

## 2015 “The Jesus Year”

### HERE! God Moves Into The Neighborhood #5

#### “Here Through Us!”

#### Not Just A Moment A But Mission!

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”—Micah 6:8

#### Our House (Our Lives) Becomes A Place Where Others Find God Because He Lives Here!

#### \*How We Live Matters!

#### God ‘Fleashes Out’ His Message Through Us!

“For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.”—Philippians 2:13

You’ve Heard It Said...“Keep Christ In Christmas!”  
But I Say Unto You...“Keep Christ In Christians!”

#### \*What We Seek For Others Matters!

#### We Follow A Missionary God Who Calls Us To Be Missionary People!

Mother Teresa was once asked: “How did you receive your call to serve the poor?” She responded: “My call is not to serve the poor, my call is to follow Jesus... I have followed Him to the poor!”

#### Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 (NIV)

This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon...<sup>4</sup>This is what the

Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup>“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup>Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. <sup>7</sup>Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

#### What Flows Through You Toward Others?

#### A Desire For Good? or

#### Do We Seek Karma/Judgment/Condemnation On Others?

“But if you fail to do this (follow Him), you will be sinning against the Lord; and you may be sure that your sin will find you out.”

—Numbers 32:23

“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.”—Galatians 6:7-8

#### \*What We Say Matters!

#### God Had Skin In The Game...Do You!

#### Ephesians 3:7-10 (The Message)

This is my life work: helping people understand and respond to this Message. It came as a sheer gift to me, a real surprise, God handling all the details. When it came to presenting the Message to people who had no background in God’s way, I was the least qualified of any of the available Christians. God saw to it that I was equipped, but you can be sure that it had nothing to do with my natural abilities. And so here I am, preaching and writing about things that are way over my head, the inexhaustible riches and generosity of Christ. My task is to bring out in the open and make plain what God, who created all this in the first place, has been doing in secret and behind the scenes all along. Through followers of Jesus like yourselves gathered in churches, this extraordinary plan of God is becoming known and talked about even among the angels!