**Courage in Mission**

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As we enter into Missions month, we are going to hear stories of How God is working IN & Through the FCCC in global mission.

We have 5 Mission Point where we focus 100% of our efforts in: Haiti, Honduras, Uganda, Colombia & Nepal

Today I want to talk about what it looks like to have Courage as we GO on **Gods** mission.

We have many great examples of Men & Women here at FC as well as those we support in the Mission field. Today I want us to learn from there examples and stories.

Premise of our conversation today:

**A single act of courage is often the catalyst for extraordinary.**

We are going to look a 3 different acts of courage as **we join God on His Mission**. So what is his mission….

* Great Commission (Matt 28:19): Go and make disciples of ALL Nation
* Jesus Tell Zacchaeus in Luke 19, “The Son of Man came to SEEK and Save the Lost.”
* Jesus say John 17, “As the Father has sent me, So I am sending you.” We are sent ones sent to do what…? Seek and Save the Lost!
* Why… bc Gods ultimate vision of the completion of his mission looks like Revelation 7:9 were we see, “Every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the thrown and the Lamb.

So how are we going to get there…? Its starts with our courage… bc

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Lets look at our 1st Act of Courage we are going to discuss today, and that is…

1. **(Do you have) Courage to Stay in Mission when it would be easier to Go**
   1. If you run now you may never stop running
   2. We have no idea what hangs in the balance of your decision to STAY… What might have been!
   3. Let me tell you the stories of ONE men who chose to STAY
   4. **Philip Katwal who was born & raised in Biratnagar Nepal** 
      1. Became a Christian 40 year ago in a Hindu nation where Christianity was illegal. He felt the Lords call to a pastor and traveled to India to go to Bible School. After Graduation he went back home to Biratnagar to plant a church.
      2. 40 yrs he stayed faithful to the Lord and his calling, experienced persecution from Hindus and Muslims in his community.
      3. He and his wife have consistently go out to share the Gospel and for many years they didn’t see any growth.
      4. As the **decades went by they Started a** church in their home and have been faithfully ministering to New Christian believers the Lord has given them.
      5. Christianity was legalized in Nepal in 2008 and about 7 years after that as FCCC leader were prayer they felt the Lords calling to his home town and to his people.
      6. We Introduced to Phillip & Kausalya through NNEA and we have started to partner with them!
      7. NNEA has Bible Training School/Seminary in India and the have over 200 Nepali Alumni/graduates.
      8. **Invest in Alumni** and Build Team around Philip!
      9. 2 New team this year and 3 more next year
      10. Started 2 new fellowship and next year look to start more across the city!
      11. Bible Training School
      12. NEW Church Building,
      13. Philip as endured a literal 40 years in the desert experience and stayed faithful to the mission God has called him to. And Now he is seeing great growth as the Lord brings his a team and plant churches among the people God called him to.

**Philip had the Courage to Stay in their Mission when it would be easier to Go.**

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Okay lets look at the and the 2nd Act of Courage we are going to discuss today, and that is…

1. **Do you have the Courage to Go on Mission when it would be easier to Stay**
   * 1. Going is at the heart of FC and **our DNA**. Its who we have been since there very birth of our church **35 years** ago when **Westberry CoC & Eldgridge Rd**. CoC Commission leaders in their church to plant a church in a new community called First Colony.
     2. **Onstead, Carliel, Osborn’s, Brigham’s, Matins, Palvados, Edison’s, Gowens, Fry’s, Harris, Davis, Scotts** that make upthe core group to start the FCCC
     3. **Did you know were didn’t start in this building… we started** right down the street in Settlers Way Elementary.
     4. **Dig Deep in Wallet & TIME**
     5. What do we do when we Go on Mission… Share Gospel, Make Disciples and Plant Churches.
     6. What does it take to make this happen… Use Digging Deep into our Wallets and our Time
   1. **STM –** 
      1. 9-10 trips per year
      2. 70-80 members Going
      3. Leave family, comfort, opportunity/money, vacation
   2. **John 17: “As the Father has sent me, So I am sending you”**
      1. We are NOT like God or apart of God if we don’t GO
      2. This is who HE is and who he as called us to be… as it says in 2 Cor 5 we are his Ambassadors and God has given us his ministry of Reconciliation.
   3. **Roolite –** 
      1. Spiritual Director Thomazeau Campus for HFHC
      2. Oversees Church 300, Christian School 425 & Orphanage.
      3. God put it on Roolites heart to Go on Mission beyond the mountains that are behind the campus.
      4. He has already reached many of the people on the mountains directly behind the campus by no one has knew what was beyond those mountains until now.
      5. I will let Roolite himself till you this story…
         1. **VIDEO**
      6. I love the excitement you see on Roolite’s face and you hear it in his voice…
      7. No one asked Roolite to do this… this was a calling by God to GO. Even though Mission may be painful to do as we GO… you can see the Spiritual Joy Mission brings to our lives.
      8. Do you have the Courage to Go on Mission would it would be easier the STAY
2. **Courage to Give BIG to Mission throughout life’s Uncertainties**
   1. FCCC gives Generously to Missions each year. The last 3 yr the church as given more every year and surpassed the last years giving. That has allowed us take care of more people, support MORE indigenous Ministers/Missionaries, see more people Saved & plant more churches
      1. **Over these past 3 years we have seen:** 
         1. **3 New churches planted** 
            1. (Philip, Ronald, Santos House of peace)
         2. **50 Churches strengthened and grown**
         3. Our Mission efforts have Started **86 NEW small groups started**
         4. **2,033 baptized**

**Let me tell you an amazing story of just one of the lives that have been changed…**

1. **Manisha,** young girl we helped rescue out of a sex trafficking situation through our partnership with ODI
2. Manisha was Rescued on boarder in Biratnagar Nepal going into India
3. Taken to Safe House
4. In Safe house she heard the story of Jesus first time and was overwhelmed by the Love and Joy she received by the house moms. SHE become a FOLLOWER of Jesus
5. Started Training and studied Cosmetology to start a Hair Solon Business
6. Bc lockdown she could go home so she started her business in the same city as the training center
7. Training 17 girls
8. Mentoring these 17 girls in Christ – Hindu background
9. Started with the heart of FCCC Gave BIG and funded the Border Station, Safe House, Start New Business
10. Now this One life changed by FCCC is now helping change 17 more. Talk about a restoration process! WOW!

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Church as we GO this week and this Year, May we act in great courage as we go on mission. Your next Act to GO, or to STAY or to GIVE BIG may just create the next catalytic movement of extraordinary things for GOD’s Kingdom.

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**Closing Prayer:**

Father I prayer our church to be strengthened today and to be filled with your courage. Lord give us the courage to STAY like PHILIP when it would be easier to GO. Lord give is the courage to GO like ROOLITE when it would be easier to STAY. Lord Give us the courage to GIVE BIG this year to Mission in the face of uncertain times. We are yours and we join you in your mission to Seek and save the Lost so that one day we will get to stand in heaven with all the Nations represented singing in unity, **“Salvation Belongs to Our God, Who sits upon the thrown and unto Lamb.” Amen & Amen!!!**