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TRAINING UNIT 5 (1H 09.24 MINUTES)

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Training Unit 5

Prayer for the harvest (Prayer walk)

From now on we GO OUT (places, roads, fences, hedges) to practice what we just learned among the lost.

The SENDING-Training is different than other trainings. It is a field training = you can only learn it by putting it into practice **OUT THERE**

Summary of the first four training units

Training Unit 1

1. What is the ministry of sending?

- The most important ministry to reach the unreached
- The ministry of sending is a ministry that every true follower of Christ should live out
- Sending is a different ministry than evangelizing

Sending consists of 5 steps

1. Conditions and preparation/ training for the ministry of sending
2. Reach out to the unreached and lost and bring them JESUS
3. Stay with them, baptize them and make them to disciples
4. Build “discipleship groups, spiritual families and communities of faith”
5. Multiplication of the discipleship and of the communities and starting of movements, so called DMM (Disciple Making Movements or Disciple Multiplication Movements)

Training Unit 2

1. Jesus put into practice the ministry of sending in 173 villages of Northern Israel and two cities of Galilee and thereby demonstrated his disciples how to live.

2. All three steps were included:
   A) Most of his earthly ministry time he spent with the ministry of sending.
   B) He intensively trained his disciples in this ministry of sending
   C) He sent out his disciples to practice this ministry out into the harvest fields of Israel and the whole world.

Jesus gave specific instructions how we can best put into practice this ministry of sending.

Training Unit 3

We summarized the commands of Jesus into the 10 commandments of sending.

In his instructions for the sending Jesus clearly mentioned two conditions that need to be fulfilled for us to practice the ministry of sending.

- We need to be **filled with the Holy Spirit** or we need to first **receive the power of the Holy Spirit**
- We need to **pray** for the harvest and that the Lord would send more harvest workers into the fields

If it comes to the Holy Spirit in our lives and our ministry, we need to differentiate between two things:

- **Receiving** the Holy Spirit for **the first time** at our conversion and new birth
- Being **continually filled** and moved by the Holy Spirit in the ministry of sending

A clear and healthy biblical conversion consists of four steps:

And NORMALLY in that order:

1. Faith
2. Repentance
3. Water baptism
4. Baptism in the Holy Spirit or receiving the Holy Spirit

1. Faith
a) Trust Jesus, that HE is the Savior and Lord of my entire life AND
b) Faith in receiving the Holy Spirit

- Faith is also the crucial factor to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit
- I believe that I am a candidate for receiving all of the Holy Spirit and hold on to Jesus' promises…
  - that the Holy Spirit will come
  - that he fills me
  - and that Jesus will let the power of the Holy Spirit overflow in me

2. Repentance (realization, confession, turning away)

3. Water baptism

The book of Acts clearly shows us that normally…
a) Faith
b) Repentance
c) and water baptism lead to a clear, unmistakable and experienceable receiving of the Holy Spirit
You could also mention "thirst" as a "condition" for the Holy Spirit

4. Thirst (longing, desire): „Whoever thirsts, come to me"

5. Laying on of hands Additionally, sometimes the laying on of hands and longer prayer are required and helpful in order to receive the Holy Spirit
What are some of the practical manifestations when we first receive the Holy Spirit in our lives/hearts?

1.	Acts 2:4	speaking **in other tongues**
2.	Acts 2:11 Acts 10:44-46	declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues! **praised God and his mighty works**
3.	Acts 9:17-20	immediately **preach that Jesus is the son of God**
4.	Acts 19:1-6	**prophesy/make prophetic declarations/ speak out what God tells us**
5.	Galatians 4:6	the Spirit of the Son in our hearts calls out: Abba: **Abba, Father!**

Question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became a Christian?

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Question: Was there a manifestation that happened when you received the Holy Spirit for the first time?

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Questions: In case it didn't happen at your conversion or your new birth, did it happen now – after the prayer within the 3rd training unit?

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What should we do if nothing happened?

1. First check, if faith, repentance and water baptism happened
2. If those happened, try to find out what still blocks you from receiving the Holy Spirit:
   - sin
   - doubts
   - negative experiences with prayer and the Holy Spirit in the past
   - general/specific questions about the topic that are still unclear
   - false doctrines concerning the Holy Spirit
   - doubts/unbelief concerning the receiving the Holy Spirit
   - strange/wrong ideas about how receiving the Holy Spirit must happen
   - passive attitude
3. **Then deal with the possible blockades according to the standard of the word of God**
4. Keep praying regularly to be filled with the Holy Spirit until the dry land of your heart is flooded and a breakthrough happens in experiencing the Holy Spirit

Training Unit 4

- This unit is about the fellowship with the Holy Spirit in daily life and in the ministry of sending
- The Holy Spirit takes the space within us we offer him in our lives!
- The question is never how much of the Holy Spirit we possess (we have Him fully!) – but the question is rather, how much of US does he possess!
- It is about how much of the Spirit of God „overflows" and becomes a blessing to people around us

7-fold overflowing of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those ready to BEsent

1. Guidance
2. Prayer
3. Laying on of hands, to receive the Holy Spirit or healing
4. Doing good
5. Hearing the voice of the Shepherd
6. Speaking from inspiration
7. Seeing what the Father does

Question: In which of the **seven** areas do you experience the Holy Spirit moving on a regular basis?

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Question: In which of these seven areas do you want to be moved by the Holy Spirit in faith?

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Question: Are you ready, after determining to be moved by the Holy Spirit in prayer and in faith for you and your ministry, to take specific and regular steps of faith?

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Prayer for the harvest (prayer walk)

We must look at two conditions that need to be fulfilled first before we practice the MINISTRY OF SENDING

1. Be filled with the Holy Spirit
2. Pray for the harvest/ harvest workers and look carefully at what Jesus did.
   Then there is a third condition:
3. TRAINING: Yes! Training is what we are doing right now and here!!

Prayer for the harvest (prayer walk)

Matthew 9:35-38
Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ***Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field****."*

There are many ways to pray:

- Prayer of thanksgiving
- Prayer of request
- Prayer of intercession
- Praying in tongues
- And many more

In the context of sending, the Lord commands us to **pray specifically for more harvest workers**!

Jesus goes around „into all cities and villages" and sees the people. Jesus sees their hearts. Jesus looks deeply into their hearts:

- He sees in what condition the people really are, how they really are:
- What he discovers there, moves his heart deeply…
- It breaks him,…
- He moans,…
- And it hits Jesus…
- The people are harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd
- Matthew 9:36: « Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. »
- So this means for us: «Pray for people that are ready to take care of those harassed and helpless people OUT THERE and bring Jesus to them

Three sources/areas/places where the harvest workers come from

1) **Us!**

Example: Church planting in central Switzerland
When we moved to an unreached region of Switzerland in 2000 to plant churches there, we began the ministry with a 3-month period of prayer.

- My «problem» was that I had heard the call of God to go to that region and to start this church planting project very clearly – but the people who lived there didn't touch my heart at all at first.
- I only had little love for them. The most astonishing fruit of this 3-month period was what happened in MY OWN heart. In prayer, the Holy Spirit began to melt my cold and hard heart for these people.
- He then filled my "broken" heart by putting HIS love for these people there!

Romans 5:5
And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

➔ The first answer to prayer for harvest workers are US ourselves!

2) The Body of Christ

- In practice, it is obvious that after earnest prayer not only «locals»,
- But also disciples from other parts of the Body of Christ will hear the call to go into «prayed» harvest fields.
- The fact that people from different parts of the Body of Christ are hearing the call and supporting can also be discovered in the **sent teams of the apostle Paul**

1) From the harvest itself

In the later history of the Kingdom of God, the Holy Spirit keeps starting more and more so called «**movements**»:

➔ DMM (= Disciple Multiplication/Making Movements)

We define a «movement» as: 1000 baptized people and 100 «Communities of faith» in at least **four** generations of disciples.

In these movements, most of the main resources (harvest workers, finances, leaders) come from within the harvest!

Harvest workers are needed everywhere so you can pray for them anywhere.

Sending prayer is a mobile prayer—prayer walk – prayer march = moving prayer!

Prayer influences the spiritual realm of a country, a village, a city, or region and paves the way for the gospel!

Examples in praying for the harvest

- Region 1: Florian received great love for the people of this region. After some time, God showed us who to approach first. The Holy Spirit told us that we should begin with people involved in the occult – he told us to show them God's power first, which led to a special kind of evangelism.

- City 1: Florian didn't like the city. When his group arrived there and started to pray, he suddenly saw a vision where God hugged and caressed this city and that he had also prepared people in that city. Quickly 20 people came to faith and a community of faith was started.

- City 2: When they came to the city gate and stood under an arch, the Holy Spirit fell on the group and told them: "Here I am going to give you a church."

- City 3: Anni was praying and suddenly she started to pray in a foreign language, a language she didn't know and she prayed for two hours straight! In the evening, the group went to the city and they heard the local people speaking the language Anni had prayed in that afternoon. So they knew that that was the chosen group of unreached

people to reach out to. A community of faith started a bit later.

- City 4: The Holy Spirit spoke to a team, saying that the exact place where they were now praying would bring fruit. The team was standing in front of a residential block. This team prayed for a couple of weeks and one day, after they had looked for a room in which they could celebrate a birthday, the Lord led them back to the same spot they had been before. There was a youth room with many young people and the Lord opened the door to their hearts.

- Fight 1: In one city, where they had prayed together as a team when suddenly, the whole team felt sick and had to vomit—the enemy's resistance was strong.

- Fight 2: In another city, the team suddenly heard demons who laughed loud at them saying: „You are not going to make it and you will see no breakthrough." But even there, God moved supernaturally and a whole group came to faith.

➔ **The prayer for the harvest is extremely precious!!**

Example: Prayer for the harvest

- Telephone book – interesting survey: A pastor wrote 2 lists with 80 contacts out of a telephone book. The community of faith prayed for 3 months for the first list. Nobody prayed for the second list. After 3 months they called all 160 people (80 each). Among the 80 that nobody had previously prayed for, only one person (!) invited the team to tell more about Jesus at their home. Among the 80 they had prayed for, 69 were ready to hear more about the gospel and 45 also were open for receiving prayer.

- Residential block: A team prayed for a residential block and didn't pray for another one. In the block they had not prayed for, 10% of the people were open for the gospel, 90% were not. In the one they had prayed for, 70% were open to hear the Gospel, only 30% were not!

➔ Prayer is absolutely crucial for the ministry of sending!

Pray for one hour a day! BEST is to pray directly **in** the sending area, a city, a quarter, a subculture

Colossians 4:2-4
Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

Example football game:
Two teams enter a football field – but one of the teams is invisible. The game is very difficult because you can't see the opponent. Suddenly a ball comes or is passed, without you seeing where it came from or who played it. Paul describes it this way in the following verses:

Ephesians 6:12 and 18-19
For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,

➔ Why is it so helpful to pray for the harvest **out in** the harvest?

Numbers 13:17-20
When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, "Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country. See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many. What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they unwalled or fortified? How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees in it or not? Do your best to bring back some of the fruit of the land." (It was the season for the first ripe grapes.)

- ➔ Moses gives clear instructions what the spies are supposed to observe
- ➔ During a prayer walk we pray for what we've observed in that particular region. It is a tool of God to bring light and clarity into a dark region.
- ➔ The prayer walk is a mighty weapon

2 Corinthians 10:4-5
The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

- **Prayer walking –** It contains divine powers to destroy strongholds
- **Prayer walking –** It destroys arguments and opinions that go against the knowledge of God.
- **Prayer walking –** It takes captive every wrong thought, so we can obey Christ in all things

If we pray directly within the harvest field, we can complete four spiritual actions/steps at the same time:

1. Research: What does a harvest field and a harvest worker look like?

- How big is the harvest field?
- How big is the area?
- How many people live there?
- How many families are in that region?
- What tribal culture exists in that region?
- What kind of subculture religions are in that region?

- What work do people have in that region?
- Are there any believers in that region?
- Are there any churches in that region?
- Are there any ministries in that region?

2. Spiritual Mapping I: What does the enemy do within that region?

- What are the major sins in that region?
- What are the strongholds of the enemy in that region (not only individual sins but general patterns many people are caught in)?
- What wrong spiritual or religious powers are in that region?
- What are the main blockades against the real faith in that region?

3. Spiritual Mapping II: What does God do/plan within that region?

Ask the Lord for:

- His plans
- His commands
- His strategies
- His words/promises
- Where the prepared harvest/people of peace are

Johannes 4:35
Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

➔ **The harvest fields are prepared! That is the promise of God! Wherever we are!**

Prayer proclamations

1) **Prayer for more harvest workers**

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   Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

2) **Prayer for OUR inherited land/our promised land**

   Psalms 2:8
   Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

3) **Blessing the family clan**

Genesis 12:3
I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

4) **Pray-Seek-Find the person of peace**

Matthew 10:11
Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave.

5) **We praise God for the good things he has done for us**

Psalms 66:1-5
Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you. All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name." Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!

6) **Prayer that powerful miracles, signs and wonders will follow the proclamation of the gospel**

Mark 16:17-18
And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

7) **Prayer that the commandment of making disciples is fulfilled, movements take place and entire ethnic groups come to Jesus**

Matthew 28:19-20
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

8) **In prayer, we go directly against demonic strongholds**

Matthew 12:28-29
But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. "Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5
The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

1 John 3:8
The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

9) **Confession of sins/prayer for repentance**

Daniel 9:5
We have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws.

Nehemiah 1:7
We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.

10) We praise God for his grace

Psalms 103:8-12
The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Part II: Application

a) Someone from the group summarizes this teaching in his own words. If anything is missing, the others can add to the summary.

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b) Group discussion:

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c) Write down personal insights from the teaching:

d) Write down **how** you want to put into practice what you learned, as well as with **whom**, **when** and **where** exactly:

e) Each group presents what they learned and the specific goals they want to pursue now:

Part III: Outreach

Putting into practice: 2-3 prayer walks (4-6 hours) per week for 1-3 months

Be sent is a training- without practicing it I useless

Example: Blind girl
A group in the Himalayas went out for their very first prayer walk, when they met a 13-year old blind girl. They prayed for the girl – and immediately she was totally healed and could see! Let's do it!!

Testimonies: