

The Acts of a Street Preacher

The Bible Command to Preach

“Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city...
And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded.”
-- Luke 14:21,22

It is not, and shall never be the position of the Street Preachers Fellowship to teach how to preach on the street based solely upon personal opinion, or personal experiences alone. Personal experiences make good war stories, and informative illustrations, but we are Preachers, called of God to preach the word of God, and not just personal experiences that by nature support our intentions and personal reservations or strengths, because they are our experiences. Well, what does the Bible say about street preaching? Isn't it strange that those who profess to be experts, never really show you anything from the Bible specifically about open air preaching? If we are going to do it, why not find if what we are doing is being “done as God hast commanded”?

“So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things.
Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant,
Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city,
and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed,
and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said,
Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded.”

■ Luke 14:21,22

From the beginning, the Lord has exhorted us to “go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city”, and three verses later, adds “the highways and hedges” (vs. 23). Have you ever thought how strange it is that God never mentioned any church buildings in the New Testament? Church buildings are not built for sinners, but for saints. You do not find the majority of lost sinners in church buildings. You find them exactly where God commanded us to go look for them, in “the streets and lanes of the city...the highways and hedges” of the countryside. God knows just what the Supreme Court of the United States ruled, that “Wherever the title of streets and parks may rest, they have been held in trust for the use of the public and, time out of mind have been used for purpose of assembly, communicating thoughts between citizens, and

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discussing public questions” (Hague vs. C.I.O. 307 U.S. 496 at 515).

Jesus Christ conducted his public ministry in the streets, and the Bible says, “Whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him...” (Mark 6:56). Of all the folks that ever went searching for Jesus Christ, only one ever found him in the temple, and that was his mother Mary (see Luke 2:46). Everyone else found him out in the streets, on the hillside, down by the sea shore, or the market place. Even his disciples, He commanded, that when they preached the word of God to “whatsoever city ye enter”, and if they did not receive it, then “go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you...” (Luke 10:10). When the citizens of York, Pennsylvania rejected the word of God being preached by Pastor Jim Grove and Evangelist Bruce Murch in October of 2002, that small band of Christians walked off amidst the blasphemies, and cursing of the people lined along the Halloween parade route. And at the rear of the group of Christians was Brother Murch, walking backwards down the middle of Market Street, facing the angry crowd, dusting off his shoes against them. And the crowd suddenly grew strangely quiet.

Even lost folks know a little about the Bible and God’s use of the streets. At the last judgment of the unsaved dead, the damned will testify of Jesus Christ, “We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets” (Luke 13:26). Mark’s gospel says of Christ, that “he spake that saying openly” (Mark 8:32). The Lord even testified when he was arrested “I spake openly to the world” (John 18:20), and he commanded his disciples the same, saying “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature...And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following” (Mark 16:15,20). And to the derision of every unsaved Jew and charismatic (see 1 Corinthians 14:22), this ever-growing modern-day army of street preachers all across this country, who make no excuses and offer no apologies have redefined the meaning of “with signs following”, as they parade down into the midst of countless mobs of lost sinners, rioters, parades, and sodomite rallies preaching the gospel, with banners and signs waving above the heads of the crowds, crying “Repent or perish!”

This last fall, almost 40 of these gallant soldiers of the cross, gathered in Columbus, Ohio and Chicago, Illinois to take on 50,000 plus sodomites, who thought nothing of stripping off their clothes and parading down the streets of

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America nude, to show off their “sodomite pride”. And like a mighty “terrible army with banners” (Song of Solomon 6:4, 10), those gallant soldiers of God marched right down in the thick of those who “count it pleasure to riot in the day time” (2 Peter 2:13), and with their banners held high, marched right out in front of tens of thousands of godless, sodomite riff raff, parading down the streets, “reproving and rebuking and exhorting with all longsuffering and doctrine” (2 Timothy 4:2). Forty soldiers of Christ cross, completely encompassed by 50,000 sodomites, and every street preacher there having the time of his life, knowing God Almighty had those sodomites exactly where He wanted them: “Surrounded from the inside.”

There was the mighty Spingola, the onetime illegitimate son of a Chinese prostitute, now “a child of the Father, joint heir with Christ” (Romans 8:17), with his dark piercing eyes that look clean through a coward, but cry tears for his lost friends. His hands tremble when he preaches, but his fists can knock a sodomite out with one stroke! By his side walked his friend and companion in “troubling Israel” (1 Kings 18:17), the meek antagonists Adrian Horien, who the day before walked out of a professional business office in Illinois, and picked up his Bible and his sign, and no one would have ever thought that he belonged anywhere but beside his brother Chuck.

You see, the men that do these things, are not a bit alike, except their love of God, and willingness to stick their neck out for Jesus Christ and His righteousness. They do not look alike, dress alike, talk alike, or believe the same things doctrinally. But, O, how God loves them! They stand like a rock, unflinching in the midst of the angriest crowds.

O what refined Christian would think of associating with the likes of these men? Down the middle of Columbus they walked, on each side of the parade. And who would walk beside them, but those strange, Amish looking Anabaptists nuts from Johnstown, clothed down to the foot, with only their hands and face showing a separation from not just the world, but from the best of worldly Christians. The clean-shaven evangelists, and the bearded bishop, but, O how they preached with signs following! And as that procession made its way down the street, and came to the grand stand, surrounded by police guarding the small group of dignitaries at the reviewing stand; who would be there reviewing the parade, but more of these fearless “self-appointed judges” of good and evil. They came from California. They came from down south. They came from Michigan, and O what a review of the sodomite parade! There stood the unbelievably misunderstood Reuben Israel, reviewing each godless float as

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it passed the makeshift reviewing stand, cordoned off with yellow police tape. The biblical awards were passed out freely to each sodomite passing in review, as the street preaching soldiers of God's cross cried aloud, lifting up their voices like a trumpet, and shewing folks their transgressions. "You godless, depraved bunch of flesh eating sodomites! You're all going to Hell!"

These men are Biblical literalists. They have taken the command to preach the gospel to every creature as a literal, and personal thing that must be obeyed at all costs. Strange bunch they are! Thinking themselves worthy of walking in the steps of the apostles of old, in "preaching the gospel in many villages" (Acts 8:25). These are they that go around repeatedly to every city and town, stirring up the devil's crowd, and making it uncomfortable for the lackadaisical Christians who live there.

"And when they had preached the gospel to that city,
and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra,
and to Iconium, and Antioch."

-Acts 14:21

These are the unpredictable preachers that are known for causing so much trouble, doing such things as crashing sodomite parades, and preaching at public events that they were not invited to, standing outside concerts and ball games, reproving people who did not come there to be preached at. But is such conduct Biblical? Is it really driving people away from Christ? Is it really doing more harm than it does good?

While all the liberal Christians are going around with their little, inoffensive bumper stickers about "What Would Jesus Do?", these mighty men of God are the living answer to that question. What would Jesus Do? He would drive the liberal, Pharisaical sissies out of the church house with "a scourge of small cords" (John 2:15). What would Jesus do? He would interrupt a funeral procession to get the point across (Luke 7:11-16), and He would never hesitate to preach in a cemetery if need be (see Mark 5:1-17), on a mountain side projecting his voice down the hill (Matthew 5:1), on the beach near the sea (Mark 4:1), while standing in a boat shooting his voice back to shore (Luke 5:3), or on the plain, shooting his voice back up the sides of the hill (Luke 6:17), standing under a tree (Luke 19:1-5) or hanging from a tree (John 19). Even the apostles Paul and Barnabas crashed a few religious services they were never invited to attend.

"Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city,

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brought oxen and garlands unto the gates,
and would have done sacrifice with the people.
Which when the apostles Barnabas and Paul, heard of,
they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people,
crying out, And saying,
Sirs, why do ye these things?”
-Acts 14:14,15

Now there is the greatest Christian preacher of all times, who wrote three quarters of the New Testament, and about whom two thirds of the Book of Acts is written, literally tearing his clothes, and running into the midst of some other religions' worship service, preaching to them that they “should turn from these vanities unto the living God” (vs. 15). Now honestly, wouldn't the dearly beloved brethren howl on you if you did that at a Catholic church, or a Mormon, or say... a Baptists?

But the apostles of the Book of Acts were constantly going into someone else's church building to preach uninvited (see Acts 13:14/ 14:1/ 17:1-10, 17/ 18:4, 19, 26/ 19:8). A Christian does not belong inside the Jewish synagogue, any more than a street preacher belongs inside a Catholic church uninvited, right? Right??? See, you just thought you were a preacher? A follower of Paul? Doing what Jesus would do? Questions: Would it be scripturally right for a street preacher to go into a Jewish synagogue and start a riot, that got him literally drug out of the synagogue, being beat and dragged through the street until the police showed up, and then arrested him for criminal trespass and inciting a riot??? Would that be detrimental to the cause of Christ? Would it be wrong? Would it violate the scriptures? Have you ever read your Bible??? (Acts 21:23-40).

O of course you're following Jesus Christ in the Pauline example, but the street preacher who gets arrested for disturbing the peace is not!? Jesus Christ, nor Paul, nor Peter, nor John ever preached from behind a pulpit a day in their lives or ministry. None of them ever had a church office, church building, or spoke to anyone in a pew! They never had a parsonage, Sunday School, or a bus ministry. But each of them got arrested, beaten and jailed, and killed. And you never read where their godly stand for the Fundamentals of the faith or the King James Bible were the cause of it! Now the Street Preachers' Fellowship is not knocking any of that which you do. We are just sick and tired of what you don't do, while condemning those of us who have the courage to do it!

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In the Book of Acts, the early church had only gone three chapters, and Peter and John were already in jail. “And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold...” (Acts 4:1-3). Police call that “a holding cell”. And verse 3 says, that Peter and John spent the night there in jail. What were these two closest of Christ’s disciples doing to get thrown in the holding tank? Were they going out just to get arrested? That is what some of the sissified experts will accuse you of doing the first time you get arrested. Well this is the first time in the Book of Acts that a Christian gets arrested. Was that what they were doing? What were Peter and John doing to get arrested the first time? In Chapter 3, they were standing in someone else’s church building preaching without permission (see 3:8-26). And irregardless how you look at it, “the priests and the captain of the temple” had a right to get upset about it. But were Peter and John wrong?

Notice, as this is the very first time Christian preachers are jailed for preaching, at the trial, the issue is the same as today, “By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?” (vs. 7). Peter being crafty, argues about the healing of the lame man, but the man’s healing was not what grieved the authorities (vs. 1). The issue is identical today in every aspect. What right do you have to be preaching like this? Who authorized you to preach this way? The religious leaders were not concerned at all about the healing, because they “beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it” (vs. 14). But when they let Peter and John out of jail, “they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus” (vs. 18). Brethren, that is still the entire issue in both the fearful minister’s heart, and in the sight of the police. And being quite frank about it, it would not matter if the United States actually did outlaw open air preaching, it would not excuse any God called preacher from continuing to preach in the streets and lanes and highways and hedges. The Biblical response from the first of the church age is still the response when faced with laws, rulings or threatenings to not preach anymore, Peter and John replied, “Whether it be right... (There is your issue! Is it right?) ...Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak...WE CANNOT BUT SPEAK...WE CANNOT BUT SPEAK the things which we have seen and heard” (vs. 19, 20).

Let the cowards worry themselves into a fetal position about it, and let the courts make all the rulings they want, “WE CANNOT BUT SPEAK”! And the

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divine sissies for Christ can rail all they want about a true God-fearing street preacher. A true God-fearing preacher can't help himself, "for woe unto me if I preach not the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Listen, those rulers enacted a law forbidding Peter and John to preach any more in Jesus name (vs.18), and it didn't faze them in the least.

The very first preachers in the body of Christ were jailed for preaching in another religion's temple, and at trial were "commanded...not to speak at all, nor teach in the name of Jesus" (vs. 18). But those two God fearing ministers ignored that order just like it had never been given. And before you could scrape enough money together to pay a fine, those men of God were standing on the porch of the temple (Acts 5:12), and "in the streets" (5:15) doing exactly what they were ordered not to do! Never mind your pathetic feelings, and your bigoted opinions. READ THE VERSES!

And when the rulers rose up against them this time, the Bible says they "were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison" (READ IT, WILL YOU.... Acts 5:17, 18). And praise God, when you have a Blessed Manual of Street Preaching given to you by God Almighty, it doesn't mean a green pea what some expert says that is an effeminate, spineless, male masseuse that wears make up when he sings or preaches to cut down the glare off his oily skin.

And to show you how much God approved of those men refusing to shut up, when the rulers put them in prison, "the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, GO STAND AND SPEAK IN THE TEMPLE to the people all the words of this life" (VS.19 & 20). And you talk about fearless, those guys "entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught..." (vs. 21). Now Brethren, what are you going to do with that? You talk about civil disobedience, the very first disciples were not only disobedient, the angel of the Lord helped them disobey!!! And the entire issue was that they were not going to shut up for anyone! They did not ask anyone for permission to preach and teach, and they were not going to be told to quit once they had the command from God to preach. And regardless what you spineless sissies say about preaching just to get arrested, those men had already been jailed twice, and never batted an eye to go back to the same spot the third time. And by this time, the entire ruling council is involved (vs. 21), "the senate" (vs. 21) is involved, and these men of God are not only facing charges of Disturbing the Peace and Refusal to Obey a Lawful Command, but now everyone of them are facing charges for Jail Escape. And God Almighty is the author of it all!

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Listen, Peter and John were arrested first (Acts 3:1-3), then all the apostles were arrested the second time (see Acts 5:12 & 18), and then after the first Christian jail break in history, the police department sends out “the captain with the officers” (Acts 5:26) and arrests all the apostles for the third time. Brethren, do you realize that before the very first bunch of Christians had gone 4-1/2 chapters they had already suffered twenty-six (26) arrests for refusing to stop preaching?? Now what was it your street preaching manual said about preachers that refuse to stop when told to do so??

Allow me to preach at you for a moment. God deliver us from anymore of this cowardly, effeminate, gainsaying instruction from men scared stiff less, who have to lie to young men, to keep from looking like the cowards they really are! Twenty-six arrests in the first six months of the history of the church, and you can MARK IT DOWN... Not one of those apostles were arrested for preaching! LOOK AT THE VERSES! Every one of those men were arrested, but not a single one of them were arrested for preaching the word of God. They were arrested Brethren, FOR REFUSING TO QUIT PREACHING!

You see, the cowards are always giving you this tripe about those street preachers who have had to go to jail, saying, ‘they didn’t go to jail for preaching, they went to jail for being an IDIOT.’ And the Reverend Smooth-Man points at his preaching and says, ‘See I preach on the street too! And no one has ever arrested me for preaching!’ No, and they never will either, because that kind will always stop when told to do so.

After having been involved in 63 arrests over 27 years of preaching, the author has only been arrested once for preaching. In 1989, Officer Richard Rok of the Johnstown Police Department arrested this preacher and one of his students for preaching in Central Park in downtown Johnstown. At the hearing, Officer Rok testified that “the defendants were yelling loudly in the park at noon, and were arrested when they refused to stop yelling at people when this officer requested that they cease.” You see, that is just the kind of derogatory talk that terrifies these men pleasing ministerial cowards, that still care and worry about what people say about them.

“Had I cared for the comments of people,
I should never have been a missionary!”
-C.T. Studd, Missionary to Africa

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On cross examination, this preacher submitted to the Court the officer's sworn affidavit of probable cause, whereon he had written, "Defendants were preaching the word of God in Central Park, and refused to stop when told by this officer to do so." The judge then looked at Officer Rok and declared, "Officer, it is not a crime to preach the word of God in the park." Then pounding the gavel real hard, the Judge decried, "Case Dismissed! Officer Rok I will see you in my chambers immediately!"

They arrest you Brethren for refusing to quit preaching, and it has always been so! The charge is never "Preaching the word of God". They charge you with general offenses to attempt to make it sound as if you were not preaching. The ministerial muppets use the same tricks, to confuse the young zealous street preacher into calming down and being like Reverend Rose Petal. Hence, the police charge you with Disorderly Conduct. "The defendant says he is a preacher, but he really wasn't preaching, he was acting disorderly, and refused to quit acting disorderly when told to do so." But when you ask him to define what actions were disorderly, he describes your Bible preaching to a tee, even down to the scriptures you used. Strange is it not? But Reverend Timidity lies the same way. Even though you were carrying the same Bible he carries, and preaching in the same tone of voice he uses, and quoting the same scriptures he quotes, it means nothing. The police arrested you for Disorderly Conduct, so there, you were not preaching at all, you were trying to go to jail to look spiritual! The apostles of old were not arrested for simply preaching. They were arrested for refusing to stop preaching, and it will always be that way.

"Did not we straitly command you
that ye should not teach in this name?
Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said,
WE OUGHT TO OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MAN!"
Acts 5:28-29

The test of your obedience to the call to preach is never over the quality of your preaching. The "gravelly voice" or "the bulging eyes", or the "red face" or the "angry countenance" has nothing to do with it beyond the verbal tirades of your contradictors, or the pathetic excuses of the "Critical Christian Cowards Review Board". They are never going to arrest you for being the best preacher or the worst. They are going to arrest you for refusing to stop preaching. But the cowardly minister's preaching is never better because he stops!

"The natural tendency of their behaviour,
in voice and gesture and horrid expressions
is to make people mad!"

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-Theophilus Evans (condemning
the street preachers
John Wesley
& Peter Cartwright of his day).

Now it should be noted by every student of the scriptures that has any desire to obey God and rise above the naysaying of the Sissies for Christ, that the very first arrest of a New Testament preacher, resulted in the most important lesson that an open-air minister can learn. No one succeeds in street preaching, or open-air evangelism that fails to learn this most important lesson, because it defines the very foundation of the open-air minister's attitude and character, that will influence everything that he does. When Peter and John were arrested the very first time in the history of the New Testament Church, they spoke something that should never be forgotten by any Street Preacher, and it is a rebuke to every spineless coward that has ever criticized another minister braver than himself!

“Whether it be right
in the sight of God to hearken unto you
more than unto God,
judge ye.
For we cannot but speak
the things which we have seen and heard.”
-Acts 4:19,20

Peter and John might have been “unlearned and ignorant men” (vs.13), but “they had been with Jesus”, and knew exactly the ramifications to God's command to “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). And when Christ commanded his disciples to do so, He made absolutely no stipulations about the reach of his command. When Jesus Christ said “into all the world”, He left no place exempted from the Preacher's voice. When Christ said “preach the gospel to every creature”, the Lord left no one exempted from the sights of the Preacher's aim. And when the Lord said, “Go ye”, He left no Preacher exempted from the duty to obey Him, even when man says otherwise. Only ecclesiastical education blinds a man from the obvious conclusion to our obedience to God's command.

Since Mark 16:15, it has never been the duty or responsibility of the preacher to concern himself in the least with “whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto men more than unto God” in matters of where, when and to whom the gospel is preached. That is for others to judge (Acts 4:19). The preacher's job is to obey! Whether it be right in man's view is immaterial to the

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preacher's obedience. "Judge ye...whether it be right", for the obedient preacher cannot but speak the things which he hath seen and heard. And Reverend Timidity, BEWARE of placing yourself amongst those who feel it their duty to "Judge ye...whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto men more than unto God"!!! That is no place to be found when one preacher's obedience is tested, and yours is joined with the congregation of those who judge it wrong. "Whether it be right" is not for the Street Preacher's consideration, neither can it be and the minister still remain completely obedient to God without question. Mark 16:15 has no stipulations that allow the Minister to decide to whom or where the gospel ought to be preached. And even the old lost lawyer Gamaliel was wise enough to refrain from such judgments, warning the Pharisee's about what they were about to do to the first Christian trouble making fanatics,

"Take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do
as touching these men...
Refrain from these men, and let them alone...
lest ye be found even to fight against God"
(Acts 5:34-39).

The sissies for Christ have never learned this first simple lesson, and probably never will. It is not the street preacher's concern to make judgment calls on the right and wrong of preaching the gospel where man does not want to hear it. However, honesty demands that we street preachers admit the obvious, that God commands us to "go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). There is no place off limits in God's definitive directions of "into all the world"; and there is no person excepted in God's definitive aim of "to every creature". However, by such, the command to go preach, steps beyond the perceived boundaries of right and wrong in obedience to God, so that "whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God" is for others to judge. "Judge ye" is the critic's job, and of no concern to the God called street preacher. Ours is to "but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). Accordingly, the God called street preacher, with the courage from God to prove it, accepts that he has no right to preach everywhere to everyone. He just knows and accepts that God has told him to do so! The God called street preacher with the courage to prove it, accepts the reality that he has no right to preach to folks that do not want to hear it. He just knows that God has commanded him to do so! The God called street preacher with the courage to prove it, accepts the fact that he has no right to disturb people's peace of mind (as if they had any- Isaiah 48:22) in a nation that promises each citizen the peaceful pursuit of happiness. He just accepts the fact that what God has commanded him to do, is going to disturb people's

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vain attempt to have peace of mind.

If you concern yourself with judgments of men, then you have to be honest with yourself and admit that it is just not right to break out of jail to go preach in someone else's church uninvited, when you have been told not to preach there; especially when they put you in jail in the first place to keep you from disregarding the law forbidding you to preach there! Nevertheless, the God called street preacher also reads his Bible, and believes what he reads (see Acts 5:18-25). And "whether it be right" is of no concern to him. Let those that hate God, and those that are fool enough to think themselves overly wise make those judgment calls.

And though, we argue for Constitutional protection now, the God called street preacher with the courage to prove it, knows full well, that the government is going to do away with the Constitution. And the only street preachers that will continue to preach when they have taken away the constitutional right to do so will be the ones that have made up their minds now that they will obey God whether anyone thinks it's right or not. They preach today with the attitude that we do not have any right to preach. We have a command to preach. "And whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak..." (Acts 4:19, 20). Accordingly, it is vastly important, that the Street Preacher settle that matter in his heart and mind before he ever takes to the street. Can you not see that to obey God is more important than whether any man thinks it is right??

"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,
And to hearken than the fat of rams."
-1 Samuel 15:22

God only knows, how many times a young street preacher has gone out to preach, and when the policeman stops him, and orders him to stop or go to jail, he hesitates, then starts wavering in his mind with second thoughts about whether God really sent him to that particular place...maybe he misinterpreted God's directions...well, maybe God really didn't intend for him to speak to these particular folks...after all they're all mad now...their offended...and, well, you know, God is probably telling him it's time to move on someplace else...etc., etc., ad nauseam. Can you not see that when Jesus Christ said, "into all the world" (Mark 16:15), that it doesn't really matter anymore if man thinks this particular place is not right? Can you not see that when Jesus Christ said, "to every creature" (ibid.), it doesn't really matter anymore if any of the creatures

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do not want to hear the gospel?? “We cannot but speak” (Acts 4:20). That is the finished work of obedience to God! To fail that obedience when it is tested, is no small sin.

That is why, when all twelve of the apostles are hauled up before the council, this singular issue of obedience is the only matter under consideration; that is, “Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name?” (Acts 5:28). And the evidence was overwhelming that the apostles had not just disobeyed in a fractional sense, they had so grossly ignored the law, that they had “filled Jerusalem with their doctrine” (vs. 28). And to this Simon Peter forever stands as the definitive example of the Street Preacher who has made up his mind aforetime to be obedient to the God’s command regardless (vs. 29).

“We ought to obey God rather than men.”

Peter has not only rejected what men might think. He has completely ignored what they had commanded as a matter of law. That is the attitude that unnerves most ministers. That Biblical principle of obedience to God goes so contrary to this damnable “two party” political Christianity, it is almost unfathomable to expect even the best of fundamentalist to accept a doctrine that holds obedience to God more important than a criminal record. What well known Christian minister in America would think to support a Street Preacher who so insisted on preaching in a certain place, that he would disobey the police not once, but twice; never bat an eye at being arrested twice; inspire eleven other Christians to get arrested with him, then break out of jail to go back to that same place and preach until he is arrested the third time; and then defiantly declare in court that he intended to continue to “obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29)??? What well known Christian minister ever read his Bible and believed it applied to him (Acts 4 and 5)??

To those timid Christian critics, who jump faster than the drunks, prostitutes and sodomites in condemning the “overzealous” “trouble makers”, who habitually preach where, when and how Reverend Rose Petal would only have a night mare about doing,

QUESTION: Would it be right for a young, newly converted street preacher to preach so long and hard in a small town, upsetting folks so bad that the police issued a warrant for his arrest, and the real SWATT team blocked every road to arrest him, only to have him flee and escape? “Judge ye”, would that be right in the sight of God? (Acts 9:23-25/ 2 Corinthians 11:32,33).

QUESTION: Would it be right in the sight of God for a preacher to so blatantly continue to disobey the law against preaching, that the authorities jailed him

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again after his first escape, and shackled him to the floor, only to have him escape a second time to attend prayer meeting? “Judge ye”, would that be “right in the sight of God?” (see Acts 12:1-14). Would God approve of that? (see vs.8).

QUESTION: “Judge ye”, would it be right for a street preacher to so insist that he was going to preach where the law said he was not going to preach, that he endangered the lives of other people? (see Acts 12:18,19).

See what kind of a cowardly fool you can make out of yourself, professing to believe the Bible, while shewing off as some expert street pulpiteer, writing books about yourself, criticizing other Street Preachers’ motives that are braver than you? And more faithful, and more obedient? Hey, Street Preacher, when are you going to quit pretending to be a Christian, and lay aside your pathetic, timid feelings and personal opinions and start going by the Bible? “Judge ye” if it is right in the sight of God to cut down your Brethren behind their backs that will go anywhere, and stand any place to preach to anyone for Jesus Christ, regardless of the trouble it causes, while you will only go where it is safe and trouble free, then stop and obey every man that tells you to do so, while still professing to obey God without question!

Now the author doesn’t know how well you read, if you read the Bible at all; and he may not be a PhD., but he had figured this simple truth out long before he finished reading his Bible through even for the 70th time, we are commanded to “GO INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE.” Now the question is just very simple. Are you going to obey that exactly as you are told, or are you going to let man re-define where and to whom you preach?

Never mind all these whining excuses about being “led of the Spirit”, “led of the Holy Ghost”, “Oh I just don’t think the Spirit would lead you to disobey the law blah, blah”, and “the Spirit just led me to obey the law...and so we quit and went home”....O, bring on the cheese for all this whine!

Did you know there is only one verse in the New Testament about a Christian being “led of the Spirit”? And there is a big “IF” right before it, and one strange definitive stipulation after it.

“But IF ye be led of the Spirit, YE ARE NOT UNDER THE LAW.”
Galatians 5:18

Brethren, the Spirit of God is not going to lead you anywhere that He has already commanded you to go! And the Spirit of God is not going to lead you away from where God commanded you to go just because man “straitly commands you that ye should not” (Acts 5:28). The number one reason why most ministers do not preach everywhere, is because they are waiting for God to lead them to go out there. And you can count on it, God is never going to lead them to go out there, because He has already told them to go out there (Mark 16:15). The reason why some preachers never preach to any more people than show up on Sunday morning, is because they have never been led to go out and preach to any more than what show up on Sunday. And, God never will lead them to preach to any more than that. He has already told them to “preach the gospel to every creature”.

There were times that within 60 days, the author has preached to over one million and a half people, and traveled over 10,000 miles. There are members of the Fellowship that have done almost twice that. And God never led them anywhere! He just commanded them to go and preach. And they did what they were told.

Brethren, the world is full of people! There everywhere you look! They are everywhere you go! There are thousands of people everywhere you turn! Can't you see them? The world is full of people. They're everywhere! And God is not going to lead you to them when He has already told you to “go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature”. All you have to do is obey. Jesus Christ is not going to lay anything on your pathetic little heart. He has already shown you where.

“I say unto you,
Lift up your eyes, and look...
Look on the fields; for
They are white already
Unto harvest.”
- John 4:35

O, stop this bloated, gainsaying empty rhetoric about how godly you and your ministerial alliance of lazy preachers are, with their award-winning Sunday Schools, and full time Christian ministries that had 1,200 on Sunday morning, 2,000, 3,000, 5,000. Who cares! The very idea of bragging about preaching to

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5,000 saved “do nothings” (like their pastor) on Sunday in a city of 2 million people who are going to hell while Dr. Come C. MePreach raises money for retirement in behalf of missions.

You pastor a church in a city of one million Americans and you cannot find 50,000 lost people to preach to before noon tomorrow? And we are supposed to think that you are godly? There will times when there will be four rock concerts, three ball games, one parade and two festivals in the city park before the end of the month, that over 500,000 people will attend and have to walk down the sidewalk to reach. And you will let them go to hell without anyone figuring they were who Christ was talking about in Mark 16:15, and we are supposed to think you are a “man of God” because you had 3,000 saved cowards in Sunday School, and you made them that way!??

A young member of the Street Preachers Fellowship was once a 20-year old street preacher, that was home schooled, has no high school diploma, no girlfriend, worked 60 hours a week, shoed and rode horses, and got about 4-1/2 hours of sleep a night, and lived in a log cabin with no running water or electricity. He preached to nearly 2 million people within four months. Within that time, he was hit with a beer bottle, punched, shoved and spit on. He was drenched in liquor, laughed at, threatened with beatings and driven and flew over 8,000 miles in those four months, just to preach to folks who don't want to hear it. That young man waded into a crowd of 10,000 drunkards, and would jump up and block bottles and beer cans being thrown at his friends while they preached, with their backs up against a wall, surrounded on three sides by thousands of sodomites and drunkards. And he paid his own way! Now what was it that you were doing in church that made you so great? Is there no one rusting away in church, doing something that someone else might do, if you left it, threw your doctors degree in the trash, and went outside and started doing what God commanded you to do in the first place?

“Behold,
To obey is better...”
- 1 Samuel 15:22

It is “better than sacrifice” (vs. 22). To obey is better than your reputation. It is better than your full-time salary. It is better than your comfort zone. And it is better than three quarters of your congregation that would get up and leave for good if you started preaching everywhere, to the interruption of their shallow,

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hidden, blend-in-with-the-world Christianity. And it is better than your full-time effort at teaching them to be that way!

Hey Pastor, God knows we love you, but when are you going to start obeying God? We didn't ask, "Are you going to obey God or not?!" You are not obeying Jesus Christ right now. We asked, When are you going to start obeying God? Mark 16:15 says "Go ye into all the world, and preach..." Never mind the nonsense of your giving twenty-five dollars a month to someone else to go. Most of those men are no different than you. They go into the world, but when they get there, they do exactly what you do here. They confine the gospel within four walls in Armenia, just like you do in New York. Your twenty-five dollars every month is not going to pass heavenly muster when God calls you into account for disobeying the last thing he commanded us to do, before He went into heaven to wait and see if you were going to do exactly what you were told to do.... GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH!!

"Blessed be thou
Of the Lord;
I have performed the
Commandment of the Lord."
- 1 Samuel 15:13

"What meaneth then this cursing of the ungodly in mine ears, and the swearing of the wicked which I hear?" As your community and this country go to hell without any preaching from you? (vs. 14).

What you learn from all this, is that to never "go into all the world and preach" (Mark 16:15), is just one step behind going into all the world and ceasing to preach when told to do so! Both are disobedient. Both are timid infidelity turned pale and dying! Both are and will be scoffed at by Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel. Both are despised by the likes of Elijah and Elisha. Peter, James and John would actually doubt your salvation. And Paul and Barnabas would never consider you a Christian (Acts 11:26). The author's 10-year old son would not even consider you a man of God, and his 12-year old brother would not even sit by you in church. Both have preached to three times as many folks in their short life time than have ever attended all your church services combined.

"Go ye into all the world,
And preach the gospel

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To every creature.”
- Mark 16:15

Why is it, that every God-fearing preacher in the Book of Acts understood what Jesus Christ meant by that, but you do not?? Verse 20 clearly says, “And they went forth, and preached everywhere.” They began in Jerusalem (Acts 2:5), just as they were commanded (1:8), but within 10 days of Mark 16:15 (see Acts 1:3 c.f. 2:1/ Revelation 2:10) they had “noised abroad” (vs. 6) the entire matter to those that “were dwelling in Jerusalem” (vs.5) so that “every man heard them speak” (vs.6). The Bible left the disciples with a very broad understanding of what Christ meant by “into all the world”. “They went forth, and preached everywhere” (Mark 16:20).

Now scripture with scripture, Brethren! After all, you profess to be Bible Believers. “They went forth, and preached everywhere.” EVERYWHERE in the Bible includes the following.

1. Other peoples’ church houses (Acts 3:1,11/ 5:19, 20, 25, 42/ 21:26-30/ 13:5, 14-16/ 14:1/17:10, 17/ 18:19,26/ 19:8).
2. “The streets” (Acts 5:15).
3. In the City Council meeting (Acts 6:12-17/ 7:1-53/ 23:1).
4. At “rock” concerts (7:57,58).
5. In the city (Acts 8:5/ 13:44/ 14:4/ 19:29).
6. In villages (8:25).
7. Down south (8:26).
8. Out in the desert (8:26).
9. Stopping government officials in their limousines (8:27-38) in route to work, in route to persecute preachers (9:1-5), and just as they get home from work (see Moses in Exodus 7:20-23).
10. Foreign countries (13:4,5,13/ 16:6-9/ 20:1-6).
11. Islands (13:6/ 28:1-11).
12. Uninvited in the midst of other religions outdoor worship services (14:11-15).
13. In places where you have already been thrown out of (14:19-21).
14. Colonies (16:12).
15. On the river sides (16:13).
16. The Marketplaces (16:19/17:17).
17. In jails and prisons (16:24-40).
18. Standing on government astrological memorials (17:22).
19. In Courts (18:12-17).
20. Along the coasts lines (19:1).
21. At the theaters (19:29-41).

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22. In upper chambers of three story buildings (20:8,9).
23. In boats at sea (26:10-35).
24. In boats aiming back at shore (Luke 5:1-3).
25. On boats waiting for the sea to come to them (Genesis 6:14-7:1/Hebrews 11:7/ 2 Peter 2:5).
26. And on boats where the sea is coming into the boat (Jonah 1).
27. In gardens and vineyards (1 Kings 21:17-24).
28. Mountain tops (2 Kings 1:9-15/ Matthew 5:1/ Acts 17:22).
29. And on plains (Luke 6:17).
30. And at other people's funerals (Luke 7:11-14/Acts 9:37-40).

Now, how is it, that so many preachers cannot find some place to preach outside of their church houses? Not one time in the entire New Testament, did any minister preach inside a church building. NOT ONCE!!! The last two gospel preachers in the New Testament are martyred while conducting a street meeting (Revelation 11:7,8). And Reverend Wonderful thinks he is a success by all the good things said to him each Sunday morning, when he stands at the door of the church building, and his nice, dead, pathetically afraid congregation tells him how good he preached again.... inside the building....to a few creatures, that in about 30 minutes will so blend back into the world, that no one will know they are Christians until next Sunday, same time, same place!

“Go ye into all the world, and preach...” is never fulfilled by that sort of Christian conduct. True, the sort of conduct that fulfills Mark 16:15, is often labeled ‘Disorderly Conduct’, by the folks the street preacher finds “in all the world”. To find them is easy. They’re everywhere! To preach to them requires unwavering obedience.