

In-reach or Outreach?

2 Cor. 2:1

1 But I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness.

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For I made up my mind not to make another painful visit to you. (ESV)

Indecision is one of the greatest sources of problems in one's relationship with God.

I may be out on an island by myself, but in my heart of hearts I believe that deep down in every person's heart there is a real longing to do what is right. They just aren't determined to make the changes necessary to get it done.

1Ki. 18:21

21 And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." And the people did not answer him a word. (ESV)

How many people are limping into church and limping out service after service? WHY!? They just aren't determined; their mind just isn't fully made up.

Why do we have to spend so many services preaching on inreach (keeping everyone IN the church) instead of preaching on OUTREACH!? Because they just aren't as determined within themselves as they once were. I love God, I just am not quite sure I love him enough to keep living for Him.

We are living in the age of uncommittment, (I know, it's a made-up word), people just can't commit to anything or anyone, including God.... They limp their way through life, they limp their way through childhood, they limp their way through marriage.... Is this the day my family finally disintegrates? Is this the day my relationship with God finally disintegrates!? WHY would you even think in those terms? NO, because I have determined this with myself.

Jacobs greatest wrestling match was not wrestling with the angel, it was a wrestling match that was going on with HIMSELF.... it wasn't until he grabbed ahold of God that he finally could see himself as he was, Jacob....

Gen. 32:30-31

30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Why are you limping dad? Because I got alone with God and refused to leave until He touched me and now, I can't walk the same.... I'm not limping between living for God and not living for God.... I may be spiritually limping, but God is helping me walk now, for my eyes have seen the King.... When He really touches you, it is going to change the way you walk.

1Cor. 2:2

2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

You laid your burdens on the altar last night and are allowing God to take care of your burdens and are now carrying His burden.

You've got to determine within yourself that you are going to keep carrying His burden over your own.

God bless you.

R.P.S.