

To the Ends of the Earth! (Faith Promise Sunday)

Text: Acts 1:8

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Introduction

Acts 1:8

I. Extreme

Isa. 53

Isa. 52:14

Matt. 10:37-39

Matt. 22:37-40

II. Extreme

Acts 1:8

Acts 20:22-24

Luke 15

III. Extreme

2 Cor. 8:1-4

2 Cor. 8:7

2 Cor. 8:8

Acts 4:34-35

Mark 12:41-43

John 6:1-13

Phil. 4:19

Conclusion

Matt. 6:19-21

Based on the collective faith promises of our congregation today, the church board will make a commitment to prospective new missionaries as well as giving a cost-of-living raise to our present missionary staff if at all possible. You may want to wait until after the message today to fill out your card, as I am sure the Holy Spirit will be speaking to each of our hearts. You will then be asked to fill in the amount of your financial commitment and to designate whether it will be given weekly, monthly, etc. **Please be sure to tabulate the yearly total** for our reading at the conclusion of the service. Obviously, we do not read the names on the cards from the pulpit, but we do appreciate you signing them as we hesitate to make projections of income based on unsigned cards.

The latest information we have indicates that one new believer is added to the church of Jesus Christ every 52 seconds through our missionary efforts! That means that one soul was saved and added to the overseas church for approximately every \$300 given to missions last year. While God has already put a price tag on an eternal soul (the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ), this statistic does give us an idea of the kind of impact we can have for eternity as well. Please notice the difference your monthly commitment could make in the year ahead:

\$ 25/month =	\$ 300/year =	1 soul saved	\$ 175/month =	\$ 2,100/year =	7 souls saved
\$ 50/month =	\$ 600/year =	2 souls saved	\$ 200/month =	\$ 2,400/year =	8 souls saved
\$ 75/month =	\$ 900/year =	3 souls saved	\$ 300/month =	\$ 3,600/year =	12 souls saved
\$ 100/month =	\$ 1,200/year =	4 souls saved	\$ 400/month =	\$ 4,800/year =	16 souls saved
\$ 125/month =	\$ 1,500/year =	5 souls saved	\$ 500/month =	\$ 6,000/year =	20 souls saved
\$ 150/month =	\$ 1,800/year =	6 souls saved	\$ 1,000/month =	\$ 12,000/year =	40 souls saved

Please allow me to share one more interesting statistic with you as it relates to us reaching our Faith Promise goal this year. If everyone who made a Faith Promise last year would increase it just another \$10/month this year (that is only \$2.50/week!); and if those who did not make a Faith Promise last year would make one of any amount this year, then I believe we would reach our new goal!

Loved ones, as we examine our personal priorities as the people of God, we must ask ourselves what priority we will give to reaching the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ. How many souls will Calvary Christian Church be responsible for in the year ahead? I would encourage each of us to examine our own personal budgets, looking at how much we spend on sports and personal entertainment, cable-TV, food for our pets, etc. and then determine whether we should invest an equal amount (if not more) on touching lost souls with the love of Christ. While God has enabled some to give larger amounts, it has been the faithfulness of each one doing their very best that has allowed us to make such a difference for eternity. Regardless of the amount of your faith promise this Sunday, thank you in advance for helping us to see 100% participation this year!

While CCC is just one church among many, God has in fact “blessed us to make us a blessing” and has given us a significant role and responsibility for reaching the lost. I am so grateful to God for the privilege He has given me to pastor a great missions church. My prayer is that our “greatness” will be demonstrated by our love and sacrificial giving as we raise \$ 2,250,000 to support our missionaries around the world this year. To God be the glory for all that will be accomplished this Sunday as we allow God’s love to fill our hearts with a commitment to take the gospel to the ends of the earth – so that ALL can hear!