

Leave a Mark!

“Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which translated means Dorcus. She was full of good works and acts of charity” (Acts 9:36).

Have you ever known someone who could light up a room just by their presence?? Have you ever known anyone who gives and gives and then gives more?? Have you ever known anyone who no matter what you came to them with, there was never any harsh or unkind words, just truth spoken in great love??

Tabitha (Dorcus) was such a person. She was known for her kindness and acts of charity. People loved her because she loved them and would help them anyway that she could.

I met a family a few weeks ago whose father had just passed away. As I offered my sympathy and love to them I listened as they spoke about their father to me. These children not only loved their father, they adored him! In a world where there is so much family strife and separation, what was this man’s secret?? This man was one of the most giving and selfless people that I have ever heard about. It made me feel like I had missed something by not knowing him. As I thought about this family and their words I realized this man had laid down his life for the sake of others. His humility and love for his family caused them to love him with a love that very few have known.

I have a friend that is full of grace and mercy. She lives for Jesus, and she is not afraid to tell others about His amazing love. She is also not afraid to show others His love through her. She told me some time ago as we were saying goodbye, "Karen, leave a mark!" This has changed my life! I have wondered often when I preach, teach, or have conversations with people if there has been something in all of that that will change their lives??

I wonder when the Lord calls me home will what I leave behind be something that is eternal? Will people remember me for my kind words and deeds? Will they

remember me for the truth that I hope have spoken in love? Will they remember me as selfless or selfish?? Have I left a mark? Have I left a mark for the glory of God and my brother and sisters good?? Will there be those in heaven because of the image of Jesus that I carried?? Will the world be a better place because I had lived in it??

What about you?? What kind of mark are you making??
What kind of mark will you be leaving behind??

In **Acts**, Tabitha had left her mark, she had caused such a stir in her death that Peter was called to the scene and, through God's power, raised her from the dead!!!

Now, I want you to think about Your Lord!! Your King!! Your Messiah!! He was called the Son of Man and the Son of God!! What kind of a mark did He make?? Jesus changed the world and if we carry His image so can we!! He has loved us with a love that is beyond anything we can think or imagine!! He humbled Himself to die on a cross so that we may live eternally for and with Him!! If we are the image bearers of Christ, then we have our work cut out for us!! We need to decide what kind of a mark we are going to leave!!

Sometimes we forget what we are here for! Sometimes we forget it is not about us! Sometimes we forget who we represent!! Sometimes we get so bogged down with "ME, MYSELF AND I" we are not concerned about leaving a mark, making a difference, or changing lives for Christ!!

Dear believers!! If you are followers of the most-high God and you are not making a difference in His kingdom, if lives are not changed, if you would rather not be bothered, then I would question if you are truly a follower of our Lord! May today be the day that we lay down our own lives for the sake of others, to help those in need, to pray with those who are hurting and hopeless and need a Savior. May today be the day we start leaving a mark wherever we go!! So that when we go to our eternal home, our lives will still be an example of our Father and we will be remembered as a true servant of God, one who loved others as Christ loved us!!

Remember!! **"LEAVE A MARK!"**