=..., not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

We see it in God's words to Jonah about the Ninevites

Jonah 4:10-11

10 But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight
11 And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

And we are reminded of it when we are presented with the stark reality of Hebrews 9:27

Hebrews 9:27 (ESV)

27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

Everyone has an eternal destination and that destination is one of two places; heaven or hell. The only way they can escape eternity in hell is by putting their faith in Jesus Christ, God's only son, asking him to forgive them of their sins and inviting Him into their hearts as Savior and Lord

Matthew 25:46

46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

John 17:3

3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

2. Senses the Urgency of limited time

Even the devil knows his time is short - but do we

Revelation 12:12

12 Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."

Or are we like the rich fool who made plans for the future but God said

Luke 12:20

20 ..." *'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you...'* "

Do we understand the days in which we live and the soon, eminent return of the Lord to gather his bride or have we grown complacent like the people Peter spoke of (2 Peter 3)

2 Peter 3:4

"Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."

3. Preaches Repentance and The Power of The Cross

Luke 5:32

32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Matthew 4:17

17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Luke 13:5

5 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

1 Corinthians 1:18, 23

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

23 but we preach Christ crucified...

4. Doesn't compromise the truth of God's word

1 Corinthians 1:17

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

We compromise the truth when we try to change it to make it more palatable, when we water it down and remove its power, when we neglect the hard truths of what Jesus said, when we focus on God's love and salvation but ignore the difficulty of a changed life and of picking up our cross and following Him

5. Knows their personal walk with God influences the effectiveness of their testimony

Revelation 12:11

11 They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

Romans 2:17-29

17 Now you, if you call yourself a Jew; if you rely on the law and boast in God; 18 if you know his will and approve of what is superior because you are instructed by the law; 19 if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light for those who are in the dark, 20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of little children, because you have in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— 21 you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? 22 You who say that people should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23 You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? 24 As it is written: “God’s name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.”

25 Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised. 26 So then, if those who are not circumcised keep the law’s requirements, will they not be regarded as though they were circumcised? 27 The one who is not circumcised physically and yet obeys the law will condemn you who, even though you have the written code and circumcision, are a lawbreaker.

28 A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. 29 No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person’s praise is not from other people, but from God.

6. Plants, waters and nurtures the seed by faith

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

There are three parables in Mark chapter 4 that relate to planting seeds. The first is the most recognizable and speaks directly to evangelization. The parable of the Sower focuses on the seed that is sown and the different results that take place.

The second and third remind us that evangelism is done by faith and leaves the results to God who has promised a harvest.

Mark 4:26-32

The Parable of the Growing Seed

26 He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. 27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. 28 All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. 29 As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

30 Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. 32 Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

7. Refuses to be controlled by what people think

Luke 6:22-23, 26

22 Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

23 “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

26 Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Proverbs 29:25

25 Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.

8. Depends completely upon the anointing of The Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Luke 12:11-12

11 “When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, 12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”