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ST. MICHAELS CHURCH IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 103

ACTS 16: 6-15

LUKE 13:1-9

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ADVENT PREACHING SERIES: THE INVASION OF LIGHT

PART OF THE BETA-100
THE MOST IMPORTANT BIBLICAL
PASSAGES OF ALL TIME

*HELP US LORD TO BE SO CONNECTED TO YOU
THAT WE MIGHT BECOME THE SERVANTS OF OTHERS...*

*TAKE OUR LIPS AND SPEAK THROUGH THEM,
OUR MINDS AND THINK THROUGH THEM, AND TAKE OUR HEARTS, AND SET THEM ON FIRE.*

YOUR U-TURN ALLOWS GOD'S TURN

IT IS GREAT TO BE BACK FROM AFRICA,
AS MANY OF YOU KNOW,
A TEAM OF 4 OF US WERE IN BURUNDI AFRICA,
WHICH BORDERS RWANDA, TANZANIA AND THE CONGO.
THE TWO QUESTIONS I ALWAYS GET:

- WHY DID YOU GO
- WHAT DID IT ACCOMPLISH?

THE ANSWER TO THE FIRST QUESTION, WHY DID YOU GO?

THE SIMPLE ANSWER:

THE VISION OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH DEMANDS IT:

- OUR VISION...TO TRANSFORM HEARTS IN:
- THE HOME
- THE HOLY CITY
- THE HURTING COAST AND
- THE HUNGERING WORLD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

THIS IS TAKEN FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS WHEN JESUS SAYS BE MY WITNESSES IN

- JERUSALEM
- JUDEA
- SAMARIA
- AND THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.

JESUS DOESN'T SAY...

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JERUSALEM OR JUDEA OR THE END OF THE EARTH, BUT AND AND AND..

MEANING,

OUR MINISTRY HERE IN CHARLESTON NEEDS TO BE AS VITAL

AS IT IS IN BURUNDI, THE UKRAINE OR WHEREVER ELSE GOD IS LEADING US.

SCRIPTURE **AND** OUR VISION DEMAND THAT.

BUT THE SECOND QUESTION WHAT DID YOU DO?

THE SHORT ANSWER IS, WELL WE SAW HEARTS TRANSFORMED THROUGH JESUS!

THE HEARTS WE SAW TRANSFORMED SPECIFICALLY WERE THOSE CHILDREN IN ORPHANGES,

AND THE PYGMY TRIBES...THE MODERN DAY LEPERS...

THE LEAST, LAST AND LOST, THE POOREST OF THE POOR...

WE ALSO WORKED TO TRANSFORM AND ENCOURAGE THE HEARTS OF THE PASTORS THERE.

PASTORS WHO WERE TIRED,

WORN OUT AND DESPARATELY IN NEED OF HEART TRANSFORMATION!

OVER 60 PASTORS CAME TO A CONFERENCE WE HOSTED, PAID FOR AND TAUGHT IN.

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SO THE LORD DID A MAJOR WORK IN BURUNDI, BUT IT WASN'T WITHOUT ITS HUMOROUS SIDE.

I TOOK NOTE OF ALL THE STRANGE AFRICAN CUSTOMS THAT AT TIMES MADE US LAUGH, AND OTHERS LEFT US SCRATCHING OUR HEADS..

HERE ARE A COUPLE...

- **NUMBER ONE.. THERE ARE GENERALLY NO TOILET SEATS**
 - **WHICH MAKES LIFE RATHER CHALLENGING**
- **IN A SIMILAR WAY, ODDLY ENOUGH, THERE ARE NO GARBAGE CANS!**
- **AND IN THE HEAT, NO CEILING FANS!**
- **AND PERHAPS THE ODDEST THING...**
- **MEN AS A SIGN OF PURE BROTHERLY LOVE,**
- **MEN WHO ARE SIMPLY GOOD FRIENDS,**
- **HOLD HANDS IN PUBLIC! PURELY A SIGN OF FRIENDSHIP NOTHING MORE.**
 - **WHEN I WAS THERE, MY TRANSLATOR TOOK MY HAND IN HIS AND IT WAS THE MOST UNCOMFORTABLE THING,**
 - **I KEPT TAKING MY HAND OUT AND GIVING HIM THAT MANLY PAT ON THE BACK,**
 - **BUT NO, HE WOULD TAKE HIS HAND IN MINE**
- **NOW, DRIVING OVER THERE, PURELY A LABORATORY FOR CARDIAC ARREST...**
- **ONCE WE WERE DRIVING ON A MOUNTAIN ROAD, THE CAR AHEAD OF US RAN OUT OF GAS, STARTED GOING BACKWARDS, PICKED UP SPEED,**
- **MISSED OUR SIDE MIRROR BY INCHES AND FLEW OVER A CLIFF EMBANKMENT...**
- **IN FACT, THE ROADS SEEMED SO LAWLESS,**
- **PASSING PEOPLE ON CURVES,**

2. U-Turns Allow God's Turn

• **MAKING U-TURNS HERE THERE AND EVERYWHERE!**

AND THAT MY FRIENDS, IS THE THEME OF THIS LENTEN SERMON...

U-TURNS ALLOW GOD'S TURN.

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IN ACTUAL FACT, I WASN'T PLANNING ON GOING TO AFRICA IN 2010.

ST. MICHAELITE DAVID SOUTTER HAD ASKED ME TWICE TO GO LAST YEAR...I SAID:

"NO, DAVID MY SCHEDULE IS FULL, FAMILY OBLIGATIONS, FINANCIAL PRESSURE.. THIS IS NOT MY SEASON."

THEN THIS YEAR,

DAVID CAME BACK WITH THIS ZINGER...

AL, I WAS IN CHURCH LAST WEEK AND AS I PRAYED I FELT THE NEED TO SEE YOU ABOUT GOING TO BURUNDI.

BUT I DIDN'T ACT ON IT.

THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN MY PRAYER TIME, I HEARD AN AUDIBLE VOICE SAY AS CLEAR AS DAY...

**I TOLD YOU TO GO SEE AL ABOUT BURUNDI!
SO HERE I AM ACTING ON IT TRYING TO BE FAITHFUL.**

WOW, WHAT DO I DO WITH THAT?

FROM THE MOMENT DAVID WALKED INTO MY OFFICE,

GOD BEGAN HIS WORK OF MAKING THAT U-TURN HAPPEN.

THINGS BEGAN FALLING OFF MY SCHEDULE...

AND PEOPLE AROUND ME BEGAN SAYING NOT, I THINK YOU SHOULD GO TO BURUNDI, THEY SAID

"AL, YOU MUST GO..."

EVEN MY CHILDREN SAID SO!"

WELL DOGGONE IT,

NOT 8 WEEKS LATER I FOUND MYSELF IN THE MIDDLE OF A CONTINENT I HAD NEVER BEEN IN,

DOING THINGS THAT ONLY THE LORD COULD HAVE ARRANGED.

BUT THERE WAS A MOMENT,

A KEY MOMENT WHERE I REALIZED WHY THIS U-TURN HAD TO HAPPEN.

IT WAS ASH WEDNESDAY,

WE HAD JUST HAD AN AMAZING ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE ON THE TOP OF A MOUNTAIN...

SEVERAL CHILDREN WHO WALKED WITH US GAVE THEIR LIVES TO CHRIST...

BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE THAT HAPPENED THAT MADE ME REALIZE WHY THE -TURN.

WE DROVE INTO THE CAPITAL CITY OF BUJUMBURA FOR SOME GOOD OLD FASHIONED STREET PREACHING WITH OUR TRANSLATORS...

SOMETHING THAT OF COURSE, ALL EPISCOPALIANS FEEL COMFORTABLE DOING.

SO THERE WE ARE, ON THE STREETS WHEN MY TRANSLATOR ASKS A WOMAN:

CAN WE COME IN AND SHARE SOME NEWS WITH YOU?

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AS IF ALMOST EXPECTING US, THE YOUNG MOTHER SAYS COME IN.

WE GO INTO HER LITTLE HOUSE...AND BEGIN SHARING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST WITH HER.

AS WE DO IT,

OTHERS BEGIN COMING IN WANTING TO HEAR THE STORY AS WELL...

AMONG THEM IS THE YOUNG MOTHER'S ELDERLY MOTHER,

WHO WITH THE ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD GIVES HER LIFE TO CHRIST,

NOW...TAKE A MOMENT AND LOOK AT THE PICTURE INSERT IN YOUR BULLETIN. THE ELDERLY WOMAN IN THE HEAD FROCK, AFTER SHE GIVES HER LIFE TO CHRIST, HAS A REQUEST AND A QUESTION...

HER REQUEST IS...I WOULD LIKE A BIBLE IN OUR LANGUAGE OF KIRUNDI...

AND HER QUESTION IS:

WHY DID IT TAKE SO LONG FOR YOU TO GET HERE? I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS ALL MY LIFE!

IT PIERCED MY HEART...

SO OFTEN I THINK OF MISSIONS FROM MY OWN POINT OF VIEW

AND RARELY THINK

MY GOD IN HEAVEN THERE ARE PEOPLE WAITING FOR ME TO GET THERE!

I REALIZED IN THAT INSTANT WHY I NEEDED TO BE IN BURUNDI!

WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG!

OUR U-TURNS

HUMBLY ALLOW GOD'S TURN.

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AND I WONDER MY FRIENDS,

HAVE YOU EVER EXPERIENCED THIS PHENOMENON OF DISCIPLESHIP...

MAYBE LIKE ME, AND FOR REALLY GOOD REASONS THERE HAVE BEEN MORE TIMES WHERE YOU HAVE NOT ALLOWED THE U-TURN

AND SIMPLY WENT ON WITH LIFE, AND YOU STILL LIVE WITH A TWINGE OF REGRET...

PERHAPS THERE IS SOMETHING RIGHT NOW YOU KNOW YOU FEEL CALLED TO DO,

BUT IT WOULD REQUIRE SUCH A RE-WORKING OF YOUR LIFE THAT YOU JUST DON'T THINK YOU COULD SWING IT.

WELL, THAT BATTLE OF THE SOUL IS BIBLICAL.

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THIS IS PAUL'S STORY AS WELL.

FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS,

PAUL IS ON HIS SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY AND HAS HIS PLANS ALL LAID OUT...

HIS FIRST TRIP, HE CHECKS OFF

- CYPRUS
- ANTIOCH
- DERBE

LIKewise HIS SECOND JOURNEY, ALL LAID OUT...

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HE WOULD GO TO ASIA AND BYTHYNIA...

WELL, IN LIFE, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING THAT REALLY MAKES GOD LAUGH...

AND THAT'S WHEN YOU TELL HIM YOUR PLANS!

OR BETTER YET, THROUGH THE WORDS OF SOLOMON IN PROVERBS...

IN HIS HEART MAN PLANS HIS COURSE, BUT THE LORD DETERMINES HIS STEPS.

SURE ENOUGH...THE HOLY SPIRIT STEPS IN AND BASICALLY SAYS...MAKE A U TURN PAUL...

DON'T SPEAK OF GOD IN ASIA, ZIP IT PAUL...

AND PAUL GETS CONFUSED...

WAS THAT THE VOICE OF GOD?

THE VOICE OF SATAN?

HIS OWN FEARFUL HEART?

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THIS QUESTION BY THE WAY OF HOW DOES GOD GUIDE US IS THE TOPIC FOR TUESDAY NIGHT'S ALPHA CLASS,

I URGE YOU TO SIT IN ON IT.

PAUL GOES TO SLEEP WITH CONFUSION IN HIS HEART...

AND DURING THE NIGHT, HIS U-TURN IS AFFIRMED BY A MAN APPEARING TO HIM IN A VISION,

BEGGING HIM TO GO TO MACEDONIA, MODERN DAY GREECE,

TO REACH THE PEOPLE THERE INSTEAD.

THIS VISION WOULD BE THE ICING ON THE CAKE...U-TURN COMPLETE.

THAT OBEDIENCE...THAT U-TURN WOULD PRODUCE GOD'S TURN TO SHINE.

AFTER THE U-TURN,

- NOT ONE
- NOT TWO
- BUT THREE MIRACLES

WOULD HAPPEN.

3 MIRACLES IN AMAZING ORDER.

NOW I KNOW SOME OF US ROLL OUR EYEBROWS WHEN WE HEAR THE WORD MIRACLES.

I'M REMINDED OF THAT FRENCHMAN VOLTAIRE WHO SAID:

"IF I AND ONE THOUSAND MEN IN PARIS SAW A MIRACLE BEFORE OUR VERY EYES,

I WOULD RATHER DISBELIEVE OUR EYES AND THE EYES OF THE ONE THOUSAND THAN TO BELIEVE IN MIRACLES."

WE,

AS DID PAUL'S GENERATION,

LIVE IN A SKEPTICAL SOCIETY WHEN IT COMES TO MIRACLES...
BUT PAUL'S U-TURN ALLOWS THE PROFUNDITY OF GOD'S TURN!

WHAT WOULD THE MIRACLES LOOK LIKE?

5. U-Turns Allow God's Turn

WELL, PAUL ARRIVES IN MODERN DAY GREECE,
AND BECAUSE PRAYER WAS NOT ALLOWED IN THE CITY OF PHILIPPI,
THERE WAS A GROUP OF WOMEN PRAYING OUTSIDE THE CITY GATES...
YOU CAN IMAGINE,
PAUL STILL SECOND GUESSING HIMSELF...

WHAT IN THE WORLD AM I DOING HERE?

- THERE'S NO SYNAGOGUE TO PREACH IN...
- NOT EVEN A SINGLE BUILDING WHERE PRAYER IS ALLOWED...
- NO PRESTIGE OR INFLUENCE IN THE CITY,
- AND THE ONLY PEOPLE PRAYING ARE WOMEN!
- GOD YOU REALLY MESSED UP THIS TIME.

BUT LITTLE DOES PAUL KNOW THAT WITHIN THIS GROUP OF WOMEN IS ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST OF THE ANCIENT DAY.

A WOMAN NAMED LYDIA IS IN THE GROUP THAT MORNING.

HER MONEY CAME FROM THE FACT THAT SHE WAS A DEALER OF PURPLE CLOTH.

THIS PURPLE CLOTH WAS THE OFFICIAL TOGA IN ROME AND IN THE ROMAN COLONIES...

SO EXPENSIVE BECAUSE OF THE PROCESS IT REQUIRED...

AND SO RARE AND HARD TO MAKE THAT THE ROMAN EMPEROR DECREED WHO COULD WEAR IT AND WHO COULDN'T.

IN FACT, IF YOU WORE IT AND YOU WERE THE WRONG CLASS OF PEOPLE,

YOU WERE GIVEN THE DEATH PENALTY!

BUT DESPITE LYDIA'S PLACE IN THE UPPER ECHELONS OF CULTURE, SHE WAS LONELY, AND EMPTY...

WE KNOW SHE WASN'T JEWISH BY BIRTH,

BUT IN HER SEARCH FOR SOMETHING MORE, SHE SHOWS UP THAT DAY TO THE RIVER, AS DOES PAUL...

PAUL BEGINS TEACHING ABOUT JESUS CHRIST.

AS PAUL PREACHES,

THE HOLY SPIRIT OPENS LYDIA'S HEART TO RESPOND TO PAULS MESSAGE...

LYDIA TELLS PAUL I WANT GOD'S FORGIVENESS FOR MYSELF...

I DO ACCEPT JESUS AS MY LORD AND SAVIOR...

ONCE COMMITTED, SHE'S BAPTIZED...

AND NOT JUST HERSELF,

HERE IS A MIRACLE WITHIN A MIRACLE...

HER WHOLE FAMILY IS BAPTIZED!

SERVANTS...CHILDREN..

LYDIA BECOMES THE VERY FIRST CHRISTIAN CONVERT IN EUROPE!

AND BECAUSE SHE IS SO ONFIRE FOR CHRIST...

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SHE OPENS HER ENTIRE HOUSE TO PAUL AND HIS TEAM.

IN FACT, HER HOUSE BECOMES THE MEETING PLACE OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN EUROPE!

LYDIA, THE CORNERSTONE FOR THE CHURCH IN EUROPE.

REALIZE AGAIN MY FRIENDS, THE EXTENT OF THE U-TURN REQUIRED SO PAUL WOULD BE:

- AT THAT PARTICULAR PLACE
- ON THAT PARTICULAR DAY
- TO MEET WITH THAT PARTICULAR WOMAN!

CAN YOU BELIEVE THE HOOPS GOD JUMPS THROUGH TO GET PAUL THERE AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME!

U-TURNS ALLOW GOD'S TURN!

AND I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF AT THE END OF THE DAY, LYDIA LOOKED AT PAUL IN THE EYE AND SAID...

WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG TO GET HERE!

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WELL MY FRIENDS, IN TODAY'S TERMS...

WHAT'S THE APP?

WHAT'S THE APPLICATION FOR OUR LIVES?

WELL, MAYBE YOU'RE IN THAT PLACE PAUL WAS...

WONDERING WHY YOU'RE IN A PARTICULAR STATION OF LIFE...

GOD HAS DONE A U-TURN AND YOU ARE TRYING TO FIGURE IT OUT.

I THINK OF A YOUNG PRIEST WHO RIGHT AFTER HE GOT ORDAINED, GOT VERY SICK...

HE WAS ILL FOR 12 MONTHS AND AT THE TIME,

THE ILLNESS SEEMED TO BE NOTHING BUT A MISERABLE INTERRUPTION.

BUT AFTER HIS RECOVERY AND HIS MANY YEARS IN THE MINISTRY,

HE RECOGNIZED IT FOR WHAT IT REALLY WAS...

A VALUABLE PART OF HIS PREPARATION FOR PASTORAL MINISTRY!

THAT U-TURN ALLOWED GOD'S TURN IN HIS LIFE!

WE MIGHT EVEN SAY THIS OF THE GOOD FRIDAY CROSS IN JESUS.

ON THAT FIRST GOOD FRIDAY, THE CROSS MUST HAVE SEEMED SO PURPOSE-LESS..
ONLY AFTER THE STORY OF REDEEMED HUMANITY,

DID THE PURPOSE BEGIN TO REVEAL ITSELF.

AS TIME WENT ON,

IT BECAME MORE AND MORE EVIDENT THAT GOD WAS DOING HIS MASTER WORK IN RELEASING PEOPLE OF
THEIR SIN...

AND RESTORING NEW LIFE. THE U-TURN OF ALL TIME!

AND SO MY FRIENDS, IF YOU ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A U-TURN,

A U-TURN IN THE FORM OF A:

- A RELATIONSHIP,

7. U-Turns Allow God's Turn

- YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE,
- YOUR CHRISTIAN FAITH...
- YOUR MARRIAGE..

KNOW THAT JESUS CHRIST IS PROBABLY UP TO SOMETHING POWERFUL,
 I URGE YOU, ESPECIALLY IN THIS LENTEN TIME,
 TO REMAIN FAITHFUL AND QUIET THROUGH IT TO ALLOW JESUS TO SPEAK INTO YOUR LIFE.

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MY FRIENDS WHEN WE SHUT OURSELVES OFF TO GOD'S U-TURNS IN MINISTRY,
 NOT ONLY CAN IT PREVENT GOD'S BEST WORK...
 BUT AT THE SAME TIME,
 WE IN OUR MINISTRIES AND OUTLOOK,
 CAN BECOME STALE,
 AND EVEN A BIT DIS-ILLUSIONED.
 JESUS IN OUR GOSPEL FOR TODAY SAYS THOSE WHO DON'T BEAR FRUIT I WILL CUT DOWN....
 IN OTHER WORDS..

JESUS IS SAYING WE WILL BE JUDGED BY THE OPPORTUNITIES WE HAD.

ONE THEOLOGIAN WROTE THIS AT THE TURN OF THE LAST CENTURY:

WE HAVE THE POWERS OF GODS...

AND WE USE THEM LIKE IRRESPONSIBLE SCHOOLBOYS,

NEVER WAS THERE A GENERATION ENTRUSTED WITH SO MUCH AS OURS,

AND, THEREFORE,

NEVER WAS A GENERATION SO ANSWERABLE TO GOD!

AGAIN, THAT WAS WRITTEN LAST CENTURY.

THE STAKES IN DISCERNING THOSE REQUIRED U-TURNS ARE HIGH...

BUT HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

JESUS CHRIST LOVES US SO MUCH HE'S SAYING GET IN THE GAME!

BE A PART OF THE GREATEST LOVE STORY EVER TOLD!

OUR HIGHEST JOY IS WHEN THAT U-TURN IS MADE AND WE SEE WHY IN THE WORLD GOD DID IT AFTERALL!

GOD LOVES LYDIA SO MUCH HE CHANGES THE COURSE OF TIME TO SEE HER SAVED!

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AND IT HAPPENED NOT JUST TO SAVE LYDIA,

BUT AFTER LYDIA IS SAVED, THEN THROUGH PAUL,
 MORE MIRACLES HAPPEN!

- A SLAVE GIRL HEALED...
- A JAILOR AND HIS HOUSEHOLD CONVERT TO CHRIST....

ALL IN THAT ORDER WHY?

LYDIA IS ABLE THROUGH HER RESOURCES TO USE HER LARGE HOUSE AS A CHURCH—

8. U-Turns Allow God's Turn

ALLOWING THE POORER SLAVE GIRL AND JAILORS HOUSEHOLD A PLACE TO WORSHIP!

- GOD'S ORDER!
- GOD'S TIMING!
- GOD'S MIRACLES!

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WON'T IT BE AN AMAZING DAY WHEN WE GET TO HEAVEN

AND HEAR ABOUT ALL THE UNBELIEVBLE THINGS JESUS DID IN OUR LIVES UNDER THE RADAR?

HOW WE WERE GIFTED GOD'S TURN BY SOMEONE WHO MADE A U-TURN FOR US,

AND STILL TO THIS DAY WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IT!

LET'S BE A PART OF THAT LOVE STORY...

AND HERE'S HOW.

IT IS MY DREAM, AND I'M JUST GOING TO PUT IT ON THE TABLE...

MY DREAM FOR ST. MICHAEL'S IS THAT EACH ONE OF US WOULD BE GOING ON A MISSION TRIP ANNUALLY!
NOW BEFORE YOU GO INTO CARDIAC ARREST..

I'M TALKING ABOUT A MISSION DESTINATION TO ONE OF OUR 4 'H'S'...

- DOING MISSION WORK IN THE HEARTS OF OUR HOMES RIGHT HERE AT ST. MICHAEL'S..
 - THROUGH THE MARRIAGE COURSE, SUNDAY SCHOOL ETC...
- OR THE DESTINATION OF THE HOLY CITY...
 - BEING A REGULAR AT THE CRISIS SHELTER...
 - STAR GOSPEL,
 - ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL..
 - MEALS ON WHEELS!
- THE DESTINATION OF THE HURTING COAST,
 - HULLS COVE MAINE!
- OR UKRAINE, BURUNDI IN THE HUNGERING WORLD!

ROLLING UP OUR SLEEVES WILL KEEP OUR LIVES FOCUSED AS WE WITNESS THE MIRACLES OF JESUS CHRIST.

YOU SEE, ALPHA BETA GAMMA ALL EXIST FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE TO GET YOU OUT...

CONVICTING THE HEART TO MAKE A U-TURN ALLOWING GOD'S TURN!

I COULDN'T BE MORE EXCITED!

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WELL, LET ME TAKE YOU BACK TO BURUNDI A FINAL TIME...

WE HAD JUST VISITED AS A TEAM THE POOREST OF THE POOR, THE BATWA PYGMIES-

LIVING IN GRASS HUTS-

OWNING NOTHING BUT THE SHIRTS ON THEIR BACKS...

IT WAS A RATHER EMOTIONAL VISIT.

WE TURNED AROUND TO LEAVE AND WERE WALKING BACK UP A HILL WHEN ABOUT 30 CHILDREN CAME
RUNNING BEHIND US AND BEGAN SINGING!

WE MADE A U TURN...

9. U-Turns Allow God's Turn

AND AS WE DID,

AND WITH THE PUREST MOST BEAUTIFUL GLEAM IN THEIR EYES THEY SANG...

WE WERE SPELLBOUND....OUR TRANSLATOR LATER TRANSLATED THEIR WORDS...

YOU ENCOURAGED US BY BEING HERE..

THANK YOU..

JESUS LOVES US,

JESUS LOVES YOU,

COME BACK TO US SOON.

MY FRIENDS, WHERE DO YOU NEED TO MAKE A U-TURN IN YOUR LIFE?

LET US PRAY:

AMEN.

- FATHER, THERE ARE SOME OF US HERE TODAY WHO NEED TO MAKE THAT U-TURN BY ONCE AND FOR ALL SURRENDERING THEIR LIFE TO YOU...
 - SOME OF US WHO NEED A FULL SPIRITUAL MAKEOVER! AND WE INVITE YOU RIGHT NOW O LORD TO LIVE MORE DEEPLY IN US...
- OTHERS NEED TO MAKE A U TURN REGARDING THOSE HABITS WE KNOW ARE KILLING US, ALCOHOL, OR OTHER ADDICTIONS,
 - A NEEDED U-TURN TO BRING ON THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST..
- OTHERS, HERE, THERE MAYBE SOME WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED INTO LEADERSHIP, YOU'VE SAID NO, BUT YOU SENSE THE LORD PULLING A U-TURN ON THAT DECISION...
 - YOU KNOW JESUS IS UP TO SOMETHING.
 - LORD WHEREVER WE ARE, HELP US LIVE WITH A TEACHABLE HEART, SO THAT YOUR TURN, YOUR MIRACLE WOULD BECOME A REALITY IN OUR LIFE.
- AMEN.

STANDING LET'S SING #554, TIS THE GIFT..