



RADICALIS: RADICAL PRAYER, PART 1

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Radicalis: from Latin radic-, radix, meaning “root.”; Radicalis: “of the root.”

JESUS’ MISSION:

“seek and save the lost.” Luke 19:10 NIV

One of the main ways He did this was by explaining to people who He was and why He had come.

OUR MISSION:

Be radical like Jesus

“Therefore go and make disciples.” Matthew 28:19 NIV

OUR MARCHING ORDERS:

“Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.” 1 John 2:6 NIV

The Bible secret for how to live radical like Jesus:

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20 NIV

The following three step strategy is not fulfilled by our power, but Jesus living in us!

Three step strategy:

1. Prayer
2. Care
3. Share

RADICAL PRAYER

“Yet the news about Him (Jesus) spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses.¹⁶ But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.” Luke 5:15, 16 NIV

Three priorities for getting back to radicalis:

1. Prayer is a non-negotiable priority

Jesus prioritized prayer time with the Father, even among a million other demands for His time.

2. Radical prayer is consistent prayer

Jesus often withdrew—circle the word OFTEN

3. The radical life of prayer is developed in solitude

“To live thus by the word of God means the surrender to Him of the whole life. There will be felt a continual sense of need and dependence, a drawing out of the heart after God. Prayer is a necessity; for it is the life of the soul. Family prayer, public prayer, have their place; but it is secret communion with God that sustains the soul life.¹ ... We should be much in secret prayer.”²

Jesus is our Radicalis example—Jesus prayed for the lost!

Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. Luke 23:34 NIV



“That prayer of Christ for His enemies embraced the world. It took in every sinner that had lived or should live, from the beginning of the world to the end of time. Upon all rests the guilt of crucifying the Son of God. To all, forgiveness is freely offered. “Whosoever will” may have peace with God, and inherit eternal life.”³

CHALLENGE:

1. Commit to prioritizing personal secret prayer time every day this week.
2. In your time of prayer, pray radical prayers for the salvation of those in your Cause Circle.
3. Ask God to give you opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with those in your circle and beyond.

¹ Ellen Gould White, *Education* (Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1903), 258.

² Ellen Gould White, *Early Writings of Ellen G. White* (Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1882), 73.

³ Ellen Gould White, *The Desire of Ages*, vol. 3, *Conflict of the Ages Series* (Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1898), 745.