Can I Change the World?

Owning Acts 1:8





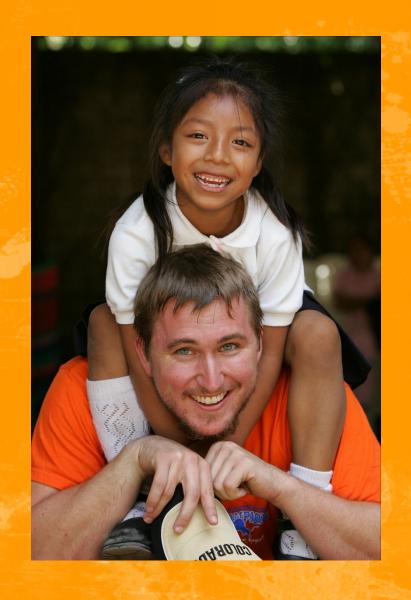














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- Yes, but not now
- We are all misunderstood
- We stand for nothing
- We don't have the means
- It's hard
- We are at a distance
- We don't have the power





But I can't... (excuses)

- It's just to hard it isn't possible
- It takes too much \$, I'll go with the sure thing
- There are too many needs right here I can't go across the world
- Once I'm done with college, then I'll be about changing the world
- It's not my job!
- I haven't heard God's call ZACHHARROD.COM



Does the world need changing?

- I 0,000 unreached people groups
- Over 2 Billion people live in these unreached people groups & every day some 50,000 of them perish without every hearing the Gospel!
- Last year, AIDS claimed an estimated 2.4–3.3 million lives, of which more than 570,000 were children
- Poverty By 2030, it's estimated that 2 Billion people will live in slums (shacks, no running water & etc.)
- That's just a start...



Did Jesus Change the world?

- All you need to do is to read the Gospels to see Jesus changing the world
 - The woman at the well
 - Mary and Martha
 - Their brother Lazarus
 - The many individuals that were healed!
 - The Disciples





Did Jesus Change the world?

- Acts:
 - So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. Acts 2:41
 - And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women. Acts 5:14





Is Jesus still changing the world?

- Every month another 15,000 in India are baptized as new believers in Jesus Christ.
- In a six-year period in one Muslim country two million Muslims came to Christ, and missionaries in dozens of Muslim people groups are planting small churches of former Muslims worldwide



Does Jesus expect me to Change the world?

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:8



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- Witness "will be"
 - John 17:18 "As You sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world." - Jesus
- But where?
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 - Local + Global = GLOCAL





How? I just can't...

- Power DUNAMI
 - strength power, ability
 - inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature
 - power for performing miracles
 - moral power and excellence
 - the power and influence which belong to riches and wealth
 - power and resources arising from numbers
 - power consisting in our resting upon armies, or forces





How? I just can't...

- What does this power give me?
 - to love God
 - speak (Mark 13:11)
 - to live a life worthy of the calling you received
 - to lay down your life humbly for the sake of your neighbor
 - To see everlasting change
 - TO BEWORLD CHANGERS





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We now have two options

And when He said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, WILL come in the same way you saw him go into heaven."

Acts 1:9-11





The Rubber Meets the Road

- Next Summer? Tour, International Project
- STINT
- LONG-TERM
- Resources
 - www.thetravelingteam.org
 - The U.S. Center for World Mission www.uscwm.org
- Books
 - Let the Nations Be Glad Piper
 - Don't Waste Your Life Piper





Questions to Ponder

- 1. Does your life have "traction", is it in step with God's heart for the nations? If not, what needs to change?
- 2. Is God laying a place or people group on your heart? How might you be proactive in reaching them?
- 3. What's God telling you tonight, what action steps do you need to go take?

Will you follow His leading?







