

The Call for Help

Part 2

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In our last issue, we began looking at the song of Deborah and her rebuke against the people who refused to come *“to the help of the LORD against the mighty”* (Judges 5:23b). In contrast, Paul the apostle said that he and others labored and risked their lives for the sake of the Gospel. In writing to the Corinthians, Paul spoke of planning; he did not approach his mission haphazardly. He had a strategy. What was his objective? To get the Gospel out, and to see the kingdom of Christ advanced among the nations.

I want to speak again to those who are in the different realms where the battle is raging and intense. God has something for you to do beyond simply advancing your career and maintaining your livelihood. You can serve God within these positions and have an impact for good in the culture.

When it comes to the area of law, I thank God for those organizations that are committed to protecting our rights to freedom of religion. These men and women recognize that we’re in a battle and have given themselves over, apart from their normal practices, to contend for the faith. Oh, how we need men and women who will stand for righteousness in this area of culture. It’s a blessing to see people in the legal profession making themselves available to serve Christ in this way.

In education, Christian teachers and administrators have an excellent opportunity to do something for the Lord in their classrooms and on their campuses. A friend who taught in public education for decades frequently says to me, “I preached the Gospel every single day I was in the classroom.” He found a way to do it. He found a way to get the Word to his students.

We’ve had wonderful opportunities in this area: Schoolteachers and administrators from various local public schools have

invited some of our ministries on to their campuses to do outreach. They are taking a risk because they know that this is not in line with the thinking of the system. But they’re like Zebulun and Naphtali, who were praised for risking their lives in battle. These people are risking their very livelihoods to see the message of the Gospel go out to young people who so desperately need to know that there is a God who created them and loves them.

Another area that God is calling us to engage in our culture is in the realm of the arts. My son lives in Northern California, and he has a good friend who is an incredible artist whose artwork is Christ-centered and Gospel-oriented. So his church decided to do an art show for the community. They redecorated their facility, put up beautiful pictures, and invited the community in. More than 300 people attended, the majority of whom were non-believers. One of the photos from the outreach was of a local Jewish man who had come to see the art show and was contemplating a picture that beautifully illustrated the Gospel of Christ. That’s creative. That’s having a strategy. That’s reaching out to an influential group within the community.

Moving on to the medical field, we thank God for those doctors, dentists, nurses, and people who volunteer their time to do missions work. But again, we need to engage here, at home. I was talking to a woman awhile back who heads up a crisis pregnancy center, that, in and of itself, is a great way to reach the culture with the Gospel. But, for over a year, they needed a doctor to oversee their organization so they could offer medical services to girls who were looking for alternatives to abortion. Finally,

a physician offered his services. Although he has a full-time practice, he comes over and volunteers his time. By doing so, he’s helping with the work of the Lord.

What about the sciences? A friend of mine who is a scientist recently told her colleagues that she didn’t believe in evolution and that she actually believed in a literal, six-day creation. They were stunned. They

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couldn’t believe it. And for months, some of them wouldn’t even speak to her. Can you imagine that? But the positive side of the story is that one of those colleagues, after a family crisis, came to faith in Jesus Christ. Later he told her, “It was when you took a stand and shared with us about your belief in the Bible—that’s what got me thinking. That’s what brought me to the point of receiving Christ.” So you see, who knows what God will do with people who love Jesus and are willing to take risks for the sake of the Gospel.

Now, I realize that not everyone reading is a lawyer, a teacher, an artist, a doctor, or a scientist. Maybe you’re a construction worker, a mechanic, an accountant, a hairdresser, a secretary, a salesperson, or a stay-at-home mom, and you’re thinking: *What does this mean for me?*

In the next issue, we will conclude this series with another look at our story from Judges. Some practical applications will also be considered. 