

Whatever It Takes

Paint The Target (Week 3)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

When we have a goal worth doing anything for, we will do whatever it takes.

Key Scriptures

Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. Mark 2:3-4

The LORD is near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
Psalm 34:18

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called Ephesians 4:1

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
Ephesians 2:10

What good is it, dear brother and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has not food or clothing, and you say, "Goodbye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.
James 2:14-17

The more inspiring the target, the more willing we are to do whatever it takes.

The goal of Harbor Church:

1. Welcome Home the Hurting
2. Equip and Launch the Called
3. Make Jesus Tangible

Start talking.

- What have been some goals that required you to make significant changes to attain?
- What goals do you have for the next 5+ years?

Start thinking.

- Read Mark 2:3-4. What was the clearly defined goal for the friends? How did the specificity of the goal help them overcome obstacles?
- Read Psalm 34:18. How can you and the church better create an environment where we welcome home heartbroken and hurting people?
- Read Ephesians 4:1; 2:10. What is a "calling"? How can the church equip and launch people in the calling?
- Read James 2:14-17. Why is it important for us to make our faith in Jesus tangible?

Start sharing.

- How has Jesus and/or the church "welcomed you home" when you have been hurting?
- What "work" has God called you to? If you don't know, how can you find out?
- How have you seen others make their faith tangible?
- What are different ways the church can make Jesus tangible in our community?

Start doing.

- We need 3-4 people to say "YES!", to joining one of the Welcome Teams. Email tiffany@harborchurch.life to sign up.
- If you know what God has called you to do, pray for Him to give you the ongoing courage to keep moving forward in faith. If you're not sure, commit to pray daily that God would reveal it to you.
- Choose one way to make Jesus tangible in your life toward others this week.

Closing prayer.

Jesus, we desire to Welcome Home the Hurting, Equip and Launch the Called, and Make Jesus Tangible. Help us to stay focused on these goals. Give us the passion and courage to keep aiming toward those values as the target for Harbor Church.