



The truth shall set them free

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Spiritual Inconsistency

2 Kings 10:11 “Jehu then killed all the rest of the members of the family of Ahab who were in Jezreel as well as all of his important officials, personal friends and private chaplains. Finally no one was left who had been close to him.

v23 Then Jehu and Jehonadab (son of Rechab) went into the temple to address the people. Check to be sure that only those who worship Baal are here; don't let anyone in who worships the Lord

v24 As the priests of Baal began offering sacrifices And burnt offerings Jehu surrounded the building with eighty of his men and told them: ' If you let anyone escape, you'll pay for it with your own life.'

On the one hand we are acquainted with a Jehu who carries out God's instructions with a dynamic fervour and on the other hand he has not broken with the sins of Jeroboam:.' But Jehu did not follow the Lord God of Israel with all his heart. For he continued to worship Jeroboam's gold calves that had been the cause of such great sin in Israel. (2Kings 10:13). Does this make sense? How can a man carry out certain religious tasks with so much fervour and neglect others? Jehu is a prime example of spiritual inconsistency.

Jesus often addressed the Pharisees on inconsistency! In Math 15:17-20 Jesus points out to them that they diligently carry out all the outward ceremonial cleanings, but are blind to all the 'dirt' within them. (v18) ‘but evil words come from an evil heart and defile and defile the man who says them. (v19) for from the heart comes evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, lying and slander. (v20) These are what defile; but there is no defilement from eating without

first going through the ritual of ceremonial hand washing!'

In Math 23 Jesus speaks about the Pharisees and scribes who are very diligent in the less important things but who are very negligent and careless in matters of importance. They were devout and prompt in bringing their tithes to the temple but made their servants sweat and toil at home for little reward. 'For you tithe down to the last mint leaf in your garden but ignore the important things - justice, mercy and faith. Yes you should tithe, but you shouldn't leave the important things undone. (v23) Jesus calls them 'whited sepulchres' and says in Math23:25' Woe to you Pharisees and you religious leaders- hypocrites (actors). You are so careful to polish the outside of the cup but inside is foul with extortion and greed.

We all have this problem! On the one hand we are so focussed and dedicated in adhering to certain spiritual principles and then on the other hand careless and ignorant about other things that matter. Perhaps you may know such a man who goes to great lengths to keep the Sabbath, but has a very bad and stormy relationship with his wife and children. Why is he not as consistent with his relationships at home as he is with matters relating to the Sabbath? A man appears to be very devout but who, on the other hand tells dirty jokes is spiritually inconsistent!

Someone else may appear to be a devoted family man but has pornographic material on his computer or reads porno magazines. Another may be very involved in charity projects but does not care for his own family; he is very fond of his own children but has little time for other children. Across the colour line we are often as inconsistent. Our own are treated according to a certain standard but the other race to an inferior standard.

Each born-again child of God should ask the Father to reveal these inconsistencies to him. We need the Holy Spirit to point these out to us because they are there! Inconsistencies are nothing more than hypocrisy.

'Rather we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. on the contrary we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.'

(2 Cor 4:2)

We are called to grow spiritually and to grow out of these inconsistencies to reach maturity in Christ. Inconsistencies are symptoms of a Christian who is not serving the Lord with his whole heart. Although he may not be lost, he surely is missing out on God's blessings.

'At about that time the Lord began to whittle down the size of Israel. King Hazael conquered several sections of the country East of the Jordan river (2Kings10:32) The Lord started decreasing Jehu's victories. He started missing out on all God's blessings and his life was cut short.

An inconsistent life misses out on God's promised blessings!

The question is : **How consistent are you?!**



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A Group of Veritas students



The year commenced with a time of fasting!

A time of prayer and fasting was held from 7-10 January on a farm at Kingsley , near Vryheid. Ev. B. Mpontshane lead the meeting attended by eighteen workers. Each one received a turn to present a lecture. In between lectures they visited homes in the area. The Bible study and prayer which characterised the time of fasting was a spiritually refreshing experience for them all.

They agreed on the following undertaking of dedication at the end of the week:

“The person who joins MET must:

- have good testimony from his family, community, church; (Acts 16:11)
- be faithful and loyal to his local church;
- care for his own family (wife) in all aspects.
- follow the leading of the Holy Spirit not money or man.
- work tirelessly towards the saving of the lost;
- know no gossip, division nor strife will be permitted. “

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- M Luther -

Vryheid tent

A campaign was held at Emseni. Initially the attendance comprised mainly of women and after a few days the attendance diminished by 50%. Upon investigation it appeared that people did not like the question of sin to be addressed. The addressing of loose morals, ancestral worship and polygamy were some of the subjects which caused umbrage.

One evening while addressing the subject of ancestral worship, a group of youths switched the generator off and loosened the ropes of the main tent. This caused havoc initially but the service was resumed later on. The workers got to bed at 3am!

During the day home visits took place where it became clear that the true Gospel was sorely needed in the area. On receiving the news of Pres.

Zuma's promiscuity many men in the area were encouraged to pursue this culture. One of the men visited already had three wives and made it clear that he would be taking a fourth. He attended one service but did not return. Another man visited by the workers told that God had revealed to him through a vision that the Zionists church was the only true church. He allowed his children to attend our services but he stayed away.

We also visited a very sick woman and shared John 10:10 with her. When she indicated the wish to be saved the workers helped her with a confession of faith. She died

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a few days later and we attended her funeral.

The schools were also visited. Many scholars came for counselling and some brought divining material to be burnt. Dozens of them made commitments. The women arranged for a weekly meeting on a Thursday and many became witnesses, testifying to other of their experiences.

One told of a witch doctor's threats to send a strong wind and lightning to destroy the tent and

the people inside! This caused fear in some hearts and some people stopped attending the services. However, the services carried on as usual and many continued to attend.

“I am not going to live dying, but I want to die living.”

- Unknown -

The Lord be praised for wonderful result in this area. The people were sad to see us leave and the workers

believe that this campaign was a Divine appointment for them; indeed the right place for a campaign at the right time. The Induna was so moved that he allocated a site for the erection of a church.

Western Cape

Nico relates:

January was a difficult month as we had to cancel the Prayer conference scheduled for the 12th in order to undertake the general inspection and audit of equipment of the KZ-N teams.

I arranged for Simon to remain behind to prepare his messages and to work with the children at the school hostel at Tarkastad. I returned to Porterville on the 29th to commence with our program.

We have planned to give more attention to the youth by way of weekend camps. We called at a former drug rehabilitation centre on a farm 20Kms from Porterville where the owners were so excited about our plans that they agreed to make available their facilities for our purposes.

I contacted tick bite fever and was incapacitated for two weeks, so se-



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Ons spesialiseer in wildplase in KZN, maar verkoop ook enige ander eiendom veral in Noord KZN.

Tans bied ons verskeie wildplase aan om in aandele blokke verkoop te word.

"Time lost is time when we have not lived a full human life; time unenriched by experience, creative endeavor, and enjoyment - and suffering."

- Bonhoefer -

Western Cape continue

verely that I was not able to drive or work or even read my Bible and pray. Sophia took it upon herself to do house calls in the local Township while Simon tackled the huge task of maintenance of our equipment.



On top of this Maryna developed

Simon tackled the huge task of maintenance of our equipment

Wester Cape continue

severe stomach pains and had to undergo a colonoscopy and gastroscopy. We prayed much and were thankful that the Lord provided the funds in a wonderful way, days before her admission.

We are grateful that the church at Porterville has approached us to lead a series of services during Easter weekend. The doors continue to open!

One of the youth leaders expressed his disappointment, at a recent meeting, that the youth in our area were very loath and disinterested to become involved in spiritual activities. During an interview with

him we were able to pray together for guidance and undertook to co-operate in trying to find a solution.



Nico and Samuel at some of the visual material used at the tent to explain the Gospel clearly and simply.

Empangeni Tent

The first campaign was held in the Eshowe area at the invitation of the Lutheran church. It was a very positive experience for the workers as they saw the Lord's blessings pour out in an area where no tent had been before. The attendance was good in spite of rain during the first few days and the congregation pleaded with us to stay longer.

A great surprise was the attitude of the pastor who responded very positively to our presentation. He testified that he had decided to take a more definite stand concerning the matter of ancestral worship. He confessed that, in the past, he did preach the Gospel of Christ but, in fear of the people, he was silent on ancestral worship.

The salvation of an 18-year old girl was a revelation. She testified that her policeman father had committed suicide and that she had also developed suicidal tendencies. The workers prayed with her and she was

totally released.

Lungile, a 20-year old was plagued by the Tokkelosh but she was also set free from this demonic oppression.

Free State team:

The campaign during January was held at Vrede. The attendances were good, generally, although rain did hamper some from attending. A number of those whom we prayed for returned to come and testify that they had been delivered from all kinds of problems. The pastor of the Baptist church has undertaken to look after the converted.

Our tent leader, Samuel Radebe, was invited to lead a series of services in Botshabelo township in Bloemfontein. These went well and we pray for much fruit resulting in the seed sown there.

Free State continue

Mark Twain observed:

"A lie can travel halfway across the world while truth is still getting its boots on!"

John Calvin wrote:

"There is nothing more slippery or loose than the tongue."

Thomas Brooks taught:

"Of all the members in the body, there is none so serviceable to Satan as the tongue."

C.H. Spurgeon warned:

"Believe not half you hear; repeat not half you believe. When you hear an evil report, halve it, then quarter it, and

“The law shows us our sinfulness and misery in our departures from God and the indispensable necessity of our return to Him.”

- Matthew Henry -

Free State continue

News from Elizabeth Mokoena in the Free State:

During May last year Elizabeth, 65 years old, advised that her health had deteriorated to such an extent that she was unable to continue with her work. This news was received with great sadness as the Lord had used this converted sangoma mightily in his vineyard. She has now again become active since the farmers of Clocolan urged her to come and assist them. Please pray for her ministry!

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Bergville news

The combined campaign at the end of last year was very blessed. At the conclusion of one of the meetings a young man asked, as the gaol warden did in Acts 16, what he had to do to be saved. Two ladies cried openly at another service where the whole congregation was clearly moved by the preached Word.

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Even the older folk were touched by the Word. Bongani, a seventy five year-old had intended to murder his concubine, whom he had just assaulted, because she had reported him to the police. His 'chance' visit to the tent so affected him that he called in for counselling which led to him changing his mind as he handed his life to Christ!

The team was most encouraged by these results and as many others came to be counselled.

Admin.

The auditors are presently busy auditing the books of MET for the year 2009 and their report should be ready towards the mid-

dle of the year. Ria is busy with the huge task of reconciling the tax calculations for the year ending February 2010.

Prayer:

Thank you

- Thank the Lord for the challenge awaiting the workers during this year
 - Supply of our financial needs
 - and also for our office personnel
- Thank the Lord for Francois Pretorius, our Chairman and his Board of Trustees who diligently attend to the oversight of the work of MET

Requests:

Empangeni

- a new tent,
- We need more workers
- loud speakers, DVD Player, and a keyboard,
- and campaigns for this year

thirst after God in the hearts of young people in the Free State

- Elizabeth's health
- Samuel and Maureen the full-time workers at the tent and for more assistants
- Supporters of the work
- a larger tent

Vryheid

- The growth of the Gospel in this dark area
- Fruitful labour
- Our students
- Protection of our workers and their families
- A new video projector

Western Cape

- Accommodation is required in town for Sophia and Simon
- Grace for Nico to persevere in the face of despondency over the spiritual state of the farm workers
- Wisdom and insight during counselling sessions
- Wisdom in the planning of Spiritual camps and for co-operation of the farmers

Free State

- That the Lord stirs up a hunger and

Prayer continue

- Young men to assist in the work
- Sophia who is on a three month probation
- Maryna (Nico's Wife) is unwell and Ryno, their son, who is in full-time ministry in the Free State
- A caravan is much needed

General

- Three of our workers are preparing for marriage and need Lobola

- Most of the tent still requires full-time workers. Ask the Lord to provide a rich harvest of young men
- Pray that our tent leaders will have a spirit-filled passion for a lost world
- Pray for our students who are receiving Theological training through Veritas College
- Pray much for Ria as she handles the Administration the bookkeeping and tax reconciliation.

With kind regards in Jesus name
All the MET Workers and Board members.



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