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Announcements

THIS WEEK...

- **Wednesday 27th 7:30PM**
 - Men's Midweek
 - First Principles Class #4, The Coming of the Kingdom
- **Saturday 30th 10:30AM – ASU BAC 201**
 - First Principles Class #5, Light & Darkness
- **Sunday 31st 10:00AM – Back here, SDA**
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Labor Day – Monday Sept 1st
 - MERCYWolrdWide Event - Saturday Sept 20th
 - 6x Special Missions Thanksgiving Offering coming in November!



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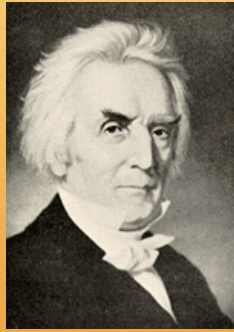
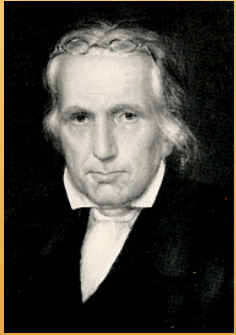
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The 5 Foundational SoldOut Movement Convictions

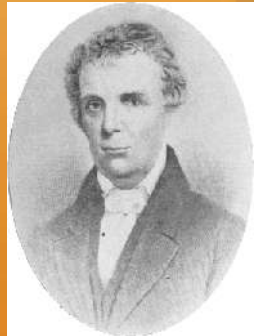
- 1. All Scripture Is Inspired (2 Timothy 3:16-17)**
- 2. Where The Bible Speaks We Are Silent (Genesis 2:19-20, 1 Corinthians 10:23)**
- 3. The Church Is Composed Of Only Sold-out Disciples In Discipling Relationships (John 8:31, Matthew 28:18-20)**
- 4. A Centralized Leadership With A Central Leader (Num 27:15-27, Acts 15:13;19-20, 16:4-5)**
- 5. All Nations In This Generation (Matthew 28:18-20, Colossians 1:6;23, Matthew 24:9-14)**

Where The Bible Speaks We Are Silent

“Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.” – John 14:12



T. Campbell A. Campbell



Barton Stone

- Thomas Campbell - born in 1763 in Northern Ireland.
- Began a religious reform movement on the American frontier ~ **1812**.
- Joined in the work by his son **Alexander Campbell**. Their movement, known as the "**Disciples of Christ**", merged in 1832 with the similar movement led by **Barton W. Stone** to form what is now described as the **Restoration Movement** (also known as the **Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement**).
- Thomas Campbell coined the motto essentially adopted by the three main groups originally behind the "**Second Great Awakening**" – AKA, the "**Restoration Movement**"
 - *Disciples of Christ, Christian Churches, Church of Christ*

“Speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent.”

We believe the opposite of the following statement:
“Speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent.”

- In other words, there must be ***“a command, example or an inference”*** in order for a practice to exist in the church.
- For example, the “Mainline” Church of Christ only has non-instrumental services and they believe only men can baptize men and women, because these are the only “examples” in the New Testament.
 - This difference is one of the main reasons the “Mainline” church of Christ split from the “Disciples of Christ” in 1906
 - The deeper issue was that the “Disciples of Christ” ***“...considered permissible any practices that the New Testament did not expressly forbid.”***
- They also can’t agree on one cup or many for communion, wine or grape juice, break or pinch the bread...

Understanding the significance of the difference: Where The Bible Speaks We Are Silent.

In other words, we are free to ***practice*** or ***name*** something as long as it does not contradict the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 10:23

"Everything is permissible"-but not everything is beneficial.

"Everything is permissible"-but not everything is constructive.

Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.

- Whatever we practice, the guiding principle should be that it is constructive and seeks the good of others! The goal is that it would be beneficial!

We'll look at some practices in our ministry and ask two questions...

- **Is it beneficial** (Greek: "sympherō" – "to bear or bring together")?
- **Is it constructive** (Greek: "oikodomeō" – lit. "to build a house, erect a building" metaph. "to promote growth in virtue & holiness, to grow in wisdom and piety")

Where The Bible Speaks We Are Silent.

Genesis 2:19

“Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.”

- In our movement we’ve recently appointed World Sector Leaders, Lead Evangelists, and Women’s Ministry Leaders! (As well as Shepherds, Cybereangelists and Webdeacons!)
 - Because these “titles” cannot be found specifically in the New Testament, they would be deemed “unbiblical.”
 - The word “Bible” is not in the Bible...but we believe it is of God!

(1) Imitate The Pattern & Build!

Consistent. Used to build & unify the church. Designed to be imitated.

Phil 3:17

- There was a *pattern* by which Paul and those he trained in the LORD built the church with. This pattern and principles therein are alluded to, but they are not implicitly “spelled out.” What we do understand as a key principle, it was **consistent** and what Paul used to **build the church in unity**, oneness of mind, spirit, and purpose. **(Phil 2:1-2, 1 Cor 1:10)**
- A primary role of leadership is to provide unity in God’s church.
 - We have a pattern as well! Sundays. Midweek’s (every other Men/Women). Bible Talks (The basic building block of the church. “Small group methodology.” An evangelistic family unit.) Weekly discipling relationships.

Phil 4:9

- **This pattern provided by leadership (Paul & Co) was designed to be imitated.** To be put into practice. It certainly had it’s roots in the scriptures – how else would one have God’s hand on them in putting it into practice!
 - Also a pattern in our approach to teaching. First Principles. The Five Foundational Soldout Movement Convictions. The ICCM – all about unifying us in how we train evangelists, administrators, shepherds, and MERCYworldwide leaders.

(1) Imitate The Pattern & Build!

Guard the pattern. Holy Spirit lives in you!

2 Tim 1:13-14

- Again, the concept of pattern and consistency in it is emphasized. **Guard the pattern** with the help of the Holy Spirit! Guard because you are careful!
- If you believe **the Holy Spirit lives in you**, you care deeply about unity with your brothers and sisters. You *guard* unity, not just in logistics, but in Spirit!
 - The Holy Spirit has a zero tolerance for mistrust, a record of wrongs, slander, lust, impurity, hatred, unforgiveness and apathy...all these are a lack of love (1 Cor 13:4-8).
 - By it's definition, if the Holy Spirit is living in you and the Holy Spirit is living in that brother or sister, there should be powerful bond *easily* formed.
 - This is how disciples who meet at a "GLC " can quickly connect and have a rich friendship!

(1) Imitate The Pattern & Build!

Devoted means DAILY, to the teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread & prayer.

We are striving to emulate the first century movement of churches outline in Acts and the NT.

Acts 2:42-47

“42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

- Sunday, Wednesday, Bible Talk, Friday Devotional, Weekly Discipling Time or two. Saturday First Principles or Chemical Recovery or Band. Ours pattern – like theirs here - is a **daily ministry**. Verse 46 *“Every day...”*
- We might call it different things, but the heart is to imitate the example in the scriptures. Being devoted to the fellowship biblically is a **daily** thing.
- Devoted daily to the apostles teaching? Essentially the Bible. First Principles. Taking notes in service (e.g. the three “E’s” in **Acts 17:10-12**)

Whatever the case, the pattern in our ministry results in disciples being devoted to the teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer daily! It is beneficial – brings together. It is constructive – promotes growth.

(2) Take Every Opportunity To Serve!

Have a Christ-like attitude. Make yourself a servant.

Phil 2:3-7

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

- Jesus made himself a servant. We are called to be servants like Jesus. To have his ***attitude***. **You can be sure that the LORD did not complain!**
 - Byford, GLC. Media team. Darryl and Kim. Tony Stanley. Schultz & Hunts. House church leaders. CR. Teen workers (Marvell, Rico, Janelle, Monica). Joseph (Webdeacon).

(2) Take Every Opportunity To Serve!

Why different roles? Jethro Principle. Be Capable.

*Bible Talk leader? House church leader? Region leader? Shepherd? Evangelist? Overseeing evangelist? World Sector Leader? World Missions Evangelist? Why do we even have these?! Why should I want to be one? I mean, “Bible Talk Leader” is not in the bible! Evangelist is, but “Overseeing” and “World Sector Leader?” “I don’t see these in the bible.” **The PRINCIPLE governing these roles IS very much in the BIBLE!***

Ex 18:13-26 (The “Jethro Principle.”)

- Why do you do this all by yourself!? You’re not getting much done and you are wearing yourself out!
- What you are doing is NOT good. This is too much for you alone!
- Teach them about God, **select capable men!**
 - **Capable** = FEAR God, trustworthy, hate dishonest gain.
 - **Every disciple should strive to be capable!** (e.g. FEAR GOD, be TRUSTWORTHY, and HATE dishonest gain!)
- These men, appoint over 1000’s, 100’s, 50’s and 10’s.
 - **Verse 24 (NDV) Moses [ignored] his father-in-law [because he did not want to set up an unfair, top-heavy, hierarchical pyramid!]**
 - **No, Moses LISTENED to him and did EVERYTHING he said. How needs got met!**
- Very much the same idea!
 - WSL = 1000’s, Overseeing = 100’s, Evangelist = 50’s, Bible Talk Leader = 10’s
 - **We are silent where the bible speaks**, but speak where the bible is silent.
 - The creativity in applying the **“Jethro Principle”** gives everyone an opportunity to serve!
 - Every disciple can become a Bible Talk leader! Beneficial and constructive.

(2) Take Every Opportunity To Serve!

Don't settle for mediocre! Jesus served, follow Jesus! Choose to serve!

Matt 23:11

The greatest among you will be your servant.

- Do you want to be GREAT or are you settling for mediocrity?
- Symptom of Lukewarmness? Resenting serving but thinking you're deserving. Entitlement without the sacrifice necessary to serve.
 - All manner of ways Jesus served. Literally (Physically). Emotionally. Spiritually.
 - He would meet needs and lead people to God.
 - Exactly what his disciples should do, exactly what a bible talk leader should do! (BTL = converted a couple of people that you "disciple.")

Luke 22:25-27

26 But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. 27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

- Jesus served.

Those who **refuse to lead** are inherently choosing **not to serve**. Those who **refuse to serve** are inherently choosing **not to lead**.

The opportunity to be given any one of these roles is beneficial and constructive.

(3) Discipling Is A Command of God

Matthew 28:19-20

After a person is baptized, Jesus commands that the new convert be ***“taught to obey everything [He had] commanded.”*** This is discipling!

Discipling is detailed in the “one another” passages:

- **John 13:34-35** ***“love one another,”*** If you are not working out your qualms and relationship challenges, you are not obeying God’s command of discipling. You always going to have to forgive each other! **(Matthew 6:14-15, Romans 3:23)**
- **Romans 15:14** ***“instruct one another,”*** if you are not walking in the light, you are not obeying God’s command of discipling. **1 John 5-10.**
- **James 5:16** ***“confess your sins to each other and pray for each other,”*** pray for each other!

(3) Discipling Is A Command of God

In our modern world with such busy schedules in such an individualistic and highly structured society, we have found that the only way to guarantee that every member in our congregations is being disciplined is to have structured discipling – discipleship partners.

- It has to be implemented somehow, this is how we are implementing it!
- **We are silent where the bible speaks! We need to obey these scriptures!**
- Used to be called “Prayer Partners.” “Faith mentor.”
- We can **speak where the bible is silent**, “discipleship partners!” Make it happen every week! This does not contradict scriptures but upholds them!
 - Beneficial AND constructive! **Heb 3:12-13!**

The dynamic in this relationship begins as a teacher/student relationship, and then matures to a more adult/adult relationship. Also, every member in each of our congregations is organized into Bible Talks – our practical implementation of following the example of Jesus evangelizing with His apostles.

Where The Bible Speaks We Are Silent

*Where the bible is silent, we are free to speak – so as long as what we implement/create does not go against scripture!
(Beneficial & Constructive?)*

(1) Imitate The Pattern & Build! (Phil 3:17)

- We have a pattern as movement! Sundays. Midweek's. Bible Talks. Weekly discipling. Beneficial & Constructive!

(2) Take Every Opportunity To Serve! (Phil 2:3-7)

- Bible Talk leader? Shepherd? Why should I want to be a leader? Because they are servants. Jesus came to serve. Follow Jesus! (BTL is not in the bible, but...Ex 18 show doing like this is Beneficial AND constructive!)

(3) Discipling Is A Command of God! (Matt 28:19-20)

- All need to be taught to obey! Need a consistent relationship to do so. Weekly plan keeps the saved SAVED. Healing and in the LIGHT! (Is 32:8)

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