



DGM Message Summary: 9 Keys to Reaching and Influencing People

Takeaway: Reaching others with the Good News starts with you.

Scriptural References:

- Acts 8:26-39
 - Angels appeared throughout scripture to give people direction and arrange meetings
 - Nothing in life is by coincidence
 - God uses Angels to minister to people and organize their lives:
 - Genesis 16:9-10
 - An Angel intervened when Hagar ran from Sarai, instructing her to return and submit to Sarai and promised that her obedience would lead to blessings for her descendants
 - Genesis 19:15
 - When God was ready to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, Angels appeared to Lot and instructed him to gather his family and leave the city
 - Matthew 2:19
 - When Jesus was born, an Angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and instructed him to return to Israel
- Psalm 84:10
 - It's better to be a servant in God's House than dwell among the wicked

Key Points:

- God wants to be clearer with us than ever before; this is a season of clarity.
- Oftentimes, God does His greatest works where others don't want to go.
- You can't just pray about it or talk about it; at some point, you have to be about it.
- Don't ever be so poor that all you have is money.
- You can't judge people for what they have or don't have.
 - It has nothing to do with their spirituality.
 - Don't be intimidated by anyone's wealth; everyone needs a savior

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- 1) We must learn to be led by the *Holy Spirit*.
 - When the spirit leads, the plan succeeds.
 - 2) We have to be willing to *meet* people where they are.
 - An opportunity of a lifetime only lasts for the lifetime of the opportunity.
 - You have to learn to move when God says move.
 - 3) You have to *catch* people at the right time.
 - Timing is everything!
 - As good as you are, you'll never be good enough for the person who's not ready.
 - 4) It takes effort to reach people.
 - You won't reach people unless you're willing go after new things.
 - 5) People don't care how much you *know* until they *know* how much you care.
 - You must learn to listen so people will know you really care.
 - 6) People need someone to help them understand.
 - You have to be willing break things down for people in a way they can understand.
 - 7) You cannot influence people you *avoid*.
 - You must first build a relationship with the person you want to reach.
 - People's hunger and confusion is your opportunity.
 - 8) Some people will never *hear* unless you tell them.
 - God only uses rescued/redeemed people to rescue/redeem people.
 - "Coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous." -Albert Einstein
 - 9) You have to learn to close the deal
- Once we share our faith, we have to let people make their own decision
 - The ultimate question is not what everyone else believes, but what do you believe.
 - Seeing and hearing Jesus won't save you. It's responding to the Gospel that will save you.