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## **Introduction:**

Hey guys! I am so excited. Today I am going to start to introduce you to the answers to a new question, "What is kingdom Christianity?" As I was starting to layout these podcasts and the episodes of the "Inside Jimbo's Head" segment, I had no idea I was going to start the answer to this question with a real example of kingdom Christianity. But here we are.

A few days ago, as I was praying about a sermon/teaching I was to give the next day at my home church, Father seemed to be moving me from a time of quiet contemplation to start searching the internet. Now, I have to tell you, that was very unusual. Over the past few years, I have learned to quiet my mind and heart and focus on His Word, His character, and/or His works. I doubted this thought, and at first, I considered it as an intrusion from the enemy. Yet, it persisted. Boy, am I glad I listened and recognized it as the Holy Spirit.

Now, let me back peddle a few seconds. I am part of a small group of Christians who meet twice a month for a meal and a study of God's word. In a different twist, we decided to look at the book "Letters to the Church" by Francis Chan. As I read this book, I became excited by what Chan was saying about the church and what he is doing in the San Fransisco area. He seems to have been set free from cultural Christianity and moving into an authentic kingdom Christianity.

Here is the real kicker. Everyone from this group was from the small church I attend, and our major emphasis has been seeing how God wants to move us in a “different” way than conventional Christianity. Many of these people are truly seeking this new direction. You can only imagine how the use of Chan’s book encouraged the heart of an old guy who has wondered if he would ever see authentic kingdom Christianity, let alone be a part of it, in the final years Father keeps him on this earth.

Now, let’s move back to my “call to search the web.” (I know, that still sounds strange to me as well.) I have no idea what I was searching for, but somehow I came across a news program about the exploding evangelical church in Iran. Yeppers, you heard me right—Iran. The most radicalized militant anti-Christian Islamic country in the Middle East. The regime in Iran not only persecutes the church there (and I mean real persecution) but supports para-military groups who do the same throughout the entire region. What I heard blew me away! Ok, it also blew my socks off, popped my cork, or any other word picture you want to use. But this old man could not wipe the smile off his face nor stop the tears from running down his cheeks. It is happening! Kingdom Christianity, in all its glory, is actually happening across the globe—from San Francisco all the way to Iran. And of course, the sermon/teaching I prepared was put on hold for another day.

Before we get there, I want to let you know there is a reason why I chose the story from the frontlines of ministry entitled, “Hey, Are You, Jimbo?” I also had a deep reason for choosing the Frontline Production skit entitled, “A Flaw in the Manual.” Remember when I talked about how many of the young people I minister to are not the kind of people the cultural Christian church focuses on? Well, the thing that really excited me about the move of God in Iran is that many of the people and most of the leaders were druggies, prostitutes, drug runners, radicalized militant followers of Islam, and other socially and culturally dysfunctional people before God’s move in their hearts. I always thought the kids I work with would make great leaders in the church if God ever moved in the United States the way He has moved in Iran. Talk about light bulbs going on over the heads (and in the hearts) of people few wanted anything to do with. When I was a young Christian, I saw these kinds of things happening on a fairly regular basis. However, it has been a long dry season trudging through the parched soil of conventional Christianity while coughing on the dust, since those early days of living for Jesus.

And then there was the “Flaw in the Manual” skit. One of the key factors for this sustained move of God in Iran is that those who enter into Christ take every word, every sentence, every paragraph of Scripture seriously. They do not try to fit it into their culture (actually, they have little ability to do that because of the anti-Christian aspects of that culture). What they do is to see every word, every sentence and every paragraph, taken within their immediate context, as God’s inspired, inerrant Word. And not like we do theologically but in practicality. They read them, meditate upon them, internalize them, and then immediately obey them—no questions asked. To them, “all” means all, “every” means every, and “obey my commandments” means to obey. When you combine that kind of active faith leading to obedience with a move of God’s Spirit—you are living in kingdom Christianity.

So, let's get on with the beginnings of an answer to the question "What is kingdom Christianity?" with a look at this week's subject "Kingdom Christianity Works—Want Proof?"

### *Inside Jimbo's Head Theme Music*

#### **1) What's Going on in Iran—Two General Aspects of the Iranian Church Movement.**

Today we are going to look at the fastest growing national church movement in the World. The Iranian evangelical Church has been growing with a sustained rate of 20% each year—doubling every five years. The closest estimate of the number of these Christians in Iran in 2019 is somewhere between 500,000 and 1 million. That is somewhere around 1% of the countries total population today, according to the United Nations data. However, remember that this will double in five years. This is a tremendously faster growth rate than seen even in the first-century church.<sup>i</sup>

How is this happening? Why don't we see these kinds of things happening in the great "Chrisitan nation of the United States of America?" After all, we have the seminaries and Bible colleges. We have the mega-churches, the great orators, the culturally sensitive music, and the best-educated leaders on the planet. We have access to every flavor of the theology you would want to lap-up like a little girl with her first icecream cone. And of course, we have the Christian foundation of our founding fathers. (Ok, you know those statements were tongue in cheek.)

The first step we need to take in answering these and other questions as we study, "What is kingdom Christianity?" will be to take a serious look at what the Iranian church leaders are saying themselves. We will supplement their words with the things said by those Western Christians who have spent many hours and days with them over the past five years. Then we will take a close look at the effects those Western Christians say these brothers and sisters in Christ, and this specific move of God is having on their lives. Wait until you hear how they have been moved and transformed by God's work in Iran and what they say the Western Church, specifically the American evangelical church, needs to do to see such a move in our country.

Of course, if all you are doing is waiting around to go to heaven, these won't be of much interest to you. However, if you have the heart of Christ, if the Spirit of God has taken up residence in your new nature in Christ, then this will be one of the most important things you will hear. Of course, I know that if you are still following these podcasts and the Inside Jimbo's Head segments, you are not just sitting around waiting to go to heaven. Even that or you're a glutton for punishment.

Most of this information comes from the documentary film, "Sheep Among the Wolves, Volume II," produced by the missionary organization FAI and the FAI Studios.<sup>ii</sup> This film first introduced me to the evangelical movement in Iran. I highly recommend it. All you have to do is "google it." Since I saw it and studied it carefully, I have read a few scholarly works on the subject and may interject some of the thoughts of those authors.

## *a) Persecution*

When I share about this move of God with friends, the first two questions they ask me is, "How can this happen in a country like Iran and how do they handle the pressure of persecution?" Here is what the church leaders have said in their own words." Oh, and by the way, the majority of the church leaders in Iran—they are women. Listen to what one of those female Iranian church leaders has to say:

The form of church planting in Iran is a very interesting topic because in Iran for many years, we've seen persecution. What persecution did was destroy the church that wasn't disciples and destroy the church that was about converts. So the shift that's happened in the church of Iran is when all these church planters found out that converts run away from persecution, but disciples would die for the Lord in persecution.

We know that if they [the Iranian officials] get us, the first thing they will do to us as a woman is rape us, and then they will beat us, and ultimately, they will kill us. This is the decision that we have made that we want to offer our bodies as sacrifices. I have this thought when I wake up that when I leave that door, I might not come back. I've talked to my husband, and we have made an agreement that this is the decision of our lives. So if we leave that door and we don't come back, we accept the consequences of what happens.

Actually, persecution keeps you clean in the sense that, when you're in that persecuted state, you're constantly leaning into God. You're constantly running to Him as your refuge.

It's through this pressure, hardship, and suffering that people are coming to Jesus. I'd rather have them suffer and be under pressure and be under an authoritative dictatorship, and millions come to Jesus (and maybe even the whole country can come to Jesus) than freedom, openness, and democracy, and half those people come to Jesus.

I'd rather see millions of people come to Jesus than have freedom. I'd rather see millions of people come to Jesus than democracy. We're playing for eternity here. This is not something temporal like, "OK, they're free to not wear a headscarf. They're free to choose their elected officials." If freedom was such a great thing for the Kingdom, then why is America and Europe in the state they are now?

"Maranatha" (A Western missionary movement) in the Iranian church is believing what has happened is that Jesus died on the cross and was resurrected, and we're looking forward to Jesus coming back. That is our compass. This is the place where we look at the world. This is our frame of mind in the sense that when we walk outside, we really don't care if we get arrested, we're not upset if we get arrested. What are fifty years in prison compared to eternity with Jesus?

Wow! What an unbelievable statement of faith. You're not going to hear many Christians in America make those kinds of statements. Maybe that's because they're all bogged down in cultural Christianity. What do you think?

Let me list seven crucial aspects from kingdom Christianity that I heard in those statements by Iranian leaders. We will look at these later in future podcasts.

- 1) First, converts run under persecution while disciples are willing to die under persecution.
- 2) Next, following Jesus is a total life decision that accepts what happens, no matter how harsh.
- 3) Then we see that people come to Christ under persecution. (If the first-century church and Iran are indicators, they come to Christ in a big way!)
- 4) Next, we see that nothing is more important to the Iranian Christians than seeing all the people in their country become disciples of Jesus, not just converts. Freedom, democracy, an open society, what they are forced to wear, their ability to choose the leaders of the county in which they live, and even their own safety, bodies, and life take a backseat to the supremacy of knowing Jesus, living for Him, and sharing His word.
- 5) We also learn from these Iranian church leaders one very important point when they ask the question, "If a free society is so important to the kingdom of God, why is the church in Europe and the United States in the condition they are in?" You see, my friends, even the Iranian Christians, can see the condition of the Western church and lump the United States in with the dead church in Europe.
- 6) I also want to point out this issue. Jesus' followers in Iran have an eternal perspective, not a temporal perspective on their lives. "What's fifty years in prison compared to eternity with Jesus?"
- 7) Finally, we learn that the simple gospel, Jesus died on the cross, was resurrected and is coming again, is their focus. This is the doctrinal and life focus of kingdom Christianity.

### ***b) Who Are They?***

Another question you may be asking is who are these underground Christians in Iran. What is their background? Here is how a Western leader who has been with them numerous times describes them.

Today Iran is home to the fastest-growing church in the world. It's almost entirely a Muslim background. They have no denominational leanings or affiliation. They have no governmental recognition or legitimacy. They have no bank accounts. They have no 501(c)(3)'s. They have no centralized leadership. They have no Bible schools or seminaries. They own no properties or church buildings, and they possess no assets. It's predominantly led by women.

So I remember a few years ago when (we) were going to meet all of the underground Iranian leaders for the first time. Beforehand, we had this sort of idea in our mind, you know, these guys are the special forces, they're the cutting edge, they're leading the fastest growing church in the world and in one of the most difficult restricted nations in the earth under intense persecution. Then we met them.

Ali—the former hacker and meth cook; now ring-leader of the Iranian underground (church).

Muhammad—the former drug runner’ now amateur comedian, professional businessman, and a father of the Iranian church.

Fatma—the former atheist and failed suicide; now prophetic evangelist overseeing hundreds of churches.

Shirin—the former Shia extremist; now apostolic church multiplier and disciple-making coach.

This is the glory of the Iranian church. The power of God being displayed among the broken, the dejected, and the depraved. It’s here in the brutality and the mess of human dysfunction that we see His wonder. They were just the most beautiful, glowing, even if I could say it, goofballs . . . They’re just fun, beautiful people. We instantly fell in love with them. What He’s doing—this amazing thing—is He’s using regular everyday people just like you and me. And this is where Dalton (another missionary) looked at me, and he said, “It’s just like sheep among wolves.”

Once again, let me list the crucial kingdom realities seen by this Western missionary concerning the Iranian Christians. I see ten of them.

- 1) First, almost 100% of the Iranian Evangelical Christians are from a Muslim background. Obviously, they had no prior understanding of Christianity, not even cultural Christianity, which may work to their favor.
- 2) The Iranian Church has no denominational leanings or affiliations.
- 3) They have no governmental recognition or legitimacy.
- 4) They have no bank accounts.
- 5) They have no 501(c)(3)’s. In other words, their giving is not tax-deductible.
- 6) They have no centralized leadership.
- 7) They have no Bible schools or seminaries.
- 8) They own no properties or church buildings, and they possess no assets.
- 9) The Iranian evangelical church is predominantly led by women.
- 10) They are not the “special forces” or great spiritual giants but ordinary, every day (maybe even goof-ball type) people who have taken seriously the call of God to follow Jesus without any reservations.

And that my friends make them spiritual giants in my book. How about in your book? To tell the truth, the lion’s share of American Christians would not know how to “do church” let alone live for Christ without these things we consider necessary and the Iranian Christians prove are irrelevant to “doing church,” living for Jesus and expanding the kingdom of God into the lives of others. The saddest thing yet, most of the American church leaders would not know what to do as well.

## **2) Keys to Kingdom Christianity so Prominent in this Move of God**

***a) A Vibrant Unwavering Love for Jesus as Lord —***

Let me share with you some specific keys to the kingdom of God found in this move of God in Iran. The first is an “Unwavering Love for Jesus as Lord.” Now, as Westerners, we are always interested in their methodologies. At one time in my life, I would have been all over and exclusively interested in their methodologies. In my mind, it had to be the methodologies that gave them their unwavering love for Jesus as Lord. Yet, as you will see, it is just the opposite.

Here is something said by a young missionary wife from the West as to why she and this group of Western missionaries keep coming back to meet with these leaders:

We’ve come together because we really want to look at what’s happening in Iran and we want to learn from it. We’re not just wanting to learn from their success in their ministry so that we can grow in success in our own ministry. We’re wanting to learn from the vibrant relationship with the Lord that these individuals have.

Let me read that last statement one more time for it is the key to both the Iranian move of God and kingdom Christianity everywhere: “We’re wanting to learn from the vibrant relationship with the Lord that these individuals have.”

Wow, did you hear those words: “We’re wanting to learn from the vibrant relationship with the Lord that these individuals have.” You see, my friends, one of the first dead giveaways that a person is functioning from cultural Christianity rather than from kingdom Christianity is their love for and focus on methodologies. Remember, pragmatism, what works not what is true, which is so prominent in the American culture, and has permeated so deeply into the American church?

While these young church leaders have a transferable methodology for discipleship making (what we call evangelism, which, as you will see, is a huge difference between them and the American evangelical church), the first key to understanding the Iranian church is their primary focus on a vibrant relationship with the Lord. Not a theological idea or something to teach but a vibrant unwavering relationship with Jesus as Lord, not just Savior. That comes before all else and is what empowers this movement of God. You cannot be a part of kingdom Christianity, as though there is any other legitimate form of Christianity, without such a vibrant relationship with Jesus, who is both Savior and Lord and cannot be split into two separate titles. Either you have accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord from the get-go, or you have not truly accepted Jesus as Savior. Period. End of sentence.

You see, my friends, not only is this relevant in Iran, but it is the most important key if we want to bring about the radical redirection of the relational realities required for the revitalization of conventional Christianity, its citizens, and its communities—one person at a time. Remember, that is the purpose of these podcasts and DLD University when it’s launched. Running right alongside my passion for the young men and women I work with, this revitalization of conventional Christianity in America is the passion of my life. The one thing I have learned is that this has to start with me, and it will never start with me, or anyone else without a radical, unwavering, vibrant relationship with Jesus as my Lord.

***b) A Focus on Spiritual Things, Not Temporal Things —***

The next key to kingdom Christianity is to have a focus on spiritual things, not temporal things. Here is something else that young Western missionary wife said about the Iranians who God is using in such a dynamic way:

What's happening in Iran right now is they're experiencing God as being all-sufficient in His ability to deliver people. Not necessarily out of their circumstances, but in their soul. They're finding the deliverance and life that goes far beyond having a nice life here on this earth, but a hope for something that lasts for eternity. And to me, that's the difference. The church in the West is living for, "How can we make this life the best possible life?" The church in Iran is saying, "Forget this life, I'm living for the next one."

There it is. The second key to kingdom Christianity. A focus on spiritual things, not material things; a focus on the eternal, not the natural; a focus on Jesus rather than a focus on the things of this world. This can be summarized by the statement, "Forget this life, I'm living for the next one."

***c) Focus on the Authority of Scripture Through Obedience***

Another key, actually the third key, as I see it, to the Iranian move of God, which demonstrates kingdom Christianity, is how the Jesus followers in Iran believe in the authority of Scripture. Notice I said "how" not "that" they believe. You see, my friends, many people in conventional Christianity, say they believe in the authority of scripture, but this is a doctrinal issue to most. The sure-fire way to know that they do take it seriously is when they soon begin to use all the excuses found in systematic theology as to why they cannot live the commands of the New Covenant until Jesus returns or they go to heaven. Can you see how silly that is? God commands us to live one way in this life, not the next, and then we tell Him we cannot until we get to the next life or next age. I'm sure this does more than simply make Him shake His head in shame.

The Iranian Christians show their active faith (the meaning of the word believe) in the authority of Scripture by allowing it to truly be their authority—they obey it. No excuses. No concern about ramifications. No fear. No justification for disobedience. Just action. When you have a vibrant, unwavering love for Jesus as Lord and are focused on spiritual things, not temporal things, this is as easy as sneezing. The kingdom always wins—there's never any doubt. Especially when we learn to live/walk in the Spirit—which is seldom taught in the West even though the Holy Spirit through Paul tells us it is the only way to please God. You'll find this in Romans chapter eight.

Here is one description, spoken by a church leader in an interview, of why their discipleship program is so effective. Remember, this is what the American evangelical church calls evangelism by seeking to get people "saved," i.e., converts. Oh, by the way, you will hear them speak of DMM. DMM stands for Discipleship Making Movements. We will talk about that in a few minutes. Here is what that church leader said:

One thing that's very powerful in DMM is that it is obedience-based discipleship where the ultimate authority is the Scriptures. Every time you read the Scriptures, you must



obey it. This is how people become conformed to the image of Christ . . . They're just not reading the Bible for information. They're reading the Bible to get transformed, and their expectation of when they read the Bible is transformation. (Wow! Novel idea, huh?) This leader continues: And if it doesn't happen (transformation), they don't continue. If you do not obey what you were given that week and you do not share, you do not go forward. The end result of DMM is that one, you have the ability to stand alone; two, it's highly reproducible; and three, you're highly obedient to Christ.

Here is what one of the Western missionaries has to say about obedience as seen exemplified in the Iranian church and as compared to the Western church culture:

The central issue that we're actually talking about is this issue of obedience. We're not talking about evangelism or missions or church planting. What we're actually talking about is this issue of obedience to "The King." I think the enemy understands the power of obedience, which is why this great counterfeit of Islam was predicated, was built upon the foundation of complete surrender and obedience. This is the heart of jihad. It is to give everything that you have, it is to give all of your body, all of your blood, all of your energy, all of your everything, and all of your all, for your lord to whom you are a slave. The enemy is taken this issue of being a bound slave, which is lodged in the heart of the Gospel and has taken that and built this entire demonic religion around obedience to a false god and false religion.

Wow! When I heard that the first time while watching the documentary film on the Iranian church, I cried. I actually cried. Why is it so hard for those in the West to see, accept, live by, and pass on the importance of obedience as a willing slave? Why has it been so difficult for me to understand this key aspect of the gospel? I have been walking with the Lord for nearly 50 years, and it is just in the past five to ten years that this has come into focus for me. Why is the Biblical teaching about obedience as a willing slave so hard for us? I promise I will not go into the answer here, but if I say those two phrases, "Easy Believism" and the "I'll Fly Away Mentality," do you catch my drift?

#### *d) Prayer*

Before I get into the last key aspect of how the Iranian church is based on kingdom Christianity, discipleship versus conversion, I want to tap into one more essential element in the Iranian church's growth. This is also key to kingdom Christianity—prayer. This is actually the fourth one I am pointing out today. In a description of DMM, which we will get to next, an Iranian church leader said this about the essential element of prayer.

Everything is foundational on prayer. We start with prayer, we find people of peace through prayer. We even find locations through prayer. When we have prayed and found a person of peace, we start speaking to that person.

The very last episode of this first series, Cultural Christianity Versus Kingdom Christianity, will highlight the differences between two approaches to following Jesus in the area of prayer. That

last episode will be an introduction to the second series of the “Hello, Jimbo Speaking” podcast entitled, “Communing with the Trinity: A Doctrine Experienced in Reality.” This, by the way, is also the title of my newest book. I was going to start the Communing with the Trinity Series as the first series in these podcasts. However, I began to realize it would be far more effective if you understood that communing with the Trinity versus typical conventional Christian prayer was not optional but part of Kingdom Christianity. Thus you need to understand the difference between cultural Christianity and kingdom Christianity to have any motivation to change your prayer style from simple petition and intercession to communing with Father, His Son, and the Holy Spirit. Let me simply say at this juncture, that the kind of prayer we see in the Iranian church is not a laundry list of things they think they need but a time of communion with the Trinity, which produces the ability to live/walk in the Spirit.

The last quote and the following quote on prayer are part of a much longer quote on how the Iranians disciple people from their first contact with them. Here, however, I just want to share another short section of the longer quotes. Here is what an Iranian church leader said about how the Iranian disciples of Jesus interact with a person from their first connection with them:

Just as the Lord disciplined people from the first interaction, in the DMM process, we disciple people from the first interaction, around God. So from the first interaction, they learn how to thank God; they learn how to pray to God; they learn how to minister to each other. They learn how to read the Word and know about the authority of this Word.

Let me ask you a vital question to kingdom Christianity if it is not already running through your mind. What would happen if how the Iranians interact with a person in their beginning contacts with a person was how you had been brought into a relationship with the Lord. Before you even committed, you were taught how to be thankful, pray, minister to others, read the Word, and understand the authority of the Word. In other words, you were taught how to thank God, spend time in communion with God, minister to others, and obey God. I will guarantee that if that had happened, leaning on “Easy Believism” and the “I’ll Fly Away Mentality” would find no room in your life. Not then nor at any time you are on the face of this earth.

### ***e) Discipleship Versus Conversion***

Well, that my friends, leads us into the final aspect of the Iranian church that demonstrates another key aspect of kingdom Christianity—discipleship versus conversion, or “getting people saved.” I want to immediately talk to you about how the Iranian church leaders describe why they disciple rather than convert and how this works. Please pay close attention. You will hear a few quotes I have already used, but this will put them all into the correct context. The following is a series of quotes from a group of Iranian church leaders:

God commanded us in Matthew that we must go make disciples of the nations. So this is my honor that I’m executing His commands in Iran.

The form of church planting in Iran is a topic because in Iran for many years, we’ve seen persecution, and what persecution did was destroy the church that wasn’t disciples and destroy the church that was about converts. So the seismic shift that’s happened in the

church of Iran is when all these church planters found out that converts run away from persecution, but disciples would die for the Lord in persecution. So the church planting method inside of Iran is—we don't convert to disciple; we disciple to convert. So we take them on a journey from the beginning where God started to Christ, where God fully reveals Himself.

. . . We start with a process called "Disciple Making Movements" (DMM) to plant churches. I love DMM. It cuts off the hands of Satan because it starts to pull people toward salvation the same way that Jesus said to be "wise as serpents, but innocent as doves." If you look in the life of Christ, He started discipling people immediately. Just as the Lord dsicpled people from the first interaction, in the DMM process, we disciple people from the first interaction . . . So from the first interaction, they learn how to thank God; they learn how to pray to God; they learn how to minister to each other. They learn how to read the Word and know about the authority of this Word. They get messages in their vertical relationship with God. They get horizontal messages in their relationship with people. And they learn to evangelize all before they come to Christ.

One thing that's very powerful in DMM is that it is obedience-based discipleship where the ultimate authority is the Scriptures, and every time you read the Scriptures, you must obey it. This is how people become conformed to the image of Christ . . . They're just not reading the Bible for information. They're reading the Bible to get transformed. Their expectation of when they read the Bible is transformation. And if it doesn't happen, they don't continue. If you do not obey what you were given that week and you do not share, you do not go forward. The end result of DMM is that one, you have the ability to stand alone; two, it's highly reproducible; and three, you're highly obedient to Christ.

These are the pillars of DMM because in the word "discipleship" is "discipline." So we are disciplining them or showing them how they must interact with God the same way Christ disciplined and corrected the disciples when they weren't interacting with God correctly.

Jesus didn't command us to plant churches. He commanded us to make disciples. You can try to plant a church, and you might make disciples, but if you make disciples, you will plant churches.

But if you look at the twelve, if we look at the tenets of Christianity, which is Jesus is the Son of God, that He died on the cross, and He was resurrected three days later, were the disciples technically believers? They were not. And if we look in Matthew and in Luke with Jesus sending out the seventy, those seventy were not believers, and here they are exorcising demons, healing people, and proclaiming the kingdom.

If we look at Jesus' model, technically, He's letting unbelievers lead other unbelievers to Himself or the kingdom of God.

In DMM, we start by being their friends. We see their problems. We pray, and God tells us what to say to that person. Men and women in Iran love this personality that is very

interested in understanding their personal lives. And you can very easily tell your experience. You can even give the testimony of your life, how you were changed, and how God did this. How through these stories, God came into my life and how the God of these stories changed my life. This is how we start the relationship. And after a while, it is very easy, you can go deep with their families and their lives. And because DMM is relational and not positional, you just become their best friend.

Every day, I ask the Lord what part of my testimony will help the person in front of me. The Holy Spirit shows me what part of my testimony I need to share. I tell that part of my testimony, and I wait on what the Holy Spirit wants me to do next.

The people Jesus chose, I know for us, it would be very hard to choose them because we're looking at the outside, but the thing is, we need to look where God's hand is and DMM is all about the Holy Spirit and who He has chosen. We see the hand of God on people. This is why we have prostitutes who are leading hundreds of other prostitutes to Christ because Jesus knows what He is doing.

### **3) Jimbo's Final Thoughts and Sign Off**

Hmmm. Those were some very thought-provoking and challenging thoughts from the leaders of the Iranian Church who God is using in such a tremendous and miraculous manner. Now, my friends, we are running out of time. That seems to happen every time we set down to talk. I wasn't even able to summarize what we just heard about discipling to convert or how the Western missionaries, who have spent a whole lot of time with the Iranian church leaders, have seen their lives and their outlook on the Western church and its processes change.

This is so important we will pick it up in next week's episode. You see, if all I do is teach you about what kingdom Christianity is, you will have your head filled with more information. But if we look at a living example of kingdom Christianity, all the excuses are deflated, and hopefully, you will have an active faith that this can happen in your life and the lives of those you come in contact with both in the church and outside the church. So next week, I will also give you a review list of what we have learned about kingdom Christianity from the example of the Iranian church and then hopefully we will begin to move on to the Biblical foundations you need to begin to not only comprehend kingdom Christianity but move in obedience to the Lord in living this way He has commanded us to live as a community of His disciples.

But until then, I want you to prayerfully let the example of the Iranian church run around in your mind throughout this coming week. Watch the documentary video if you are really interested. Remember, all you have to do is google, "Sheep Among Wolves, Volume II," and it will pop right up.

Also, once again, please subscribe to this podcast, click the support button, and consider making a small monthly donation to my ministry with hurting youth and young adults. Please also consider leaving us a message with your responses to what we are learning. Oh, and be sure to

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So, as I do every week, I want to encourage you that as you move through your life, go out there, and by God's grace make it a great week that honors and glorifies Him. See you next week.

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<sup>i</sup> Rodney Stark, *The Rise of Christianity*, Princeton University Press, 1996

<sup>ii</sup> Dalton Thomas Director, *Sheep Among Wolves II*, FAI Studios, Released August 2019; <https://sheepamongwolvesfilm.com/>