

The Wilsons

Reflections on 2009

Three Trips to Bogota: *Equipping and Evangelizing*

Teaching Principles and Methods: Leading to Expository Preaching

How to Study for Church Planters: Equipping, Training, Motivating

Preaching in a Youth Camp: Making Choices You Won't Regret



Argentina Marriage Seminar: *Families Changed*

Students assembled to hear about "Biblical Marriage and Family". The result was that God transformed some of the couples and certainly challenged those that were present. One young couple was in crisis and they made the decision to start over and follow God in their marriage. Marriage truly is about displaying God's glory ~ Christ in us. Marriage is about our becoming holy, not about our happiness!

Near Home: *Training, Teaching and Equipping*

I have been blessed to lead small group leader training classes, small group ministry and teach Sunday School. Also, I had the privilege to preach at several churches.

November Pastoral Class Bogota:*delayed?*

I should be in Colombia as I type this, but God closed the door for a time.

How do you respond when you prepare, pack, have ticket in hand and then get grounded? Sick. Shingles diagnosed 48 hours before my flight.

We have re-scheduled the preaching class for February 2010. The marriage retreat I was to lead will proceed without me.

I probably will not know this side of eternity "why" this happened, but the real question to ask God is, "What do I need to learn, change or do? *Thy will be done.*"

Trials and Testing: A Time to Worship

I don't have all the answers but as I taught about Abraham in a Wednesday night small group I was challenged by the life of Abraham. God called and Abraham obeyed. He pursued God. He was called a friend of God. When the test came, he obeyed immediately. God called him to do the unthinkable, to offer up his only son of promise on an altar. God said "Go to a place I will show you." By faith, Abraham followed God's leading to a mountain and to build an altar to sacrifice his son. That is a walk of faith, isn't it? Here is a point to ponder: Abraham told the young men with them, "*We will go and worship and return.*"

Abraham obeyed by faith and worshiped.

Do you and I worship during times of testing?

He put his most important possession on the altar to sacrifice. Years of hope, dreams of the future and the times yet to be spent with Isaac - all on the altar to die. What do you and I need to surrender? Abraham would surely have said "Amen" when Paul wrote Philippians 1:21, "For to me to LIVE is Christ and to die is gain." (*Read Genesis 22 and Hebrews 11 for the details.*)

Someone did die on that same mountain years later. He too was an only son. He agonized the night before. Like Isaac, Jesus carried wood up the mountain to His death. Jesus Christ was crucified on the same mountain, dead, buried and resurrected. God provided a ram for Abraham to sacrifice. The Lamb of God came years later as God had promised from all eternity. Christ Jesus now calls us to forsake all, put all on the altar and follow Him.

I Need You

I have more questions than answers for the coming year of 2010! A deficit is pinching me financially for the year, leaving unreimbursed expenses for tickets, books, medical insurance and ministry activity. I have been traveling since 1993 and I praise God for your partnership. I praise God for every one of you and do not take lightly your sacrificial giving and praying. My dream of developing small group leaders here, equipping and training international leaders in expositional study, and preaching and teaching about marriage and family has not diminished. Doors are open for ministry.

- **Please pray for an expanded base of partners in our ministry.**
- **Please ask God if He would have you partner with us in prayer and financially.**

Your help is needed. Thank you for your partnership for the past 16 years!

Until He Comes,

Bobby