



Birthing A Community Outreach Through Badminton

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There is no easy obedience. To obey is a work of grace especially when there is no visible, audible and tangible sign to follow. God must ordain and sustain that faith to enable you to walk in constant obedience.

Our move to Texas was swift, seem unplanned and unscheduled, but it was His plan. We do not exactly know what God wanted us to do, but we were certain that He has called us to serve Him in this place. We came here as strangers to the place- with no jobs, no down payment money for a house, no church, and no relatives. But He knew His plan for us and He provided. In less than a week, we were offered multiple jobs. In two weeks, my husband and I received relocation bonuses which basically covered the down payment for the house. In a few months, He led our path to WIN Houston South.

During the peak of the pandemic when churches were closed, gatherings were discouraged, and worship services and bibles studies were held virtually, God birthed His plan for our lives. Never did we know nor had a hint that our love for badminton was the avenue that God would use to advance His kingdom at such a time when people are dying left and right because of COVID. We started with two to three families. In time, the group grew to more than ten families. A Bible study group was created, and some families are now attending the church. Pintex Shuttlers (PinoyTexans), as we call this group, just celebrated the 2nd anniversary of God's faithfulness last August.

As to how this ministry unfolded, connected, and converged, it was none of our doing. It was God all along preparing, orchestrating, timing, providing and sustaining so that His great plan of redemption will come to pass. We are privileged to be part of it.

To Him belongs our utmost worship. He must increase and we fade in the shadow, for even our obedience comes from His sustaining grace. Glory and praise belong to Jesus Christ alone!



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Pintex members two months after we started



Pintex Bible Study group



New Land, New Beginnings

Liza Enriquez

INTRODUCTION

I'm Liza Enriquez originally from Mindoro, Philippines. I'm 55 years old and the 3rd from the youngest among eight siblings. Though we are not rich, we are not poor and all of us were able to finish college. I took up Civil Engineering.

PREVIOUS LIFE

I was a lesbian before and was involved with so many girls during my high school and college days. But because of God's love for me, He saved me from an immoral lifestyle that is doomed to destruction. Before I graduated from College, I came to know Jesus Christ and accepted Him as my personal Lord and Savior. It was a 180-degree total surrender. God has changed me radically. He wants me to be holy and I obeyed Him fully.

27 YEARS OF ARTS AND DESIGN MINISTRY

I love God so much so I served Him in the Ministry of Arts and Design for almost 27 years. Our church in the Philippines is one of the biggest in the country with branches around the world. During that time, I had a huge ministry heading a team that produced different artworks for our network of local and international churches. But along the way, I turned into a "Martha" - too busy with ministry works but not with the Master. I thought I was doing right since I was serving the Kingdom but I didn't have an intimate relationship with the King. I didn't notice that my love for Him has started to grow cold. This verse in Matthew 24:12 "Because iniquity will abound, the love of many will grow cold," has become true with me.

SERVING AND SINNING

Then the horrible thing happened... I fell into sin again. I went back to where I was before I became a Christian. It all started when I met this rich Filipina who lives in another country. She was very nice to me and gave me so many things. Before long, we were in an intimate relationship. The worst part of this story is I was sinning with a married woman. I went to her country every year to be with her and sometimes she came home to the Philippines to be with me. During that time, I was still serving in the ministry but sinning secretly. I didn't have the strength to do what was right before God but deep in my heart I was grieving. My joy has gone. I felt exhausted and empty deep within. I was crying and was full of guilt because of my sin.

GOD'S MERCY NEVER ENDS

But God! Hallelujah! I'm really thankful with "buts" as this is the time that God shows up! He's so patient with me and His mercy never ends. He still LOVES me no matter what! God was not done with me yet. He gave me another chance to change. I asked God to remove me from my country and bring me to another one where I can start all over again. I know that if I didn't leave, I will be in bondage to that sin all my life. I also asked Him to bring me to a small church where He can use me. He heard my prayer and His grace and favor came upon me. I said, "God please renew my heart and my love for you" and He granted that prayer too! And now I'm here! He brought me to the US. I was forgiven and now attending a small church and He told me "I will bless you and you will be a blessing to

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others." He granted all my requests. How sweet our Father is. Hallelujah!

LIFE'S JOURNEY IN THE US

In my first 3 years here in the US, I was crying so much because I was homesick and lonely. God has removed me from my family, friends and church- my comfort zones! During those early years in LA, He taught me to be totally dependent on Him and to focus on Him alone. I rededicated my life to God wholly, which brought me closer to Him. Knowing my loneliness, God has been continuously giving me new friends and reconnecting me to old friends who inspire, influence and help me in my Christian walk.

God led me to WIN LA Saturday service.

Before long, He started using me again in the ministry and He restored my gladness and the joy of serving Him. This verse now became true for me - *Isaiah 51:11* "Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away."

The Lord Jesus has given me a new career in caregiving. And one of the greatest blessings of my life was being able to share the Gospel with my Muslim patient who accepted Jesus after I prayed for her healing. She was able to witness how God answered our many prayers including the miraculous healing of her grandchild. Her Muslim family recognized that there was something different in our prayers to Jesus

and they called for me to pray for their mother when she was dying. She died peacefully after praying with me and whispering the name of Jesus.

UPPER ROOM

During the pandemic, God gave me a new ministry. As I learned to continually abide in the Lord in the secret place and praying for more of His glory, He reconnected me with 2 old friends in the ministry back in the Philippines. We agreed to meet online weekly for virtual worship, study of the Word and prayer. Thus, the UPPER ROOM was birthed, an inspiration from the Book of Acts where the disciples gathered together in the upper room to pray, before the outpouring of the Holy Spirit came called the Pentecost.

Since then, God has been sending different people to our group to be prayed for healing, salvation and deliverance. I'm just so amazed how God has connected us to many people every week to be ministered to and prayed for with the manifestations of healing, deliverance and baptism of the gift of tongues.

My desire is to live for God all the days of my life and to be used by Him for His glory alone. Wherever I go I would share the goodness of God and pray for those who are in need of prayers. I'm so thankful for this new life, for all the things that He has done and will be doing in my life. God is awesome and all glory belongs to Him alone. Hallelujah!

I have not made you to be the slave of whims and fancies or other people's opinions. I have made you to walk victoriously with Me, to talk with Me, to have complete fellowship with Me, to make this journey called life with Me. Only under these circumstances, with your hand securely in Mine, can you walk and not become weary.

Joe B. Brown, Battle Fatigue



quiet talk
BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM

Love Like Jesus!

Nickie Paulate

John 13:34-35 Jesus commands us to “Love one another in the same way I loved you. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.” (MSG)

Many times, I prayed, Lord I want to love like you love. I found out that’s such a hard thing to do! So how do we love like Jesus. In a nutshell Ephesians 5:1-2 reveals to us how to love like Jesus did.

“Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. (Here’s the secret) Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn’t love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.” (MSG)

The Bible gives us stories and parables to show us how to love - the Samaritan woman at the well, parable of the Samaritan, the prodigal son to name a few. As followers of Jesus, we are to radically love those around us and give the world a glimpse of what God is really like by showing the qualities of Jesus in our lives. But that is easier said than done. You know why?

Here’s the hard truth – Loving like Jesus is hard work especially when it takes time away from our busy schedule!

How many times have we failed to be sensitive to our children and our spouse’s needs because we were too busy with a project? How many times have we failed to

take time to have a conversation with our kids to check on how they are doing in life? So many times, we’ve given in to our agenda driven life that we failed to be sensitive to other’s needs.

Jesus has set the bar so high in loving others. So how do we love like Jesus? How do we love like that?

Dr. Les Parrott in his book “Love Like That” shows us five ways of relating to people like Jesus did.

Be MINDFUL – Trade detachment for mindfulness

There are days when we are so busy with our own agenda that we are not mindful of the people around us. The parable of the good Samaritan is a good example of mindfulness. A Samaritan walked by and noticed a man on the side of the road who was robbed and beaten. He took pity on him and put him up in an inn and paid for his room and board until he recovered from his wounds.

Are you mindful of your child who is tugging at your dress to get your attention, are you willing to forget your hurried schedule to take time to talk to a friend who needs a helping hand or a listening ear?

Be APPROACHABLE – Trade exclusivity for approachability, be more welcoming.

Jesus broke out of His circle of friends - the apostles, and took time to converse with the Samaritan woman at the well. He was a friend to the downtrodden, to the outcasts and to those who felt left out or excluded. He

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Love Like Jesus

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is the very author of the word 'Inclusion' which preoccupies our world today.

Do people around you feel that they don't measure up to your standards? Jesus gave a radical suggestion – to love our enemies and to do good to those who hate us. That's a hard pill to swallow, isn't it?

Be GRACE-FULL – Trade judgmental attitudes for a grace-full one.

God lavishly gives us grace so we can give it to others, yes even to the unlovable! It is certainly hard to love the unlovable, isn't it? We cannot limit loving others to those who deserve it. Jesus showed this when He told the woman caught in the act of adultery to go and sin no more. When someone is acting abnormally, ask yourself, 'What is going on with her life that she is acting that way?' This prevents us from being judgmental and is the secret to loving like that, loving like Jesus.

Be BOLD – Trade fear of rejection for boldness.

We've read in Scriptures that Jesus was bold and spoke His mind. He did not dance around what needed to be said just to please people.

Ephesians 4:15-16 ~ . . . God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love. (MSG)

Loving like Jesus is confronting wrong and not compromising the Word of God. In the world we live in, this is important so people will know the truth and will remove any confusion that the world is continually putting out there with their liberal ideas that

diminishes God's role in our lives. The world desperately needs us to show the love of Jesus.

Be SELF-GIVING – Trade self-concern for self-giving.

Not self-serving but emptying ourselves

Ephesians 5:2 - He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us.

Jesus tells us that we actually find fulfillment when we give up our lives. Self-giving love, walking the extra mile helps you begin to love like that. He was tired from the journey or from teaching but still He took time to answer questions, to turn water into wine, to wake up when the apostles were in a panic because of the raging storm.

When we give of ourselves to others and put others first, it makes us feel good, doesn't it?

How do we love like Jesus? Take some time to think about who God has placed in your life to love like Jesus. Ask yourself, 'Is there someone in my life that is a challenge to love?' Let the Holy Spirit work in you so you can show the love of Jesus to that person. Can you start to love that person like Jesus loved?

Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to love like Jesus. He will help us to be more mindful, approachable, grace-full, bold and self-giving. When you allow the Holy Spirit to work in you. You can do it! We can become an extension of Christ's love to the world around us so we can **Love Like That, Love Like Jesus.**



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Chicken Teriyaki Wings

Ingredients

4 - 5 lbs chicken drumettes
Salt & Pepper
Cornstarch
Cooking oil
Yoshida Teriyaki Sauce
Sweet Chili Sauce

Procedure

1. Marinate chicken wings in salt and pepper.
2. Add cornstarch to marinate mixture, just enough to cover chicken.
3. Deep fry wings in oil until golden brown.
4. In a small pot, let teriyaki sauce boil until it thickens.
5. Mix Yoshida and Sweet Chili Sauces. Pour sauce over or coat chicken wings.
6. Sprinkle chicken wings with sesame seeds and chopped green onions.



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Easy Turkey Chili

Ingredients

2 lbs ground turkey
1 can black beans
1 can corn
Taco & Chipotle seasoning
Garlic and onions

Procedure

1. Saute garlic and onions.
2. Add turkey and cook for 10 minutes.
3. Add all canned ingredients.
4. Season with Taco seasoning to desired taste.
5. Add Chipotle seasoning to desired taste.
6. Simmer everything on low heat for 20 minutes.
7. Enjoy with sour cream, cheese, and corn bread!!

