Live, Give, **Grow**, Go (46) GROW in Expectation

* **Becky Schumacher New Testament Challenge Testimonial**

*“Prepare Their Hearts to be Fertile Ground”*

**Hosea 10:12**

Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the Lord Until He comes to rain righteousness on you.

* Brokenness
  + Suffering
  + Divorce
  + Health
  + Loss
  + Disillusionment
  + Kindness

*“Isn’t God Amazing”*

People Are Searching

* **The Holy Spirit Will Lead You to Daily Opportunities**

**Acts 8:29-31**

29**The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and walk along beside the carriage.”** 30Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” 31The man replied, **“How can I, unless someone instructs me?”** And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him.

* + **Romans 10:13-14** **13**For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” **14**But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? **And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?**

**Acts 10:1-5, 19-20, 28-29, 44-46** In Caesarea there lived a Roman army officer named Cornelius, who was a captain of the Italian Regiment. **2**He was a devout, God-fearing man, as was everyone in his household. He gave generously to the poor and prayed regularly to God. **3**One afternoon about three o’clock, he had a vision in which he saw an angel of God coming toward him. “Cornelius!” the angel said. **4**Cornelius stared at him in terror. “What is it, sir?” he asked the angel. And the angel replied, **“Your prayers and gifts to the poor have been received by God as an offering! 5Now send some men to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter.**

**19**Meanwhile, as Peter was puzzling over the vision, **the Holy Spirit said to him, “Three men have come looking for you. 20Get up, go downstairs, and go with them without hesitation. Don’t worry, for I have sent them.”**

* **The Most Unexpected People and Places**

**28**Peter told them, “You know it is against our laws for a Jewish man to enter a Gentile home like this or to associate with you. **But God has shown me that I should no longer think of anyone as impure or unclean. 29**So I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. Now tell me why you sent for me.”

**44**Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. **45**The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too.**46**For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God.

* + Not for Us to Judge Who, When, Where, or How…
  + Keep Your Eyes, Ears, and Heart Open

*“Good Luck With That!”*

Luck’s Got Nothing to Do With It

* **Don’t Ever Underestimate the Power and Workings of God’s Love**
  + **In Drawing People to Him…**

**2 Sam. 14:14**

(Our Lives)…are like water spilled on the ground which cannot be gathered up again. Yet God does not take away life, **but plans ways so that the banished one will not be cast out from him.**

* + **In Using You to Facilitate It…**

**2 Chronicles 16:9**

The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

**Ephesians 3:20**

He is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, **according to the power that works within us…**

* **Expect More…**
  + **Isaiah 55:10-11**

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; **11**So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it.