

NOTES FROM RAY & LINETTE BOOYSEN'S TESTIMONY

Ray and Linette were married in 2010 and sensed God had called them out of the borders of SA. In 2012 they felt the call to the Middle East, which eventually became a reality the following October, after disappointments and humbling experiences. They have been in Bahrain for 9 years and have developed a love for the country and its people. They now lead a church community of 80 people from many different nations and travel around sharing the message of Jesus.

Scriptures shared:

Matthew 10:1-10 NKJV

¹And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. ²Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. ⁶But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. ⁹Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, ¹⁰nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.

We are called to go!

Matthew 6:33 NKJV

³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Seek God first; all else is counterfeit, it doesn't last! He will give you eternal treasures; treasures in heaven.

Linette shared about receiving prophetic words about your life. She cautioned people **to make sure they're hearing from God themselves**, else you can get discontented with **the mundane. And make sure you're hearing right. You may need to let go of something you're holding onto that's not from Him or not for now.** It doesn't have to be a public ministry.

Go hear from your Creator what he has called you to do. It means nothing if you're not walking in obedience now. God told her to learn to teach English because He was taking her to different countries. She now teaches Arab teenagers.

It's okay for your dreams of what you *think* God had called you to, to be shattered. Don't hold so fast to an interpretation/ your interpretation; just be obedient today.

It's the way we love each other that shows how He loves the world.

We are Called to:

1. Love God: the way we love Him shows Him to others
2. Love yourself: be reconciled to the image of God you're created in: when you surrender yourself by loving Him.
3. Love others
The way it looks depends on your environment, giftings etc. But don't wait; you're in a place right now: in a family, etc.
4. Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them....

Matthew 28:16-18

¹⁸And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

We've all been called/commissioned by Jesus to make disciples.

Jesus has invited us into relationship with him. Make him priority: above all else
Are we putting it into practice? Did you seek God first today?

Training: start with 100m. Takes persistence. The more you train the easier it becomes and the more you want to do it. Then you start to crave it. **It's the same** as spending time with Him - you begin to crave it, but takes intentionality.

He has called and commissioned us to go! Wash the feet of the person next to you... show kindness... sent to children... in your business, to show kindness, integrity etc... student do it with everything inside you. Bring hope, love, and encouragement. Disciple people even before they're Christian, so they will ask "what is this new flavour (salt)?"

How do we teach other people who don't believe?

Acts 1:8 NKJV *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

We will receive power through the Holy Spirit: He brings things to our remembrance; trust Him to speak through us. His kindness leads people to repentance.

You will be my witnesses... locally and to the ends of earth... Wherever you are.

Wherever God has placed you.

We are all connected. We are saved into the body of Christ.

In this church and community what is your role?

Each gift is given to encourage one another. We don't always feel like it, but as we pour out Holy Spirit fills us up.