



WHAT THE HANDS OF JESUS CAN DO

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Summary:

This Message challenges believers to embrace their identity as "Impacters" who actively live out their faith by being the hands, feet, and voice of Christ in the world. Bruce emphasizes the importance of seeing every aspect of daily life as an opportunity for mission, encouraging listeners to move beyond comfort zones and actively engage in serving others. The message draws inspiration from Pope Leo XIV's call for a missional church and St. Mary MacKillop's dedication to serving those in need.

Key Points:

- Christians are called to be "Impacters" in their daily lives, serving as Christ's hands, feet, and voice
- Mission is not limited to specific activities but should permeate every aspect of life
- Believers should embrace margins, take risks for the gospel, and trust deeply in God's provision
- Building a rhythmic life of impact through daily routines, reflection, and intentional presence
- Forming "impact teams" to organize and amplify mission efforts in various areas of service
- The importance of sharing stories and encouraging others in their faith journey
- Moving beyond comfort zones and seeing every interaction as an opportunity to share Christ's love

Scripture Reference:

- Luke 9:57-62 and Luke 10:1-9 (Jesus sending out disciples and instructions for mission)

Stories:

- The story of a pastor realizing his church wasn't reaching the unchurched based on how women treated their handbags during service
- St. Mary MacKillop's founding of the Sisters of St. Joseph and her dedication to serving the poor and marginalized in 19th century Australia
- Mother Teresa's initial encounter with a dying person that led to her founding a global ministry
- The story of a farmer who donated one cow to ministry, which grew into a movement raising millions for charity

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (For Individual or Group Reflection)

How can we practically live out Pope Leo XIV's call to be a 'missionary people driven by the love of Christ' in our daily lives and routines?

In what ways might we be experiencing 'spiritual blindness' in our own lives, and how can we become more aware of God's work around us?

How does the example of St. Mary MacKillop challenge us to 'never see a need without doing something about it' in our own contexts?

What does it mean to truly be the 'hands, feet, and voice of Christ' in our homes, workplaces, and communities?

How can we cultivate a 'missional heart' like Mary MacKillop and Mother Teresa, starting with small acts of service in our immediate surroundings?

In what ways might our current comfort zones be hindering us from fully embracing our call to be 'impactors' for Christ?

How can we integrate the practice of daily reflection on where we've seen God and been His hands, feet, and voice into our routines?

What unique passions or causes has God placed on your heart, and how might these be opportunities for impact?

How can we balance the call to 'go out' and serve with the need to nurture our own spiritual lives and relationships?

What would it look like for us to truly see every aspect of our lives - work, family, friendships, hobbies - as opportunities for mission and impact?

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Opening Prayer:

Pray the Impacters prayer together as a group. Begin by asking God to open your hearts and minds to His message and guide your discussion.

Key Takeaways:

1. We are called to be "Impacters" - the hands, feet, and voice of Christ in the world.
2. Our mission is to proclaim Jesus and bring transformation wherever we are.
3. Being an Impacter is not just about doing more, but about being the presence of Christ in our daily lives.
4. We need to move beyond our comfort zones and embrace a missional lifestyle.
5. Our diversity and various life situations are strengths, not limitations, in fulfilling our mission.

Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you most from the Message? Why?
2. Bruce mentions "spiritual blindness." Have you ever experienced this in your own life? How can we become more aware of God's work around us?
3. How do you currently see your daily life as a mission field? Are there areas where you could be more intentional about being Christ's hands, feet, and voice?
4. The Message emphasizes the importance of "going home" as an Impacter. What challenges might you face in living out your faith more boldly with those closest to you?
5. What does it mean to you to "live missionary" in your current life situation (work, school, family, etc.)?
6. Bruce mentions creating a "rhythmic life of impact." What spiritual rhythms or practices could you incorporate to stay focused on your mission as an Impacter?
7. How does the idea of being part of a global community of Impacters inspire or challenge you?

Practical Applications:

1. Daily Reflection: Spend 5-10 minutes each evening reflecting on where you saw God at work and how you were His hands, feet, or voice that day.

2. Community Prayer: Commit to praying the Community prayer mentioned in the Message each day this week.
3. Intentional Presence: Choose one relationship or setting in your life where you will practice being more fully present and attentive this week.
4. Share Your Story: Look for an opportunity to share with someone else how your faith is transforming you or inspiring you to serve others.
5. Explore Your Passion: Identify one cause or area of service that you're passionate about. Research ways you could get involved or make a difference in that area.

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for His call on our lives to be impactors. Ask for His strength and guidance to live out this mission in our daily lives.