

Title : Press to be Blessed

Luke 5:1

¹And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to **hear the word of God,**

Luke 5:5

nevertheless at Your word I will....

January Sermon Series

Improving Our Vertical Connection Requires :

- 1. That We Press To Be Blessed**
- 2. That We Are In The Right Place At The Right Time**
- 3. Standing & Sitting**
- 4. Empty Ships**
- 5. Washing & Mending Before Widening & Deepening**

Rwanda

- The Voice of God

Luke 5

- ¹ So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, ² and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing *their* nets.

Luke 5

³ Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

⁴ When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

Luke 5

- ⁵ But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; **nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.**” ⁶ And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

Luke 5

⁷ So they signaled to *their* partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

Luke 5

- ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also *were* James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.” ¹¹ So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

The significance of:

- hearing a word daily
- receiving a word daily
- affirming a word daily
- obeying the word daily
- living by the word daily
- responding to a word daily..

- The difference between hearing the word & saying amen to the word
- Common to want to hear popular preachers
- Uncommon to be doers

Pressed to Be Blessed

Mark 3:10

For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues

Mark 5:24

And Jesus went with him; and a great crowd kept following Him and pressed Him from all sides [so as almost to suffocate Him].

Mark 5 :27

When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

Luke 8:42

For he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As [Jesus] went, the people pressed together around Him [almost suffocating Him].

- **They pressed him for a word**
- **They experienced success because of his word**
- ***They forsook all, and followed him. Because of the word***

They pressed;

- To hear the word
- To be healed
- To be heard

The Word.... Trifecta

I. Written Word.

II. Living Word

III. Spoken Word

Larnelle Harris

Amen



Wintley Phipps

Amen



Three distinct Biblical usages of *amen*

1. Initial *amen*, referring back to words of another speaker and introducing an affirmative sentence, 1 [Kings](#) 1:36.
2. Detached *amen*, referring to the words of another speaker but without a complementary affirmative sentence, . Nehemiah 5:13.
3. Final *amen*, with no change of speaker, as in the subscription to the first three divisions of [Psalms](#).

amen

1. Confirmation...it's true
2. Affirmation.. So be it
3. Validation . The evidence supports it

Amen

- There are 52 amens in the [Gospels](#) and 25 in [John](#)
- amen, is a response to a blessing,
- it is an **affirmation of any declaration.**
- The [Talmud](#) teaches [homiletically](#) that the word *amen* is an [acronym](#) for אֵל מֶלֶךְ נֶאֱמָן ('*El melekh ne'eman*, "God,

Isa 65 :16

- ¹⁶So [it shall be] that he who invokes a blessing on himself in the land shall do so by saying, May the God of truth and fidelity [the Amen] bless me; and he who takes an oath in the land shall swear by the God of truth and faithfulness to His promises [the Amen], because the former troubles are forgotten and because they are hidden from My eyes.

- So be it; truly") is a declaration of affirmation found in the [Hebrew Bible](#) and [New Testament](#)
- In English, the word *amen* has two primary pronunciations, *ah-men* (/ɑː'mɛn/) or *ay-men* (/eɪ'mɛn/),
- *Amen*, meaning "so be it", is of [Hebrew](#) origin

The Word for 2012

- Connectivity

Andre Couch

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SHINewIAbrE>

Connectivity

"Let us...form a community shaped by the Lord we follow, a place where we eagerly pick up each other's burdens and where sacrificial giving and living is the norm because we recognize that in Christ God sacrificed all for us."

Vertical & Horizontal Connection Status

- Weak
- Disconnected
- Strong
- Excellent

Never The less I will

- Get connected
- Stay connected
- Improve my connection

Marvin's version

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Amv5UmSB2Bg&feature=related>

Let the church say amen

- **Just cause yu didn't do what yu suppose to do don't mean I can't do what I'm suppose to do, I got a job to do**
- **Our job: press our**

2012 Communion Theme "As Often As You"

1st quarter Things we should do more often

2nd Quarter Things we do to often

3rd Quarter Things we should do less often

4th quarter Things we do often enough

1 Corinthians 11:26

²⁶For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

Things we should do more often

- Press our way to communion service
- Celebrate the Lord's supper
- ^{1 Cor 11: 26}For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

Revelation 5:6-14

- ⁶And there between the throne and the four living creatures (beings) and among the elders of the heavenly Sanhedrin] I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God the sevenfold Holy Spirit] Who have been sent [on duty far and wide] into all the earth.
- ⁷He then went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him Who sat on the throne.

Revelation 5:6-14

⁸And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders of the heavenly Sanhedrin] prostrated themselves before the Lamb. Each was holding a harp (lute or guitar), and they had golden bowls full of incense (fragrant spices and gums for burning), which are the prayers of God's people (the saints).

Revelation 5:6-14

- ⁹And [now] they sing a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the scroll and to break the seals that are on it, for You were slain (sacrificed), and with Your blood You purchased men unto God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

Revelation 5:6-14

- ¹⁰And You have made them a kingdom (royal race) and priests to our God, and they shall reign [as kings] over the earth!
- ¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels on every side of the throne and of the living creatures and the elders of the heavenly Sanhedrin], and they numbered ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands,

Revelation 5:6-14

¹²Saying in a loud voice, Deserving is the Lamb, Who was sacrificed, to receive all the power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and majesty (glory, splendor) and blessing!

¹³And I heard every created thing in heaven and on earth and under the earth [in Hades, the place of departed spirits] and on the sea and all that is in it, crying out together

Revelation 5:6-14

,To Him Who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be ascribed the blessing and the honor and the majesty (glory, splendor) and the power (might and dominion) forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities)!

Revelation 5:6-14

- ¹⁴Then the four living creatures (beings) said, Amen (so be it)! And the elders [[e](#)]of the heavenly Sanhedrin] prostrated themselves and worshiped Him Who lives forever and ever.