

Direction for My Ministry: "Communication"

I taught the colt breaking classes at MSU, and the biggest limiting factor I dealt with teaching students, was to try to get them to “feel” and communicate with the horse. I could tell them step by step what they needed to do, show them what to do, but ultimately it was between them and the horse. My goal for the class was to help them “feel” of the horse. If they could “feel” of the horse, they could learn to communicate with the horse, and with time and hard work, they could experience perfection and work toward true unity with their horse.

The biggest limiting factor in communicating with our horse is not being able to experience “feel.” The biggest limiting factor in communicating with God is not being able to experience the power of the Holy Spirit. The focus of my class was communicating with the horse, and the focus of my ministry is communicating with God. I believe that God uses people in different ways. The Lord showed me a picture once, of how He uses His disciples.

As I was praying once, I saw myself on top of a globe in a group huddle with Jesus and many of His disciples. When the huddle broke, we all separated and each person went a separate way. We fanned out and covered the entire the Globe. The Lord showed me that if we all went along the same path, we would not reach everyone in the world. However, by each of us going a different route, we were able to cover the entire globe. Different people are called to reach others in different ways. The direction that the Lord has given me is to help people communicate with God by helping them communicate with their horse. The focus of my ministry is to not only teach people about God, but to help people communicate with God. I received direction for my ministry through a vision that the Lord gave me.

As I was praying once, the Lord showed me a picture of me at the house I grew up in at Homedale, Idaho. Growing up we always had tons of horses and they were always getting out. They would get out of the pens or pastures behind our house, travel through our driveway, by our house and onto a busy highway. We would go running around them on horseback, on foot, in a pickup, or however else we could, to try to push them back down the driveway and into a corral. Once they were in a corral, we could catch them and put them back into the pens where they belonged.

In the vision I saw the same scenario. The horses had gotten out and I tried to run around them. I ran down the road and eventually got around them. When a horse gets out, they are usually buzzed up wanting to run and play, and it is usually hard to keep them from running the opposite direction from where you are standing. Horses are very easy to move, sometimes too easy.

However, as I started to drive them back to the house, they started turning into calves and eventually sheep that were all balled up and wouldn't move at all. They formed a huge ball right in the middle of the highway and I could not drive them anywhere. I wanted to get them off the road so a car or pickup did not fly down the road and hit one of them. I was concerned for their

safety and did not want any casualties.

During the transformation from horses to sheep, I tried to push one of the calves to try to get it to move. The calf did not want to be touched and kicked at me. The more I pushed the calves, the faster they turned into sheep. I had a whip in my hand and started cracking the whip for all I was worth. I was trying to get them off the road as quickly as I could. I cracked my whip until I cracked off the popper. The popper creates the noise coming from the whip and once I had cracked it off, the whip had no effect. After struggling with the sheep for all I was worth, I was beginning to get worn out. I quit pushing and looked up for a minute exhausted and out of options.

When I looked up, I saw a man running towards me from a house that sat right next to the road that all the sheep were on. He told me we could push them into some pens that he had at his house. He had feed and water that we could give them, and they would be safe from the dangers on the road. He said that there were too many to move them all at once. After they had gotten some food and water, and had calmed down, we could take them over in little bunches and with better control. In the little bunches, they wouldn't get balled up again and get lost and frustrated.

As we began to push them off the road, I heard some people talking about me in the distance. They were commenting on how loud and effective the crack of my whip used to be. The crack used to come out of nowhere and be so loud that it sounded like a rifle shot. The crack would get everyone's attention wondering where the loud noise came from. When I used to crack my whip, I would not crack it very often, but when I did, it would startle the animals and they would flee. However, the people were commenting on how I had been so aggressive with my whip that it lost its power and the animals became numb to it.

The Lord showed me that the pasture symbolized the kingdom of heaven. This is where we belong and this is where God wants us all to return. Adam and Eve had a close and intimate relationship with God in the Garden of Eden. They were safe and secure in the presence of God and did not have to fear death and suffering. They were safe until Satan opened the gate to paradise and ran mankind out onto the busy road to fear suffering and death.

When we are born into this world, we are born onto a busy road, into a world of sin. God loves His children and it is not His will that any should perish, **“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9)**. God wants to gather all His children into His presence and take them to safety in the kingdom of heaven, **“I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:9-11)**. It is the job of Christians to gather as many of God's lost sheep stranded on the road and lead them to safety in God's Kingdom.

The Lord showed me in the vision that I need to be careful that I do not try to push His lost sheep too hard or they will become numb to my voice, confused, and resistant. The animals made a transformation from free-moving horses to balled-up sheep. Often the harder we try to

push a lost soul, the quicker they make this transformation. Animals are just like people. The more we try to push them without it being their idea, they shut down, or they get on the fight. Either way we are unable to move them.

The Lord showed me I do not need to get into philosophical and religious debates trying to persuade and push people into the Kingdom of God. I need to be patient and wait, and speak when the Holy Spirit gives me a word to say to someone. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, my words will be like the sound of a rifle crack coming off a whip. When a whip is cracked in the mountains, the sound echoes back and forth off the mountains, enhancing the volume and giving power to the initial crack. The same thing takes place when a person speaks the words given to them by the Holy Spirit. The words bounce back and forth off the person's heart returning with greater volume. The Lord showed me I need to be careful that I do not try to force the whip to crack, to make a loud noise, or pretty soon I will crack off the popper and it will have no effect. I will then no longer have the echo from the mountains and the roaring sound of a 30-30. Instead my words will sound like a measly pellet gun going off.

The man, whose house I pushed the sheep to, was the Holy Spirit. He was able to offer the lost and confused sheep safety, comfort, and nourishment. The Lord showed me that it is not my job to try to drive people back to the Kingdom of God, but only to introduce them to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is able to comfort them and offer them nourishment. Then with the help of the Holy Spirit, I can try to lead them back to God's Kingdom. The Holy Spirit is called the comforter, **"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26 KJV)**. The Holy Spirit begins to soften their heart giving them comfort like they have never felt. Once the Holy Spirit has softened their heart and prepared their heart to hear, then the words that the Lord gives me will cut right through their heart, changing their lives, **"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12)**.

I will give you an example of the power of the "Comforter" by using an analogy of loading a horse in a trailer for the first time. Often when a person tries to load a horse into a trailer for the first time the horse will feel confined, threatened, and unsure. If too much pressure is put on by the person leading the horse, the horse will pull away and try to run from the trailer. Many times when a person leads a horse up to a trailer the first time, they will come up to it fine. They will come right up next to it and then stop to check it out. This is where lots of people make a mistake. When the horse hesitates, the person tries to pull the horse into the trailer. The horse does not trust the trailer and when the lead rope becomes tight, the horse feels confined and pulls back trying to get away. Where people make the mistake is whenever the horse gets close to the trailer, the person tries to hurry up and pull the horse into the trailer. Eventually the horse learns that the closer they get to the trailer, the more pressure is put on them, and eventually the horse will go nowhere near the trailer.

Under a different scenario, instead of 1 person trying to lead the horse into the trailer, 2 people are working together. One person leads the horse and the other person drives the horse

from behind. All the person leading the horse tries to do is to keep the horse pointed to the trailer and the person behind does all the work. Whenever the horse is looking or thinking about the trailer, the horse feels comfort, and whenever the horse is looking or thinking somewhere else, the person behind puts pressure on the horse. Eventually the horse will decide that it is more comfortable to be looking and thinking about the trailer, and will eventually jump in the trailer for comfort and relief.

The trailer symbolizes the church. It appears to have constraints, to be confining and is very intimidating to a horse with lots of self-preservation or a person living a worldly life. The person leading the horse is us. We try to lead people to the church, a trailer that is trying to haul people to the Kingdom of God. The focus of the church should be Jesus Christ, the only way to heaven. He is the cornerstone on which every church should be built. The truck pulling the trailer is our heavenly Father. He pulls us out of the valleys and over the mountaintops, to His Kingdom up above. The person driving from behind is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit offers comfort and relief. Whenever our focus is on Jesus Christ (the trailer) we experience pure peace and joy, drawing us deeper into Him. The only thing we can do is lead people to the trailer (Christ). It is up to the Holy Spirit to do the rest.

How the horse views the trailer all depends on our approach to the trailer. If, as the horse gets closer, he experiences relief, he will want to jump in. However, if as he gets closer, he feels pressure, he will want to run away. When we bring people to church, if we start pulling on them telling them what they must do and how they must do it, they will pull back and want nothing to do with church ever again. However, when we lead people to church, if they are drawn in by the Holy Spirit, and see Jesus Christ and experience comfort and relief, they will jump into the trailer accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and it will be hard to keep them from the comfort and peace they experience in Him.

Revelations About Teaching

The Lord showed me once that trying to teach somebody that does not want to be taught, is like trying to feed a baby calf that does not want to drink from a bottle. We can try to force them to drink the milk. We can put the nipple in their mouth, and pump the milk down their throat. However, if the calf has decided he does not want to drink the milk, all he has to do is not swallow. The more we fight with the calf, the more resentful he becomes and he wants nothing to do with us. The calf may be dying and in desperate need of the milk, but if the calf will not swallow the milk, we cannot force him to drink from the bottle. Sometimes we just need to be more patient and give the calf more time. Other times we have to take the calf off all food and water and nearly starve and thirst the calf to death, until he will finally drink. Then when he has nothing left, he will begin to drink the milk.

The same thing is true with people. When they have become hungry and thirsty enough, they will finally drink. However, until they have reached that point, much like the calf, the more we try to force them to drink, the more resentful they become. Sometimes they have to reach rock bottom before they are willing to listen. The very sad reality is, sometimes baby calves die because they will not drink. Sometimes people go to hell, or never grow to know God, because they will not listen to the truth. **“I am come that they might have life, and that they might**

have it more abundantly (John 10:10). The “life” comes from accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and the “more abundantly” comes from the Holy Spirit.

The Lord showed me that presenting the Holy Spirit to Christians is like presenting a bucket of grain to a colt. Christian churches believe in the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. However, there are many denominations within the Christian church. The primary reasons there are so many denominations are inter-related; how they worship God and their belief in the Holy Spirit. This is why God has shown me to present the Holy Spirit like a bucket of grain. How people perceive the Holy Spirit is largely based on the doctrine of the church they attend. Some churches are very charismatic and some churches are more conservative. There are going to be differences in how we worship the Lord. If there were differences among the twelve disciples, then we can expect differences among ourselves. However, many times head knowledge and doctrine get in the way of a heart change and experiencing the Holy Spirit.

This is why the Lord showed me to present the Holy Spirit to people like a bucket of grain, let them taste Him and experience His goodness. Once they have experienced Him, and the Holy Spirit has touched their heart giving them confidence in Him, then we can discuss doctrines. Then we can try to discuss things they may not have believed before. Like a colt, once they have experienced the goodness of the grain, then the more we move towards them, we will not scare them away. However, if as soon as they get close to the grain and think about taking a bite, we start moving quickly, we ignite their self-preservation. We will often scare them away.

I have often done this with people. Instead of telling of my experiences and sitting back and letting them taste of the Holy Spirit on their own, as soon as they get close, I try to reach out and touch them. I try to help them just a little bit more. I keep saying little things to try and help them experience the Lord. I get so excited and instead of being still, speaking only the words that the Lord has given to me to speak, I start babbling along and pushing them way too much. Eventually, just like a man that is moving too much when a colt is coming up for the first time to get a bite of grain, I scare them away.

I am definitely a charismatic Christian. However, I need to be careful that I am speaking only the words the Lord has given me concerning the Holy Spirit and not speaking my own words out of excitement. If I am talking too much and not speaking only the words that the Spirit has given me, then I may say something that does not line up with their doctrine, **“But avoid foolish questions and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain (Titus 3:9)”** and like the man moving the grain bucket, scare them off. **“My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ” (Colossians 2:2).** There is unity in Christ and all are united in the presence of God. **“Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling” (Ephesians 4:3-4 KJV).** It is important that we do not get into religious debates, but get into the presence of God, and the Holy Spirit will work out all the differences, **“Let us therefore, as many as be perfect be thus minded; and if anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you” (Philippians 3:15 KJV).** There is only perfection in Christ Jesus. If we are in Christ we are no longer in ourselves and there will be no more division.

