MAKE ME A SERVANT

Text: Philippians 2:5-11
Intro: We were saved to serve the Lord. Romans 12:1; Matthew 6:33 - We are to lead others to Christ and encourage the saved and help them to understand the Word of God. God calls some men to preach. God calls on all of His children to minister to others. We are to be the servants of the Lord and as His servants we are to help people around us. Our desire and prayer should be, "Lord, make me a servant." This life will soon be over. What really matters is what you have done for the Lord.

I. MAKE ME A HUMBLE SERVANT.

A. The mind of Christ
   1. Jesus invites people to come to Him and refers to Himself as meek and lowly - Matthew 11:28-30. These are the characteristics of a servant. Jesus expressed this as He washed the feet of the disciples.
   2. Paul tells us to have the mind of Christ. Phil. 2:5. He tells us what the mind of Christ is.
   3. Jesus did not seek to make a reputation. He was made in the likeness of man. Jesus took on the form of a servant. He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death. Phil. 2:6-8
   4. The servant of the Lord must have the mind of Christ in order to be a servant.

B. The Master of compassion
   1. He had compassion for the hungry and hurting. Jesus is our example of compassion. His heart went out to people in their circumstances.
   2. He had compassion for those scattered and straying. Matt. 9:36-38. He had feelings of care and concern for those in need.
   3. He had compassion for the sick and the sinful. Much of His ministry was ministering to those who were sick. He healed many of their diseases and deformities.
   4. He had compassion for the blind and blundering. He who gives sight felt for those who had none and gave sight to the blind.

C. The ministering of charity
   1. Loving the Lord will always manifest itself with charity toward people. Study what Jesus said in John 13:34,35. God’s love demonstrated in our lives gives evidence that we are His disciples.
   2. Jesus accuses a church of leaving her first love. Revelation 2:4. The first love is the Lord. Even a church can allow her love for the Lord to grow cold.
   3. When love is lacking, people will not minister to those around them. There will not be a heart of a servant in us.
   4. True divine love will always serve others and seek to minister to others.

II. MAKE ME A HOLY SERVANT.

A. The conviction of the Spirit
   1. The Holy Spirit will reprove the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. John 16:7-11
   2. The Spirit will convict the people of God of sin, righteousness, and judgment to come.
   3. He convicts us of what we are doing that is wrong and what we aren’t doing that is right.
   4. Peter tells us to be holy as the Lord is holy. I Peter 1:15,16. We are to be holy in all manner of conversation or conduct and behaviour.

B. The confession of sin
   1. There is a sobering fact in I John 1:8-10. John is writing to saved people. We have sinned. We do sin. We shall sin.
2. There is a blessed promise in I John 1:9. If we confess our sins the Lord is faithful and just to forgive us.

3. Confession of sin is being broken hearted over our sins against God. It is a broken and contrite heart. Psalm 51:17

4. Some think confession is just being sorry you got caught or you are sorry about the mess your life is in. True confession is expressing our sorrow over the fact we have sinned against God.

C. The cleansing of the saved

1. As we confess, the Lord will forgive. He will also cleanse us of sin. Only the Lord can cleanse of sin.

2. When He forges of sin, He takes the sin out of us. We stand as though we had not sinned against Him.

3. When our sins are forgiven we are joyful and peaceful in the Lord. This is what David was praying for in Psalm 51:12,13. Sin robs us of joy, but confession of sin restores the joy.

4. It is a wonderful blessing to be cleansed of sin. Sin will cause a lot of damage and destruction and division in life.

III. MAKE ME A HAPPY SERVANT.

A. The pleasing God

1. Paul sought to please God, not man. I Thess. 2:4. We are to do all to the glory of God. I Cor. 10:31

2. Saved slaves were to be obedient to their masters as the servants of Christ. They were to do the will of God from the heart. Eph. 6:6

3. You can only be happy as you please God. Read and obey His Word and you will be happy.

4. One song goes, "Nothing between my soul and the Saviour." A happy servant is striving to do the will of His heavenly Father. When we please Him, we will be happy.

B. The perception of grace

1. Paul wanted to know Jesus more intimately in Philippians 3:10.

2. He wanted to experience the power of the resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings.

3. To experience the power of the resurrection we must die to self. To experience the fellowship of His sufferings, we must suffer.

4. The way to happiness is to experience a closer walk with the Lord. If this is what you want, you must be willing to pay the cost and the price for it.

C. The principle of gratitude

1. We are to rejoice in the Lord always. Philippians 4:4. We may not rejoice in the circumstances, but we can rejoice in the Lord.

2. We are to give thanks for all things always. Ephesians 5:20 I believe this Scripture. It is very difficult to do what it teaches us to. When we are grateful, it will become easier.

3. The attitude of gratitude is greatly needed by the Lord's people.

4. I ask one lady, "How are you doing today?" Her reply was, "I am blessed." I am blessed every day all day long.

IV. MAKE ME A HARMONIOUS SERVANT.

A. Harmony with the Master

1. The way to be in harmony with the Master is to walk in the light as He is in the light. I John 1:7

2. You should be saved, baptized, a church member, and a worker for the Lord. This is very basic and true.

3. Pray often, study often, and obey often. The Spirit of God will move upon you, be sensitive to His dealings.

4. Paul teaches us to prove the good, acceptable, and perfect will of the God. Romans 12:2

B. Harmony in mind

1. The mind and its function can and will affect every area of your life.

2. Peace of mind is greatly needed by the Lord's people. When we have peace of heart and mind, we will be peaceful.

3. Study what Paul said in Phil. 4:7,8. You will be thinking about something.

4. It is possible for a saved person to not have any peace of mind. Jesus has left His peace for us. John 16:33. This does not mean that we will experience it.

C. Harmony with man

1. The golden rule is still the best one to live by. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

2. Treat others the same way you want to be treated. Some even say, "Do unto others before they do unto you." This is man's way, not God's way.

3. Paul wrote, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." Romans 12:18

4. When we are right with the Lord, we will want to be right with mankind. When we are not trying to be right with our fellow man, we will not feel right with the Lord.

V. MAKE ME A HELPFUL SERVANT.

A. Help the lost sinner.


2. The lost are blinded by the Devil. II Cor. 4:3,4 The Holy Spirit will dispel the darkness as we speak the light of God's Word.
3. Live a godly life. Talk a godly language. Speak about godly things. Give your testimony about the Lord and what He has done and is doing in your life.

4. Take every opportunity that you have to help the lost come to know Jesus as Saviour. There are some people that you can reach. They will listen to you.

B. Help the lingering saved.

1. So many of God’s people have gotten out of the way. One man said during a testimonial meeting, “I have been a christian off and on for 40 years.”

2. They as Demas have gone back out into the world. They are saved, but they aren’t serving the Lord. The Lord has fixed us good. We can’t be happy in the world and we can’t be happy with the world in us.

3. The world is influencing too many of the Lord’s people. We may tolerate or go along with a lot of worldly things that we should not.

4. God give us the grace and love to minister to the saved who need to get back into the way.

C. Help the longing servant.

1. It is getting tougher all the time to live for the Lord. The mental and emotional load gets so heavy at times it is unbearable.

2. We need to encourage one another more and more. Hebrews 10:25. The closer we get to His return the more we need to encourage one another.

3. Send a card. Make a call. Make a visit. We can give strength and encouragement to one another. We must make that personal contact with people.

4. Offer someone a helping hand today. You may need one tomorrow. All of us need to learn and practice the art of encouraging others for the sake of the Lord and His service.

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"THERE, SAMUEL."  I SAMUEL 7:17

INTRODUCTION: In our text, the word "THERE" is prominent. It says that Samuel returned to Ramah, which means "HEIGHT." He returned to a high point. This reminded me of a return or revival for a child of God. It then states that THERE was his home, THERE he judged Israel, and THERE he built an altar to God. Each of these things impressed me with certain aspects in the life of the child of God. It speaks of our responsibility in our home life, our service, and our dedication to God.

I. "HIS RETURN WAS TO RAMAH (HEIGHT) = REVIVAL

A. SINCERE DEMAND. II CHRON. 7:14.
C. SINCERE DEVOTION. JAMES 4:8-10.
D. SINCERE DESIRE. Psa. 5:7-12.

II. "THERE WAS HIS HOUSE" = (DWELLING)

A. PROPER COMMITMENT. JOSHE. 24:15.
B. PROPER CONVICTION. I COR. 3:16.
C. PROPER COMPREHENSION. EXOD. 5:22-25.
E. PROPER CONSTRUCTION. HABB. 2:14-25.

III. "THERE HE JUDGED ISRAEL" = (GOD’S SPEAKMAN)

A. PREACHING OF THE WORD. II TIM. 4:8.
B. POWER OF THE WORD. HEB. 4:12.
C. PERCEPTION OF THE WORD. ISA. 55:11.
D. POTENTIAL OF THE WORD. II TIM. 3:16-17.

IV. "THERE HE BUILT AN ALTAR TO GOD" (WORSHIP)

C. PRIORITY OF WORSHIP. MAT. 6:33.

V. SUMMARY:

A. SAMUEL RETURNED TO RAMAH. THE CHILD OF GOD NEEDS TO RETURN TO THE HIGH POINT OF REVIVAL.
B. THERE WAS HIS HOUSE = OUR DWELLING OUGHT TO BE AT THE HIGH POINT OF REVIVAL.
C. THERE HE JUDGED ISRAEL. = HE WAS GOD’S SPEAKMAN.
D. THERE HE BUILT AN ALTAR. = HE WOULD BE AT THE HIGH POINT OF REVIVAL TO WORSHIP THE LORD PROPERLY.

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GUIDELINES FOR CHURCH MEMBERS (M)

Introduction:
A. The MESSAGE of CALVARY ought to stimulate us into action for our Lord.
B. The MARVEL of the CONSUMMATION of our redemption ought to stir us or encourage us to pursue relentlessly His purpose for our lives.
C. The MEANINGFULNESS of the CHURCH is connected with the members of that church co-operating with the Lord. Good Church members will be ---

I. MEEK!
A. VERIFIED
   1. Matthew 5:5
   2. Ephesians 4:2
B. VIEWED
   1. The MEANING of the term.
      a. Meekness means to show patience, humility, and gentleness.
      b. It embraces a conscious decision to not be assertive.
      c. It is strength under control. Numbers 12:3
   2. The MANIFESTATION of meekness.
      a. In our Christian MANNERS James 3:13
      b. In our Christian MARRIAGE I Peter 2:21-3:13
      c. In our Christian MINISTRY.
         1. Area of REBUKE. I Corinthians 4:21
         2. Area of RESTORATION Galatians 6:1
         3. Area of RECONCILIATION II Timothy 2:25
II. MEMBERS!
A. This deals with the development of the correct mental outlook. Rom. 12:4,5
B. This embraces
   1. Recognition of the fact that we are a part of the body.
   2. Respect for others and their God given abilities or talents within the body of the local church.
III. MERCIFUL!
A. The DEFINEMENT of the term - Mercy means to be kind and compassionate - it means to be benevolent and forgiving.
B. The DIVINE declaration
   1. Matthew 5:4
   2. Luke 6:36
C. The DIRE need of this element.

1. Ye reap what you sow.
2. Illustration - the importance of you and I learning how to forgive others. Matthew 6:14,15

IV. MINISTERS!
A. The EXHORTATION - I Peter 4:10
B. The ENLIGHTENMENT - Hebrews 6:10

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ALEPH: TRUE TO THE BIBLE

Text: Psalm 119:1-8

I. INTRODUCTION
A. Psalm 119
   1. The longest "chapter" division in the Bible.
   2. An acrostic, alphabetical, psalm, having eight verses to each of 22 Hebrew letters.
   3. Every verse, except 122, has a word that refers to God's Word; as law, word(s), ordinances, commandments, precepts, testimonies, statutes, judgements, ways.
   4. Reference is made to Jehovah, the Lord 22 times.

B. Its intent
   1. Popular instruction, perhaps after return from exile.
   2. Starkie: "When we have God as our Teacher and the Holy Spirit as our Guide, we learn Divine things aight."
   3. Matthew Henry: "It will not serve us to make religion the subject of our talk, but we must make it the rule of our walk."
   4. In Aleph we have:
      a. Blessedness ascribed.
      b. Commandment stated.
      c. Longing Expressed.
      d. Promise made.

II. MAIN BODY
A. Ascription of Blessedness, Vs. 1,2
   1. A double ascription
   2. Those who are blameless in the way walk in God's law.
   3. They who keep His testimonies seek Him with all their heart.
   4. Emphasis: A sure way to please God is to know the Bible and to live according to it. Isa. 8:19,20

B. Statement of Command, Vs. 3,4
   1. Iniquity is escaped by walking in the Lord's ways.
   2. This is what the Lord has commanded us to do, diligently.
   3. Such necessarily involves the atonement of Christ.
4. Emphasis: All men are commanded to repent, the message of God’s Word. Acts 17:30, 31

C. Expression of Longing, Vs. 5, 6
1. "My ways" are contrary to God’s ways.
2. "My ways" make me ashamed.
3. I escape shame only by respecting the commandment of God.
4. Emphasis: "My ways" can be acceptable only when they are God’s ways. Isa. 55:6-9

D. Promise Made, Vs. 7, 8
1. To praise God with upright heart.
2. Comes by knowing His righteous judgments.
3. A plea for God’s help. Psalm 51:11
4. Emphasis: All our promises notwithstanding, we shall fail without God with us. Hebrews 13:5, 6

III. CONCLUSION
1. Read the Bible. Study it.
2. Meditate on the Bible, think about it.
3. Practice the Bible, regulate your life according to its precepts.
4. Thus we keep in the favor of God.

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THE UNTHINKABLE

Text: I Kings 3:16-28

INTRODUCTION: King Solomon suggested the unthinkable. The mother responded in an understandable way. Simple justice was done: the child was returned to its mother.

A. We have come a long way from simple justice these days.
B. We have come a long way from simple motives and reasonable reactions.
C. We have come a long way from what was unthinkable.
1. Today there are street gangs that do unthinkable things.
2. One must kill to join.
3. "Roll the dice" for girls to determine the number of boys they must sleep with to enter a gang.
4. Open and unashamed promiscuity, once unthinkable.
5. Open and unashamed homosexuality, once unthinkable.
7. Children’s games of graphic slaughter and demonic role playing. (Dungeons and dragons; Mortal Kombat)
8. Parents killing their own children!
   a. In the past two weeks, three mothers have been charged with murder of their own children (Dallas Morning News, 11-5-94).
   b. South Florida – 7 year old Pauline Zile was beaten to death by stepfather, mother covered for him.
   c. San Jacinto, Calif.–9 year old Susanna; 8 year old Vicente; 4 year old Diedra were all killed by their mother.
   d. Union, S.C. – 3 year old Michael, 14 month old Alexander were drowned by their mother Susan Smith.

I. WHERE IS GOD WHEN THE UNTHINKABLE HAPPENS?

A. Our first response to the unthinkable is to assign blame.
   1. How could God let this happen? (Because God created us free moral agents)
   2. Why didn’t God do something?

B. Blame shifting is a popular game today.
   1. Blame God.
   2. Blame society.
   3. Blame your upbringing or parents.
   4. Blame your circumstances.

C. We need to turn the question around to understand:
   1. The unthinkable happens because this world is just as God says it is (ungodly, corrupt, evil minded).
   2. The unthinkable happens because something is terribly wrong with humanity (natural born sinners).
   3. The unthinkable happens because people make choices, and choices have consequences.

II. WHY DO PEOPLE DO SUCH UNTHINKABLE THINGS?

A. Because the human heart is wicked.
1. Jeremiah 17:9 The heart (is) deceitful above all (things), and desperately wicked: who can know it?
2. Genesis 6:5 And God saw that the wickedness of man (was) great in the earth, and (that) every imagination of the thoughts of his heart (was) only evil continually.
3. Matthew 15:19 - For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

B. Because the human mind is unstable:
(Relate these to text and current events).
1. Stress effects our thinking.
2. Health effects our thinking.
3. Emotion effects our thinking.
4. Fatigue effects our thinking.
5. Ignorance effects our thinking.
6. Urgency effects our thinking.
7. Desire effects our thinking.
8. Sin effects our thinking.

C. Because humans reject God. Romans 1:18-32

III. WHEN WILL THE UNTHINKABLE THINGS END?
A. Things are going to get worse before the end. II Timothy 3:1-4
B. Unthinkable things will happen until the day the Lord comes and rights all wrongs and rules this old sinful earth in justice.

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OUR PREACHING ABOUT CHRIST
By Charles Swilling

Text: I Corinthians 1:23-31

I. WE PREACH THE REDEEMER IS CHRIST.
A. He is the Son of God. Matt. 1:21-25
B. He is the sacrifice. John 1:29
C. He is the Sin offering I Peter 2:24

II. WE PREACH REDEMPTION IS IN CHRIST.
A. The realizing sin, Romans 3:23
B. The recognizing the Saviour, Acts 4:12
C. The receiving the Son, John 1:12

III. WE PREACH THE RETRIBUTION FOR SIN.
A. The pronouncing of sin, Romans 5:12
B. The punishing of sin, Luke 16:19-31
C. The pardoning of sin, I John 1:9

IV. WE PREACH THE REPENTANCE OF SIN.
A. The conviction, John 16:7-11
B. The contrition, Psalm 51:17
C. The confession, I John 1:9

V. WE PREACH THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST.
A. The repentance
B. The receiving
C. The righteousness, II Cor. 5:21

PEACE IN JESUS WHILE IN THE WORLD

Text: John 16:33

Introduction:
A. Believers are in the world on PURPOSE, and ASSIGNMENT!
1. We are "Ambassadors of Christ" to this world.
2. We are "Open Letters" to be known and read of all men. II Corinthians 3:2
3. We are "Spectacles" (on Display, on Exhibition) unto the world, and to angels, and to men. I Corinthians 4:9
4. We are "Lights" to a crooked and perverse nation. Philippians 2:14-16
B. Believers receive no TROPHIES, APPLAUS, NOR PRAISE from the world for being "Godly and Christ like!"
1. Often they are misrepresented as being "off" mentally. Acts 26:24
2. Often they are victims of Satanic inspired tribulation of one sort or another.
3. We are NOT TO BE DISTURBED by such. John 16:19, James 1:2,3
C. Believers have inside One who is GREATER than all the forces of hell itself! I John 4:4
D. The "GOD OF PEACE" will never let you down! Philippians 4:19; II Corinthians 9:8

I. THE MAN OF PEACE LIVES IN THE BELIEVER!
A. Jesus is the "The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6
B. On the night of His entrance into the world an "heavenly host" praised God, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth PEACE, good will toward men."
C. Ephesians 2:14
D. Peter in the home of a gentile, Cornelius..."The word which God hath sent unto the children of Israel, PREACHING PEACE BY JESUS CHRIST: (He is Lord of All)."
E. He demonstrated His power to give peace as He spoke to the storm at sea. Mark 4:39
F. He who spoke peace to the sea can also speak peace to the SIN-WRECKED SOUL!
1. Isaiah 57:20, 21
2. King Hezekiah’s testimony, Isaiah 38:17
4. JESUS IS THE WAY TO PEACE WITH GOD. II Corinthians 5:18
5. Romans 5:1
G. The “PEACE” of our text is for daily living, in whatever situation or circumstance life may bring upon us!
1. Jesus LEFT HIS PEACE IN US. John 14:27
2. He spoke it to the disciples in the upper room...for fear of the Jews. John 20:19
3. The text “IN ME YE MIGHT HAVE PEACE.”

II. THE MEANS OF PEACE
A. There is PEACE IN BELIEVING! Romans 15:13; Luke 7:50; Romans 5:1
B. There is PEACE IN KNOWING!
1. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." 2. Text: "These things have I spoken...that in me ye might have peace." (Dwell deep in these chapters)
   a. Mansions in the Father’s house.
   b. A "special place" for you.
   c. I WILL RETURN!
   d. Another Comforter to "Dwell in you, Teach you, Testify of me, Guide you into all truth, Abide with you forever."
   e. The love of both the Son and the Father.
   f. Full joy
   g. Fruitful life
   h. Answered prayer
   i. "Because I live, ye shall live also."

C. There is PEACE IN COMMUNION WITH JESUS!
1. David found peace in "God’s Sanctuary!" Psalm 73:16, 17
2. Mary’s example, Luke 10:39
D. There is PEACE IN CONTEMPLATION! (Meditation-Expectation) Isaiah 26:3; Psalm 1:2; 63:5, 6
1. Peace and tranquility come from contemplating an END OF SUFFERING, SORROW, DISAPPOINTMENT, TRIBULATION, WEEPING, PAIN, DEATH ETC.
2. Psalm 30:5; Proverb 23:18
E. Prayer is a means of peace! Philippians 4:6, 7

III. THE MEASURE OF PEACE (The Bible mentions PEACE, GREAT PEACE, and PEACE WHICH PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING.)
A. The measure of our peace is according to the MEASURE OF OUR FAITH in God.
1. Paul’s ASSURANCE was based on the "WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED." II Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25
2. Paul’s CONFIDENCE AND PEACE IN TIME OF STORM was based on God! Acts 27:22-25
3. Think with me of Scriptures which WHEN WE BELIEVED give peace of mind! Matthew 6:33; II Corinthians 9:8; Romans 8:28
B. The measure of our peace is according to the DEPTH OF OUR ABIDING IN JESUS!
1. John 15:7
2. Philippians 4:13
3. "In me ye shall have peace."
4. He is the GREAT SOURCE OF PEACE to those who keep their mind’s eye on Him. Isaiah 26:3
C. The measure of our peace is according to the DEPTH OF OUR KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS!
1. One learns of Jesus by reading and hearing the Word.
2. One learns Jesus BY:
   a. Getting in the YOKE with Him. Matthew 11:29
   b. Getting in the FURNACE OF FIRE. Dan. 3:25
   c. Getting our feet wet. Matthew 14:28
D. The measure of our peace is according to the MEASURE AND SINCERITY OF OUR PRAYER LIFE.
1. Prayer is a time of Praise.
2. Prayer is a time of Petitioning the Lord.
3. Prayer ought to be a time of Promise to the Lord.
   a. Jacob
   b. Jonah
   c. Hannah
4. Prayer is a time of COMMITTING OUR WAY TO THE LORD.
   a. "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10
   b. As He prayed, "Father into thy hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23:46
   c. Our MEASURE OF PEACE IS ACCORDING TO OUR APPLICATION of such words as found in Psalm 37:5.

Conclusion: No peace in self. No peace can be bought. Peace is in JESUS!

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LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
Text: Hebrews 6:1-3
Introduction: We are saved to serve Him and in order to serve Him we must grow as Christians. We must move forward from the new birth to the meat of the Word. God wants us to press toward the mark of living for Him.

WE NEED TO:

I. LEAVE THE WAY OF SIN. Philippians 3:13,14
   A. The control of Satan
   B. The corrupt ways of sin
   C. The curse of Satan
II. LEARN THE WILL OF THE SAVIOR. John 7:17
    A. Follow Him
    B. Find joy in Him
    C. Fellowship with Him
III. LEAN ON THE WORD OF THE SCRIPTURE. II Timothy 3:16,17
    A. By hearing His Word.
    B. By heeding His Word.
    C. By hiding His Word in our hearts. Psalm 119:11
IV. LISTEN TO THE WISDOM OF THE SPIRIT. John 16:13
    A. He will guide us into truth.
    B. He will guard our testimony.
    C. He will gather us in triumph.
V. LOVE THE WORSHIP WITH THE SAINTS. Hebrews 10:25
    A. Singing together His praises.
    B. Serving together in His service.
    C. Shouting together His message.

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PROGRESS REPORT: We have printed 8 different books as of August which totals 38,000 books so far this year. We have copied another 1,000 books. This makes the total number of books printed this year 39,000. We have had a goal of printing 40,000 books the last several years, and we will make it this year. We are mailing out 4,049 papers now. This is the biggest mailing list that we have ever had in our Sounding Out the Word history. This list keeps growing weekly because people are sharing the ministry with others.

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