

Magnificent Obsession

The dictionary states an obsession is “an idea or feeling that completely occupies the mind.”

Paul’s obsession was “to know the love of Christ” and that he might “be filled with the fullness of Christ” so that he could impart the saving knowledge of Christ to others. “(that you may really come to know—practically, through experience for yourself—the love of Christ...that you may be filled (through all your being) unto the fullness of God...” (Ephesians 3: 19, AMP).

Spirit filled Christians need to seek and have the same obsession. It is the only way to be used in the restoration of fallen creation. The needs of the world around us are acute, and without the “fulness of God” resident in our lives, we are powerless to do anything about it. People need to know the healing touch of God, they need, desperately need to know Christ’s deliverance in their lives. Oh! That we would be obsessed with the desire to be like Peter and John. As they approached the temple at Jerusalem at the time of prayer, they saw a cripple sitting at the Gate Beautiful, and because of their obsession of being filled with the Spirit, Peter simply said to him, “look on us...what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise and walk” (Acts 3, NKJV). Oh! To be “filled with all the fullness of God.”

Are we possessed with this magnificent obsession to willingly give ourselves to ministering to the spiritually destitute around us? Paul made a passionate statement, “...I count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord...and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness...but...the righteousness which is from God by faith” (Philippians 3: 8-9, NKJV). Paul wanted Christ for Christ’s sake, not for his own sake. He was a lover of God. And whether he moved in Christ’s resurrection power or as stretched to his last ounce of endurance, it mattered little. For him, it was all a part of the most fulfilling journey of all; truly knowing God, and of being an instrument of imparting the love and delivering power of God to a lost and dying world. He was possessed with a Magnificent Obsession! (Kingdom Dynamics, NKJV).

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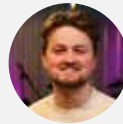
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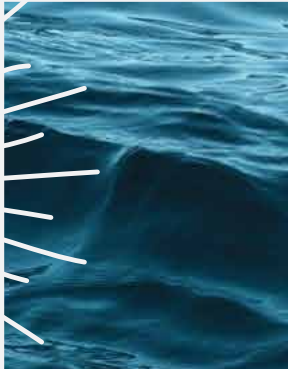
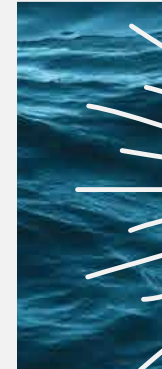
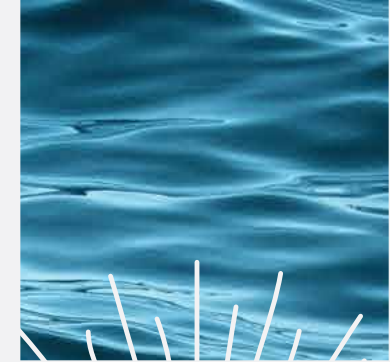
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