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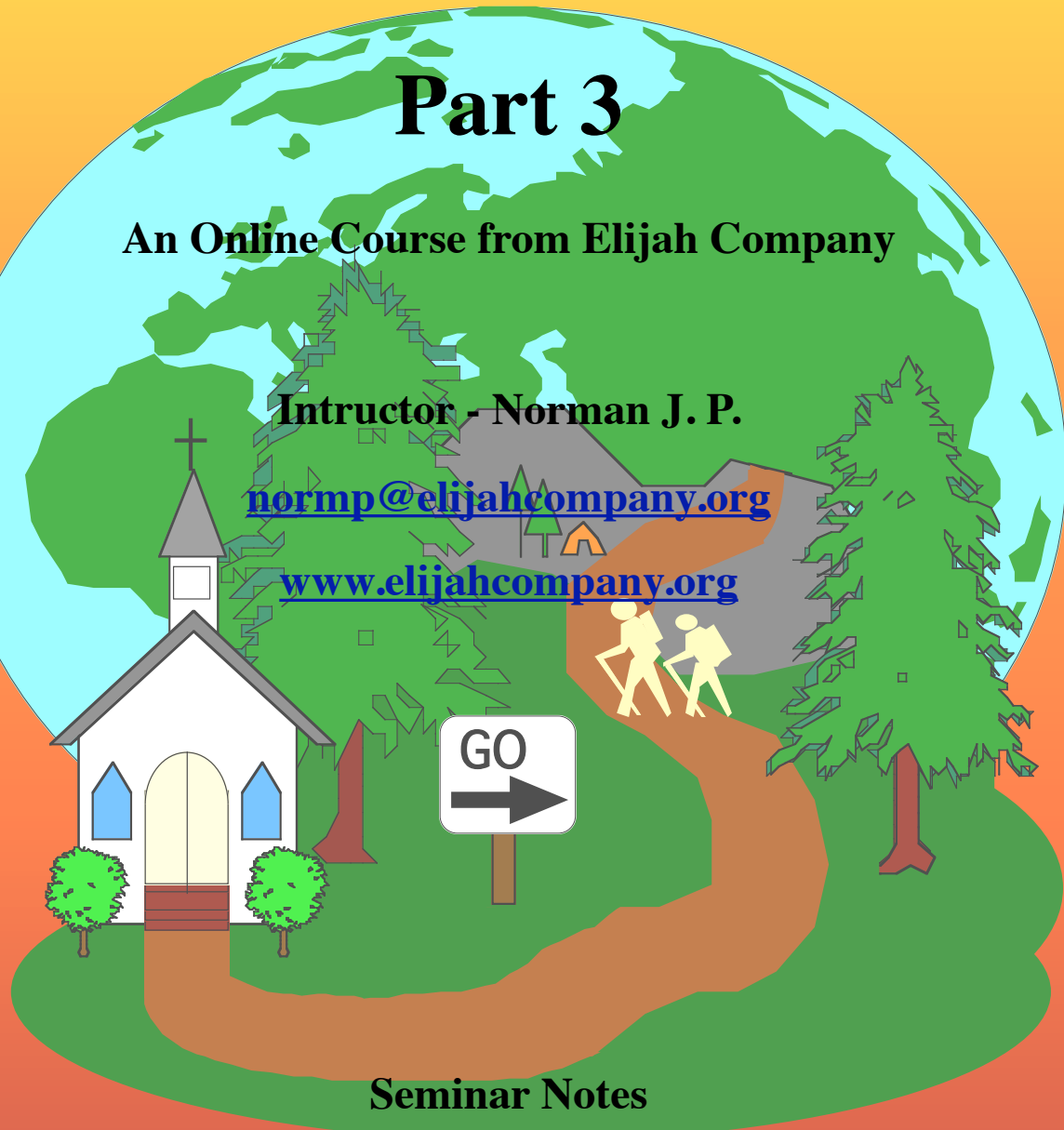
Part 3

An Online Course from Elijah Company

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Seminar Notes



1. Recommended Reading (all on our web site)

The Normal Christian Church Life - Watchman Nee
[watchman nee - the normal christian church life.pdf](#)

[Swarming-Essentials-1-Vision.pdf](#) - Justin Long

[True Discipleship by William McDonald](#)

2. Basics2Go--->

week 4 - Understanding culture

week 5 - Partnerships

3. Future Seminars

- Understanding Spiritual Strongholds - June 16

- The Power of Prayer - TBA

- The Organic Church Life - TBA

4. Next week I will include a file called “Missionary Certification.”

5. Review of last week:

THE NOTES FOR THIS SESSION ARE ON LINE AT OUR WEB SITE



This training is to encourage, inspire would-be missionaries by knowing God has a plan and way for each to know and fulfill their call.

I. Roadmap to the Field

“Just because you can’t see the road doesn’t mean it’s not there.” Mary Spearman

We tend to make a dichotomy between missions preparation and the life of faith. Though we try to prepare with a lot of practicalities, some basic human principles, the road before you is as unpredictable as ever. Like we said in an earlier illustration, it is a dark room filled with many surprises, some more pleasant than others but in every case challenging. Missions, as someone said, is not for the faith-hearted. There is a need for a tenacity of a rock-climber to keep scaling vertical surfaces where there seems to be no foothold, none but faith.

In 1998 I had the privilege of hosting Dr. David J. Hesselgrave. He wrote one of the classic missions anthropological books called “Communicating Christ Cross Culturally.” When he was with us he shared about the Israelites taking their Egyptian neighbor’s gold into the desert and asked, “What good is gold in the desert.” When faced with difficulties they were tempted to make a god of it which brought them into failure and ruin. He compared this to the dichotomy between knowledge and faith... knowledge is good and needed but it must be backed by inspiration. We can not make knowledge our god. In the 1980’s as we were sailing our 7000 ton ocean liner around South America we were faced with shortages and obstacles. One of our leaders coined the phrase, “We don’t know... God knows... We don’t know.”

For us the journey began 32 years ago but took a sharp turn in the 90’s as we began to experience various difficulties. As the Lord always leads us in triumph (as we continue to trust) He opened a way for us to use our vast experience, the positive and the negative, to better prepare others for their journey.

We didn’t know it would turn out this way.



II. Stepping into your destiny

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

Lao-tzu, The Way of Lao-tzu Chinese philosopher (604 BC - 531 BC)

The essence of motivation is knowing where you are going and how to get there.

First question? Do you know what your destiny is?

Second question” Do you want to go there?”

Destiny - not a place but a relationship

I believe that destiny is not so much a place as it is a person. It is not so much results as realization. “I want to know Him...”

Mixed motives

There are a lot of mixed motives in what we do. It normally has something to do with what we want to feel about ourselves. Service in missions or whatever, should start from a basis of a high calling not a desire to achieve that calling. The Lord’s will is holiness that comes from a heart free of impurities such as motives to become somebody important. I believe that there is a desire for significance in everyone, but there is also a higher goal to seek that for others. We don’t evangelize the world because we want to become famous, we do it for the glory of God.

You can go anywhere you like

Example of when I was leaving Ecuador

You can go anywhere. In fact, Saint Francis of Assisi said:

If it pleases you to please God do as you please.

Location is secondary though where we go has a big deal to do with what we become and how we can bring glory to God. Though when we pray for wisdom God reveals His strategy.



You can do it. Anyone can go to another country and live. Everyday ten's of thousands trans-migrate and live successful lives.

Over 1 million people migrated legally to the US in 2007 and over 12 million migrated illegally.

Missions training is easy. Many can go and live in another place. What is difficult is shining the light and continuing to do so. It involves having the structures which include finances, prayer, knowledge of Language, spiritual discipline, and personal wholeness which will enable you to fight the good fight of faith and not quit.

The big concern is if we qualify to be a missionary.

All must be disciples

We can't make disciples if we are not a disciple.

What does it mean to be a disciple?

Missions is exciting because it is bringing light into darkness.

I remember being at sea (I spent twelve years at sea) There are times when it is so dark in the middle of the ocean that a small light can be seen at a far distance. The challenge of missions is to light a lamp of truth and keep it lit.

It's so much fun taking truth to those who have never heard it.

My friend working with an unreached people group said, "Have you ever looked into eyes that have seen truth for the first time?"

I was in the highlands of Papua New Genea in 1990 teaching a large group of mostly native men under the hot sun when one of them said, "Many people have come to our vil-lages teaching us many things.... but no one has ever spoken like you speak to us today." At that moment I felt transported as the presence of the Lord was so close it was as if I were standing right with Him.

Roadmap or GPS - God's Positioning System

I want you to be encouraged.

When I was younger I read a book called "Don't waist your sorrows" by Paul Bilhiemer. There was a poem that went like this:



“I will I will not doubt, though all my ships at sea
Come drifting home with broken masts and sails;
I shall believe the Hand which never fails,
From seeming evil worketh good to me;
And though I weep because those sails are battered
Still will I cry, while my best hopes lie shattered,
"I trust in Thee."

I will not doubt, though all my prayers return
Unanswered from the still, white realm above;
I shall believe it is an all-wise Love
Who has refused those things for which I yearn;
And though, at times, I cannot keep from grieving,
Yet the pure ardor of my fixed believing
Undimmed shall burn.

Know that the Lord has a plan, it may not be yours. Your job is to seek Him and find out what it is.

7 Turns to give you the enthusiasm to pursue your call (it's the essence of motivation).

1. Turn to God - Prayer

There is so much available to read. There are so many teaching.

What we need is not information (we have enough of that) we need inspiration.

Enthusiasm - mean to be “God possessed” or “possessed by a god.”

You can have as much of God as you want.

-Intimacy with God

“If you abide in me and my words abide in you, you will bear much fruit.” John 15:

-Intercession

Be in love with Jesus

2 Turn to Truth

From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth;
and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

Acts 17:26

I am grateful to the one who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me faithful in putting me into ministry. 1 Timothy 1:12



So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. Just as the Father has sent me, I also send you." John 20:21

To this John replied, "A man can receive only what is given him from heaven. John 3:27.

Isaiah 9:6

For a child has been born to us, a son has been given to us. He shoulders responsibility and is called: Extraordinary Strategist, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His dominion will be vast and he will bring immeasurable prosperity. He will rule on David's throne and over David's kingdom, establishing it and strengthening it by promoting justice and fairness, from this time forward and forevermore. The Lord's intense devotion to his people will accomplish this.

3. Turn toward those needing Christ

WWJD - Matthew 9:37-39

- He went
- He witnessed (proclaimed)
- He ministered

3. Turn to Study

Read biographies of missionaries - David Branard, Hudson Taylor, Adonirum Judson, Amy Charmichael.

- Perspectives course.
- Bible survey

4. Turn on the church

- Write
- Communicate

5. Turn to a sending agency

Write to agencies

6. Turn to others for advice - mentorship

7. Turn toward your goal - What do you want to do?



It is easier to go to a consistent extreme than to stay at the center of Biblical tension.

Robertson McQuilkin

Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Joshua 1:8

Only be thou strong, and very courageous. Be strong therefore, and play the man to the uttermost. Though God had promised him that no man should be able to stand before him, yet **it was on condition that he should use all his military skill, and avail himself to the uttermost of all the means, natural and providential, which God should place within his reach. God will not have them who refuse to help themselves.** Barnes

Article by Norm “The Presence and Power of God.”

http://www.intercessorsarise.org/Intercessors_Arise/The_Presence_and_Power_of_God.html

