

HERE I AM, SEND ME Part 2 – THE TOOL BAG

The BIG IDEA: You ALREADY have ALL you NEED.

The Lord has RESOURCED & EQUIPPED us so we can partner with Him in HIS mission to reach the lost.

→ When you hear the phrase “*You already have all you need*,” how does that sit with you? Do you feel equipped, or lacking?

1. KEYS = The GOSPEL (Rom 1:16)

- * To get through the locked door which represents their SIN, SEPARATION from God, the need the KEY.
 - * The GOSPEL is the KEY that OPENS the DOOR to the Kingdom, reconciliation, new life in Christ.
 - * Don't be ASHAMED or AFRAID. You don't need to APOLOGISE or PLAY IT DOWN. Never UNDERESTIMATE the innate, supernatural power CONTAINED IN the Gospel.
 - * The Gospel is not just a MESSAGE about POWER; it is the INSTRUMENT of God's ACTIVE POWER.
 - * And what does it do? Brings SALVATION to all who BELIEVE.
- Why do you think Paul says he is “not ashamed of the gospel”? Have you ever felt tempted to downplay it? Why?
- What does it mean to you that the Gospel is not just a message *about* power but *is* power?
- In what ways do we sometimes rely on other “keys” (persuasion, argument, behaviour) instead of the Gospel itself?
- Can you think of a moment when you saw the Gospel “unlock” something in someone's life?

2. FLASHLIGHT = Your TESTIMONY (Rev 12:11)

- * Takes the TRUTH of the GOSPEL & SHINES it through your life.
 - * Your testimony doesn't REPLACE the Gospel. It doesn't have SAVING POWER like the Gospel.
 - * But it makes the Gospel PERSONAL & RELATABLE.
 - * People can argue your THEOLOGY, but they can't dispute your TRANSFORMATION.
 - * It shows them saving grace is just a DECISION away, and not UNREACHABLE or UNOBTAINABLE.
- How does your personal story shine a light on the Gospel? What parts of your testimony might help someone else relate to the good news of Jesus?
- Why is it important to remember that our testimony *supports* but doesn't *replace* the Gospel?
- Have you ever seen someone deeply impacted not by argument, but by your story?

3. FIRST AID KIT = GRACE (Col 4:5-6)

- * When we meet someone HURTING, we mustn't come swinging truth like a HAMMER. We lead with GRACE & COMPASSION.
- * Zacchaeus (Luke 19:9-10) → Before truth did the SAVING, grace went SEEKING.
- * If truth is our foundation; grace is the GENTLE HAND that applies it.

People are already anxious, expecting condemnation, used to being judged.

- * So, grace GOES FIRST into every conversation
- * Grace looks past the DYSFUNCTION & see the potential for RESTORATION.
- * Grace makes truth GOOD NEWS for WOUNDED people, not just CORRECT NEWS for WRONG people.
- * People will remember HOW you made them FEEL long after they've forgotten WHAT they heard you SAY.

→ Why is grace essential in Gospel conversations, especially with those who are hurting or defensive?

→ What does it look like to lead with grace instead of truth-as-a-hammer?

→ Can you think of a time when someone showed you grace before offering truth? How did it affect you?

→ Who in your life might be more open to the Gospel if you approached them with grace first?

4. POWER TOOL = The HOLY SPIRIT (Acts 1:8)

- * We can have all the right tools, but WITHOUT the Holy Spirit, we're just swinging in OUR OWN STRENGTH.
 - * With His EMPOWERMENT, we can live & serve far BEYOND own NATURAL ABILITIES.
 - * He brings all our tools together & TURBO-CHARGES them.
 - * ENTHUSIASM is no SUBSTITUTE for POWER (Zech 4:6)
 - * Is it our FLESH or the QUICKENING of the Spirit?
 - * Is it going to be your best STRATEGY or the ANOINTING of the Holy Spirit (1 Thess 1:5)
 - * The anointing is His SUPERNATURAL SPRINKLE on our natural.
- What happens when we try to share Jesus or serve others without the Holy Spirit's empowerment?
- How do you know the difference between operating in your own strength and in the Spirit's power?
- What does it mean for your tools (Gospel, testimony, grace) to be “turbo-charged” by the Spirit?
- How can your group pray for a deeper experience of the Holy Spirit in your everyday witness?