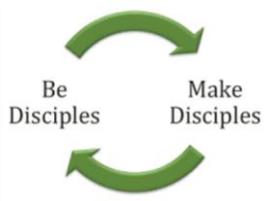
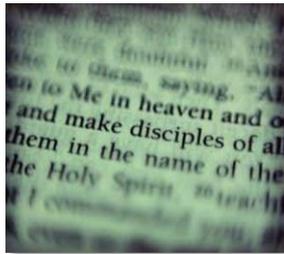


The Power of the Sun



**LET'S GET
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A few days ago a bouquet of flowers was sitting on the dining room table. Some of the flowers were beginning to droop and lose vitality. The flowers were set in the sun and a few hours later, some of the flowers began to gain life. The longer they were in the sun, the better they looked.

As Christians, our lives can become like a bouquet of flowers. Our countenance falls and it seems as though we feel like we are wilting on the vine. The remedy is to place ourselves in the Son (not the sun). Many times, when life brings discouragements, we need to bask in the Son of the Living God. When it comes to saving souls, we really need Jesus, because as we are trying to convert others to Christ, many obstacles must be overcome.

Evangelism is one of those works that sometimes do not produce immediate results. Time has to be taken to find prospects and study with them. The process can be tedious and painstaking. It is important for Christians to be sure they are basking in the Son because He provides the spiritual strength that we need to help others come to Him.

How do we bask in the Son? Consistent exposure to the word of God helps us keep our focus when evangelizing. Take some time to study what happened to Jesus as he encountered individuals who He tried to prepare for the coming kingdom. Study about Paul and his travels as he tried to convert sinners to the way of the Lord and examine how he handled disappointment and rejection.

We bask in the Son by staying in constant communication with the Father. Christians have the power of the Godhead working in their favor when it comes to prayer. When we do not know what to say, the Spirit intercedes (Rom. 8:26), Jesus mediates on our behalf (1 Tim. 2:5), and the Father provides all good things to His children (Jas. 1:17). So when discouragement sets in, know that the power of the Godhead works with us.

We bask in the Son when we make friends with people of God who are basking in the Son or who have fellowship with Him. Evangelizing can be difficult work, but we need to keep encouraging one another to stay involved in the work. Iron sharpens iron

(Prov. 27:17). Let's spur one another on to love and good works. -K.A. Pugh

