

PASSION TO ACTION

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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Passion is an intense desire or enthusiasm for something (2Cor.6:11-13). It makes life interesting, ignites our soul, fuels our love, stimulates our intellect and pushes our limits. We are told to work with all of our hearts, no matter what we are doing; we must persist since we are serving God and not man (Col.3:23-24). God made us for greater pleasures. If our passion is to serve and love Him and others, then, the Lord will bless us abundantly for giving our life to Him.



1. **Let us move from our comfort zones.** The sofa experience, sitting comfortably in our sofa, enjoying easy pleasures with easy joys, was also experienced by the apostles in the upper room after the crucifixion of Jesus. They felt sad and were afraid to go outside, and felt comfortable staying in the room. Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the sofa was not comfortable anymore. Their heart was changed and this was the beginning of a new and thrilling experience for them to go into the whole world to preach the gospel and to baptize (Mark16:15).
2. **Today, 2000 years after, Christianity is alive, because these men stood up and went from passion to action to preach the gospel.** They abandoned themselves to the Holy Spirit to do His work. They didn't know where they would go or what they would say, still they decided to preach the Good News and go where the Holy Spirit led them; they did not fear anything (Isa.41:10).
3. **Let us open our heart to the Holy Spirit.** We welcome Him to come into our life, to be able to go out and preach the gospel. With His guidance we will experience an incredible joy.

There is more joy in giving than receiving (Acts20:35). We are made to give ourselves to others, not money, but our heart.

4. **The Lord speaks to us with our emotions.** This can be the way the Holy Spirit speaks to us, to change something in us (Matt.10:19-25). By hearing Him, we will be able to get out and experience true joy.
5. **We are made for beautiful and great things in our life.** It is tough and tiring to climb a mountain, but we will see a spectacular view at the top. The experience will be worth the effort. Let our lives be filled with great and big things which give us joy. Thus, we will not regret trying to reach the summit (Prov.11:25; 2Cor.9:7).
6. **Be an actor, do not be a spectator.** Find ways to serve, help and love others who are waiting for our action (Gal.5:13-14). Find a place to give of ourselves; find someone who needs us and take up a service in our parish or community.
7. **Draw our strength from God (Eph.6:10-20).** We plug and recharge the battery to Jesus Christ, the source of power, life and love; we receive everything from Him. Fifteen minutes of prayer will give us strength to accomplish our mission of preaching the Good News.

CONCLUSION:

Being believers of Christ does not mean life would be easy all the time. God gives us good times and hard times (Eccl.7:14-29). We have to fight for God's kingdom against the devil. Let us use our spiritual gloves, our prayers, every day. Let us fight spiritually, so that the Good News will be preached everywhere.

REFLECTION: What is your passion? Identify 1-2 things you could do to grow your passion for God and to remain connected to Him.

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