



Vision Casting

The Honey Bee...

- One bee lives about six weeks.
- In its lifetime, it produces only about $\frac{1}{12}$ of a teaspoon of honey.

So how can one hive produce around 40 kg of honey a year—and still have enough to survive winter?



The background of the slide is a warm, golden-yellow image featuring a close-up of a honeycomb structure. Numerous bees are visible, some on the honeycomb cells and others in flight. In the lower-left corner, there are soft-focus images of yellow and white wildflowers. The overall lighting is bright and natural, creating a serene and industrious atmosphere.

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The Honey Bee...

**If the average life span of a honey bee is 6 weeks,
and during that life span it can collect 1/12 of a
teaspoon of honey, how can a hive produce,
on average, 40 kgs of honey a year
plus feed itself through the winter?**

#10 Spur One Another On

Mission / Commissioning

Hebrews 10:24–25 / Matthew 28:18–20

“By this everyone will know...” John
13:35

Message Series

“...By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you love one another.” John 13:35

OVERALL QUESTION:
What does love LOOK like from the outside?
How will someone see that you love one another?

 Get your journal out or your phone to take notes!

We Have Turned the Corner

We have weeded and turned over the soil.

We challenged destructive habits:
bad speech • unnecessary burdens • bitterness
• gossip • pride

Then we began growing something beautiful:
encouragement • hospitality • unity

Today: love moves outward.

Opening Prayer

Take us on a journey...

Open our hearts.

Stop us from being offended and start listening.

Help us grow.

Help us stop being spectators.

Help us become people who help others take the next step.

Help us get comfortable with being uncomfortable.

Review

Speaks life — not burning the church down.
Helps wisely — burdens and loads.
Forgives (and restores where possible).
Goes direct — talk to them, not about them.
Goes low — takes the towel - Serve.
Builds courage in others.
Makes space for people — hospitality.
Fights for unity.

Last Time



Love fights for unity.



Mature love values people above preferences.



Jesus made us one people.



Now let's live like it.

This Week's Challenge:

Who did you tell about the message?

Who helped you do the challenge?

Where did you choose people above preference?

Ice Breaker

Think Back...

Who helped you become a follower of Jesus?

What did they actually do?

Today's Big Idea

Love One Another #10

Hebrews says: “Consider how to stir up one another...”

Mature love does not leave people stuck.
It deliberately helps someone take their next obedient step toward Jesus.

One person. One next step.

Hebrews 10:24–25

24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,

25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,

and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Notice the Word

Hebrews does not say:

“Encourage someone if you happen to remember.”

It says:

“Let us consider...”

Think about it.

Notice people.

Plan to help.

Help them take the next step.

Don't Delay!

“Stir Up” / “Spur On”

The Greek noun 'paroxysmos' can mean provocation or stimulation.

Hebrews uses it positively:
toward love and good works.

Not argument.

Not pressure.

Not nagging.

Not manipulation.

But not passive silence either.

Loving provocation.

Encouragement vs Spurring

Encouragement says:
“Keep going.”

Spurring says:
“Let’s go.”

Encouragement gives courage.
Spurring gives direction.

Both are needed at the right time.

Today's Focus

Hebrews 10:24 is broader than mission.
It calls us toward all kinds of love and good works.

Today we apply that principle to one command
Jesus gave every disciple:

MAKE DISCIPLES.

Mature love asks:
“How can I help you obey Jesus?”

Matthew 28:18–20

The Great Commission

18 “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...

20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

His Authority — His Presence

Mission does not begin with our confidence.

Jesus begins:

“All authority... has been given to me.”

And He finishes:

“I am with you always.”

We go under His authority
and with His presence.

Faith Is Contagious When Obeyed

Faith that is only discussed can become stale.

Faith that is obeyed becomes visible.

When one disciple obeys Jesus,
it gives courage to another disciple to obey
Jesus too.

Obedient faith spreads courage.

Acts 1:8 — Witness Starts Close

Witnesses

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,

and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria,

and to the end of the earth.”

Mission is not only overseas.
It starts with people God has already placed near us and works outwards.

The Gospel

The Good News we received is the Good News we carry everywhere with us everywhere we go.

Our wrong doings separated us from God but...

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

(John 3:16-17)



Believe, Repent, be Baptised, and follow Jesus as our Lord.
(Acts 2:37-38)

We are saved by grace through faith —
not by our own works... (Eph 2:8–9)

This is the Good News we can share with others.

¹⁵ but in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy,
always being prepared to make a defence to anyone
who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you;
yet do it with gentleness and respect,

(1 Peter 3:15)

The World Loves Spectators

At the 2022 World Cup Final:
Only 22 players are on the field at once.
88,966 watched in the stadium.
Nearly 1.5 billion watched around the world.

The world says:
Consume. Watch. Comment. Critique.
Wait for someone else.

Jesus' Way

That same spectator mindset has crept into the Western Church.

Jesus says:
Follow Me.
Obey Me.
Love one another.
Make disciples.
Teach others to obey.

The Kingdom has no spectators.

Love Pushes Outward

Unity was not the finish line – it's the beginning!

A loving church builds courage,
makes space,
fights for unity —
and then looks outward.

Love asks:

“Who can I help take a step toward Jesus?”

Who Are You Helping Take Their Next Step?

A child?

A neighbour?

A seeker?

A new believer?

A weary Christian?

Someone who has simply stopped moving forward?

Disciple-making starts with noticing one person.

What Is Their Next Step?

Not everyone needs the same next step.
(Some have not started the journey. Others are all along the road.)

Maybe it is to:

- Hear the Good News for the first time.
- Read Scripture — and obey what they discover.
- Begin praying.
- Repent or forgive.
- Be baptised or Reconnect.
- Begin serving.

You do not have to take them ten steps.
Help them take just the next one.

Who Are You Sending?

Not necessarily overseas.
Mostly it should start at home!

Sometimes love says:
“I think you can do this.”
“Can I pray for you?”
“Tell me how it went.”

Sending can simply mean helping someone obey
Jesus where God has already placed them:

Home • Work • School • Neighbours • Family

Mission Does Not Start on a Stage

It starts at:

A kitchen table.

A hospital bed.

A school gate.

A work lunchroom.

A phone call.

A quiet conversation.

**Ordinary disciples obey Jesus
in ordinary places with ordinary people.**

Avoid the Two Ditches

✗ PUSHY PRESSURE

Guilt • manipulation • bullying • forcing

✗ COMFORTABLE SILENCE

Never challenge • never ask • never expect obedience

Neither is biblical love.

Biblical Spurring – in the middle of the road

Truth with love.

Courage with gentleness.

Challenge with support.

Model before expecting.

Obedience with grace.

Mission with prayer.

“Let’s take the next step together.”

A Church That Spurs People On

Prayer.

Simple obedience.

Encouragement.

Accountability.

Training by example.

Everyday conversations.

**Let's be a church that helps ordinary
disciples to obey Jesus.**

Diagnostic Questions

Am I mostly watching — or obeying?

Who am I helping to follow Jesus?

What next step could I help **them** take?

What next step is Jesus asking **me** to take?

Take Note



Love spurs people toward obedient discipleship.



Mature love helps one person take the next step toward Jesus.



Obedient faith gives courage to others.

Call To Action

Help ONE person take ONE step toward Jesus this week.

Ask what their next step is.
Encourage them.
Pray with them.
Help if needed.
Follow up.

ONE PERSON • ONE STEP • ONE FOLLOW-UP

Loving Accountability

Who is your ONE person?

What is their next step?

Who will ask whether you helped them?

Who will you share today's message with
who WAS NOT here?

Conclusion

A disciple of Jesus:

Speaks life.

Helps wisely.

Forgives — (and restores where possible).

Goes directly to the person.

Serves.

Builds courage.

Makes space for people.

Fights for unity.

Spurs others on to take the next step.

Final Word

Jesus sent us.

Love does not leave people stuck.

Help one person take their next step toward Jesus.

Love spurs people on.

The Journey Continues...

This series asked:

What does a disciple of Jesus LOOK like from the outside?

- How do we show love for one another?
How do we live together as His people?

Next Series — “FOLLOW ME”

Now we ask:

How does a disciple actually FOLLOW Jesus?

*We have been building the **culture**. Next, we learn to live the **mission**.*

Growing together– Going forward together

Love one another → Follow Jesus → Help others to follow Jesus

Closing Prayer

Lord, teach us to love each other like You loved us.

Help us stop being spectators.
Show us one person we can help.
Give us courage and gentleness.
Help us spur one another toward love, good works, and obedience.
Help us make Jesus known.

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