

The Redemptive Classroom – Teaching Like the Master

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Our Thesis: *The ultimate goal of Christian education is not merely academic excellence—it is redemption. And the blueprint for achieving that eternal goal is the everyday methodology of Jesus Christ, the Master Teacher.*

Sermon Audience: God's children are all called to teach of His amazing love. While this sermon will speak directly to the teachers of our school, it is a call to us all.

PART ONE — THE GRAND CALLING

God's Word tells us teaching was never meant to be confined to one building or one hour a week:

“And these words which I command you today shall be in your _____. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”— Deuteronomy 6:6–7, NKJV

“To restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created, to promote the development of body, mind, and soul, that the divine purpose in his creation might be realized—this was to be the work of _____. This is the object of education, the great object of life.”

— Education, p. 15

THE FOUR METHODS OF THE MASTER TEACHER

1. Proximity & Sympathy (Mark 6:34 · John 4)

Compassion precedes instruction. Jesus stepped into the mess of daily life before He ever taught a lesson.

“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some _____.”

— **Mark 6:31, NKJV**

“And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with _____ for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.”

— **Mark 6:34, NKJV**

“Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their _____. Then He bade them, ‘Follow Me.’”

— **The Ministry of Healing, p. 143**

2. Cultivating Slow Growth (Matthew 13 · Mark 4)

Trusting the process even when you cannot see it.

“The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter _____ on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how.”

— **Mark 4:26–27, NKJV**

3. The Ordinary Made Eternal (Luke 15)

Seeds. Coins. Lost sheep. Fig trees. Jesus took the ordinary things His students saw every day and used them to reveal the heart of heaven — like the woman in Luke 15 sweeping her whole house by lamplight, searching for one lost coin.

4. Seeing the Divine Potential (Luke 5 · Luke 19)

Peter the fisherman. Zacchaeus in the tree. Jesus taught people based on who they were becoming, not just who they were in the moment.

“Today _____ has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”— Luke 19:9–10, NKJV

A Quick Recap — Four Methods, One Master



OUR SCHOOL'S VERSE FOR THE YEAR

“For by _____ you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.”— Ephesians 2:8, NKJV

These four methods are not a performance review. They are a description of grace already at work through you.

PART THREE — THE SUSTAINING GRACE

Living out these methods faithfully will cost you something. Think of the prophet Elijah in 1 Kings 19, collapsed under a broom tree after his greatest spiritual victory, asking to die. God did not rebuke him.

“Arise and eat... Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for_____.” — 1 Kings 19:5, 7, NKJV

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

“Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD shall renew their _____; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

— Isaiah 40:30–31, NKJV

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose _____.” — Galatians 6:9, NKJV

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in _____ in the Lord.” — 1 Corinthians 15:58, NKJV

This Week's Homework:

1. Commit to pray for each teacher and school staff member by name throughout this year.
2. If you are a teacher or staff member – Commit to spend time with God to draw from His strength and not your own
3. Everyone – Commit to use Christ’s methods of Education.