

"How To Reach People" 4/7/91 B.M.
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You know and I know that in
many circles, Jesus was a very
popular person -

Whenever He went, people
followed Him - just walking
down a street He attracted people

Coming to the synagogue for rest He
was thronged by people whenever
He went Jesus drew a crowd

Have you ever asked yourself, "Why
did people come to and follow
Jesus?"

Well there were many reasons:

- ① Because they knew He cared
- ② Because He had something they needed

If they were blind, He could make
them see.

If they were lame He could
make them walk.

If they were hungry, He could
feed them = If they were sad
He could cheer them up —

If they had a problem, He would
listen / He could solve them —

Oh but the thing that seemed to
attract people most was because
they knew that Jesus really cared

And dear hearts I believe that's
still the way to reach people

"They will never care how
much we know, until they
know we care"

We need to look at the life of
this man Jesus, and as we do,
look at our own lives —

In Luke 11 verses 27-44 we find the
encounter of our Lord Jesus with
a Pharisee — "a Separated One"
"a Formalist"

2/ Luke says: "And As Jesus Spoke, a
Pharisee Besought Him to dine
with Him, And He Went in
And Sat Down to meat" v-37

I Believe this Verse of Scripture
tells us a Reason people were
attracted to Jesus - "He went where
the need was" (Now the Pharisee may not
have Acknowledged His need / but Jesus knew it was
there.)
Oh but listen, there was more than
one Reason Jesus went to this man's
home - He knew the man's heart
He knew how Great His need
was // And He used every
opportunity presented to Him to
set things straight -

Here were people bound up to
Tradition "Holier than Thou" if you
please - And Jesus used the
opportunity God gave Him to let
them know that, "It's what's in
the Heart that God sees" // It's the
Real us that God knows - Amen

Oh But History, Not Only Were
the "Good" people Drawn to Jesus
But Also the "Bad" People -

Here Were people who had allowed
Sins to take over their lives and
Contact them - yet they were
drawn to this sinless one -

As they looked at Jesus, Seeing the
Life He lived - and how concerned
He was for all people, they were
drawn to Him -

They were drawn by His "Sincerity"
Jesus if you will to Luke 7
Verses 36-50 Luke 7: 36-50

Again we find Jesus at a Pharisee
house - and as they sat down
at meal time, a woman of
the street "called a Sinner"
did the Unthinkable - She came
into the house of the
Pharisee Uninvited -

3/ But she had not come to see the Pharisee, she had come to see Jesus.

Then Luke said: "She stood at the feet of Jesus, weeping, and began to wash his feet with her tears, and did dry them with the hair of her head, and she kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment" (U-38)

This woman knew who Jesus was // She also knew what she was, and seeing him, she saw her great need —

Luke tells us how this "sinful woman" draws by

- ① Knowing He could
- ② Knowing He had what she needed
- ③ The witness of His life
- ④ His sincerity

Began to show Her love and Her Humility — And Her desire to have her sins forgiven, humbled herself as no one else had done

Just Being in His Presence Caused
her to Acknowledge Her need - And
Caused her to Weep over her
Sinfulness =

Her tears were signs of Acknowledgment.
And we need to see more tears
flowing today - Tears from the
eyes of people who are truly sorry
for their sins -

And there is a Great Need today
to see Acts of love & appreciation
from all of us, As we Acknowledge
all Jesus has done for us -

Jesus Said: You say you love me / she
has shown by Her Actions that
she loves me - And Jesus
said:

"Tho her sins were many, she
is forgiven of them all"
Oh listen dear hearts, we can't
forgive people's sins / But we can
introduce them to One who can -

4 But Before We Do That:

- ① People must know we care
- ② They must see the love Jesus is in us.
- ③ They must know we miss business.
- ④ And we must prove to them that we have received that which they need more than anything else in the world —

Oh listen we may be misunderstood by going to where people are, but if we are led of the Lord we'd never do anything that would disgrace His name.

Jesus set the example for us and confirmed that whatever we do / wherever we go / whatever we eat or drink must be done in a way to bring glory to God.

Jesus would not have gone to the wedding feast, had He not knowna there were people there who needed what He had to offer.

He would not have grown out
Among Jews, even visiting
to their homes, had he not
known that he had something
they needed more than anything
in the world —

Even in Jesus' day there were
people who would not go where
the Good News was shared, so
he did what you and I must
do, He took the message to
them —

Here's something else about Jesus
that we need to learn & practice,

He was not afraid to share
the Good News, where ever
he was — Our problem
is that we are afraid of what
people might think about us / our
Jews look up on us / but it
was not so with Jesus —
He really cared for their souls, so
he shared the Gospel wherever he was

5/ Jesus knew the tragedy of one
dying lost — **Just As You And I
Do** — And His Concern, would
not allow Him to pass our
opportunity to tell people how
to be loved & how to have
a full & meaningful life —

We have said over & over, we
must go where people are, **but**
we must be careful not to
be drawn down as they are

**Because of who Jesus was & what
Jesus was, He could go in and out
among men // He could mix
with them, and His garments
remain unspotted = but it's
not always like that with us —**

We are too easily influenced by
others / we are so afraid of what
people may call us if we do
not fall in line as they
suggest —

But let me tell you, "If one is In Christ, they have this promise "all the strength you'll ever need to Abstain, is Available in Christ," Phil. 4:13

He Also Promises, "That there is no temptation so Great that you can't overcome if you rely on Jesus" (1 Cor. 10:13)

And He Reminds us to "Be Strong in the Lord, and in the Power of His might" (Eph. 6:10)

Now some of you may not agree but what I'm about to say is true. The Sissy of the Weakling is the one who needs to temptations.

The Strong One, is the Person who stands fast in the Lord / And Relies on His word."

Now let me tell you a Great truth

8/ The Secret of Attracting People
to Jesus — "Is to be like Jesus"

That means putting Jesus first / at the
top of your priority list =

Open See Dear hearts, We either live
Christ Centered lives / or Self-
Centered lives —

If we lose ourselves for Christ sake /
We find ourselves in Christ —

If ever a question arises about
what should I do? Ask Yourself
"What would Jesus do"

Never ever go anywhere where you
can't witness for Jesus = It was
a bad night when Peter joined
himself in the wrong crowd.

He was in a place where he did
not dare to witness for his Lord =

There are some that are known
As Christians "wherever they go"
They not only talk about
Christ — They live Christ

You see, what we are, speaks so
loudly, that very often people
can't hear what we say —

Jesus reached people and so can
we — but before we do, we must

- ① Really care, and people must know it
- ② We must know in our hearts, what
people need to know, and be willing
to show it —
- ③ Our lives must & will let people
know the real us —
- ④ We must stay the same // we
must always be sincere —
- ⑤ We must not only talk Jesus //
we must also live Jesus —

Let me tell you. "Last people have got a
fake a mile away —"

7/ Would you please bow your head
And close your eyes — And
Consider this :

- ① Are you Really Concerned About the
Lost ? Do they know it ?
- ② Do you know the truth / And
are you sharing it ?
- ③ What do people see when they
look at your life - of mine - /
when they see where we go / And what
we do ? I'll tell you what they
see, "They see the Real us"

Does it please God ? Would you talk
to Him About it = Then make Any
Commitment He tells you to make
Its called Rededication.

Dear lost Person, I want you to know
that I Really Care where you spend
eternity - I Really love you -
And I invite you to Come Right
Now & let me tell you what I
have that you need to have -

And Let me tell you How to Get
it = Let me tell you how to Be
Saved - Would you Come Right now.

One you hear knowing is Nam I Heart
that God would have you Become
a part of this Body? If you
know that - you need to come
now and join this Body -

= Lets Pray =

Perhaps, we will never reach people
until we become Christ-Centered
people - Would you say with
Jesus "Not My Will, but Thy
Will Be done in Me".

Lets Sing -