# LIFE CHANGING MINISTRY

Talk #3 - What Can't Change?

#### **Acts 17**

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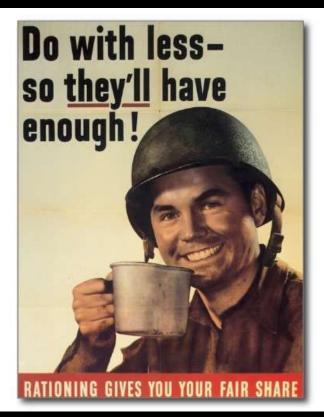
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#### **Rationing in WWII**

- Gas 4 gallons a week
- Food 1 pound of meat a week
- Clothing silk, nylon and shoes

### The weight of what was at stake changed the way they lived!

#### **Timeline for Paul:**

- Philippi
- Beaten and imprisoned in Philippi
- Thessalonica
- Rioting in Thessalonica
- Berea (75 miles away)
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- Athens

## The weight of eternal judgment drove Paul to pursue others at all costs.

## The weight of eternal judgement drives us to pursue people at all costs.

"If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and un-prayed for."

- C.H. Spurgeon

"Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell. I'd rather run a rescue shop within a yard of Hell."

- C.T. Studd

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So the churches were strengthened in the faith and they increased in numbers daily!

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Your leaders are committed to helping you reach your "Framily" because their eternal destination matters!

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### Every believer is either a missionary or an imposter!

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- 5. We must choose to dream and beg God to make those dreams a reality.

"When I get an executive that I'm trying to hire for someone else, I like to disarm him. I offer him a drink, take my coat off...undo my tie, throw up my feet and talk about baseball, football, family, whatever until he's all relaxed."

"Then when I think I've got him relaxed, I lean over, look him square in the eye and say, 'What's your purpose in life?' It's amazing how top executives fall apart at that question."

"Well, I was interviewing this fellow the other day, had him all disarmed, with my feet up on his desk, talking about football. Then I leaned up and said, 'What's your purpose in life, Bob?' And he said, without blinking an eye, 'To go to heaven and take as many people with me as I can.' For the first time in my career I was speechless."

Remember: Our purpose is to go to heaven and take as many people with us as we can.

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

Acts 4:29

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