## Making a Splash for God!

*<u>Illus</u>*: What is your Top 5 Favorite Movies?

John Wayne: QuietMan, BigJake,

Clint Eastwood: Where Eagles Dare, Kelly's heroes

In Forest Gump, the Main Character asks a question: "Are we just a feather floating on the wind, or do we have a Destiny?"

God says: "I have Plans for you!" (Jer 29:11) For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

- He had us in mind before He created the World.

(Eph 1:4-9) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: (5)

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, (6) To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. (7) In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; (8) Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; (9) Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

- He's already invested too much in you to quit now. (Phil 1:6) Being confident of this very thing, that <u>he</u> which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

## - You are God's Masterpiece!

(Eph 2:10) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus <u>unto good works</u>, which God hath <u>before ordained</u> that we should walk in them.

## I want my life to count for something!

<u>Illus</u>: Is that what you want? Same-O, Same-O-Life?

<u>Illus</u>: How most people get into a pool! Adults: Toe First, then foot, etc.

*Kids: How we should do it – CANNONBALL!* 

# We only get one splash in this world, let's make it a big one!

<u>Illus</u>: Imagine if there were no edges to the pool, the ripples would keep going.

The Tsunami in SE. Asia touched the entire Indian Ocean basin.

Illus: Our Splash needs to ripple over on to others!

Illus: Ripples we made at Hillcrest are still going!

Reached Michael Neff - Our Missionary to El Paso

Fernie Padilla - Our Missionary to Germany

Ed Taylor - A Missionary to Germany.

Jolanda Lewis, daughter Starlin Billadew

#### Each life effects another & it should.

I still hear of kids that are faithful now, that I had only met a couple of times, but someone else has gotten them in.

# Investing in souls is a wise investment. It will bring back eternal dividends.

(Mark 8:35) For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

## **Purposeful Persistence Pays Off:**

(Matt 15:21-28) She wasn't going to quit till she got what she wanted.

We need to Bug Jesus about our lost friends/family. (Tit 1:16) Are We Christian in NAME Only? Then we Are to Be Fulfilling our Purpose!

### **Start with our Family:**

(1 Tim 5:8) We Are to Provide for Our own!

**Philipian Jailor** brought the gospel home: (Acts 16:25-33)

Rahab brought the gospel Home: (Josh 6:17,23,25)

**Andrew:** (Jn 1:40-41)

Cornelius brought the Gospel home & invited his extended family & friends: (Acts 10:1, 5-6, 24)

Lydia brought the Gospel Home: (Acts 16:12-15)

**Richman wanted too:** (Lk 16:27-28) He Thought of others, but it was too late.

(2 Cor 12:14) Lay up for the Children a Heritage. David had a Desire for His kids. (1 Chron 28:1-8) (1 Chron 29:1-5)

## Every person Here has a sphere of Influence Jesus found Phillip-Philip found Nathaniel (Jn 1:43-46)

- **1. Lets Map out our Sphere of Influence.** Create a Sweetheart List. Ask God for 7 names.
- **2.** Let's involve others in prayer & Visitation Pray FOR them & Connect WITH them.
- **3. Let's Plan to touch there life regularly** (7 different touches) Notes, Cards, Texts, Social Gatherings that include other Christians
- 4. Let's get them the gospel 3 Times:(3 Hear) Get them in front of the Gospel!A Christian Movie, a Book, a Post, Church Activity

Are You here to Float, or do you have a Purpose? What kind of a Splash are you making for Christ Who are you rippling on for Christ!