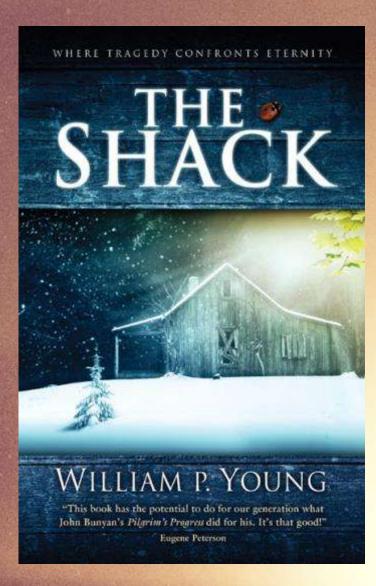
Loving Lost Souls Like Jesus

Matthew 9:35-38



"For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die - but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:7-8)

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest"

(Matthew 9:35-38)

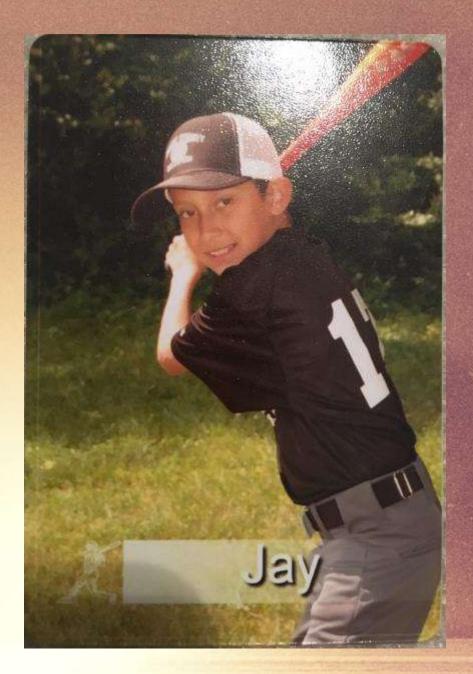


We Need Perceptive Eyes



1. We must see the value of one soul:

- Origin
- Rarity
- Durability
- Desirability



2. We must see the <u>cost</u> of being lost:

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?" (Matt. 16:26)

> Inexcusable... Irreplaceable... Indescribable!



"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin." (Heb. 4:15)

We Need Compassionate Hearts

Why is compassion difficult for us?
We don't want to get <u>involved</u>
We don't want to seem <u>weak</u>
We don't want to see beyond <u>ourselves</u>

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MATTHEW 1:34

"Pray earnestly..."

Prayer and Evangelism go hand-in-hand

- Pray for the lost
- Pray for open opportunities and the removal of obstacles
- Pray for courage

We Need Open Mouths and Willing Hands

Jesus didn't say: "The labor is through!" He said: "The laborers are few!"

THE MOST LOVING ACT YOU CAN EVER DO FOR SOMEONE IS TO

SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH THEM.