



Dear Precious Friend,

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What Is The Heart Of A Missionary?

A missionary (apostle/sent one) is someone with an extravagant love for God that can only be expressed through radical obedience. It is someone who has comprehended by the heart the exorbitant price that Jesus paid for his sin and has responded with an all-consuming desire to "pay back" the debt. Of course, there is no pay back for salvation! It is completely free! No one but Jesus could pay the price. But there is an extreme heart response to Calvary, to the unfathomable forgiveness one has received. Now in gratefulness, no place is too far, no people too unreachable, no discomfort too unthinkable. In the likeness of Jesus, a sent one becomes the ultimate servant, putting no limits on his sacrificial service to the One who gave it all.

Paul said, I am a DEBTOR... both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. *Romans 1:14*

God said that He would show the Apostle Paul what great things he must suffer for His name's sake. *Acts 9:16*

Sent as a prophet, we see how Isaiah arrived at his mission in Isaiah 6. It is the same pattern for us as well:

We see the glory of God:

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried to another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. *Isaiah 6:1-4*

We see how far we've fallen from His glory and we repent:

Then I said, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. *Isaiah 6:5*

We receive forgiveness and cleansing:

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it on my mouth, and said, Lo, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged. *Isaiah 6:6-7*

We respond by offering our lives in extravagant gratitude to Him:

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I; send me. *Isaiah 6:8*

In many ways, the German team I hosted in Thessaloniki in May has been through a long deep process of national and personal repentance which has produced a deep sacrificial love and hunger for Jesus. Even while here, there was a coming into the light to get right with God before we even hit the streets! This produced a profound heart unity between us all and a willingness to go many extra miles for Jesus. The one who is forgiven much, loves much.

Have you seen God's glory? Have you seen how far you've fallen? Have you comprehended the unfathomable gift of His forgiveness? Have you responded in gratitude by crying out, Here am I, send me?

Now dear saint, will you GO FOR GOD?

Here is a link to a short video the German team put together that you can copy and paste into your browser:

<https://youtu.be/8VB6wmhBHyY>

If you would like more info on bringing a team to Thessaloniki, please contact me. Your prayers and support are so precious to me. I can't thank you enough, dear friend.

Shalom and Love,

Greta

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