



# The Everlasting Nation

## Ministry Update

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Dear Friends and Supporters:

I want to begin with a specific passage; you will soon see why. *At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven"* (Matt. 18:1-3, NASB).

Jesus used a very little child as an example for His adult disciples! All adults must come to the same conclusion: just as children are incapable of doing anything religiously or morally speaking, adults also can't do anything religiously or morally speaking to save themselves.

This requires conversion! We just never know how God will bring someone to convert into our lives. After thirty years of ministry, I had a first. I have never counseled a counselor! The Lord brought two people into my life, and their marriage was in a very bad place. One wanted something odd: a Christian pastor instead of a secular counselor—even though this was their profession—and they both knew I came from a different religious background. If that's not a God thing, then what is?

This is where it gets interesting. One of the spouses was reluctant to meet with me because I was a pastor/missionary, and on our first visit, this spouse made it very clear why. They said, "he will try to convert us." Perhaps now you can better understand why I began with Matthew 18!

Now, we both know we cannot convert anyone. All we can do is share the Gospel and be there to answer questions. But let's be clear: the goal of our evangelism is conversion to Christ. Many years ago, someone gave me a book entitled *Christo-Centric Preaching*. The entire point of the book is bringing Christ into every message, so I brought Christ into my counseling!

I intentionally began our first session with Ephesians 5:25, *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her* (NASB).

What a perfect passage to begin marital counseling! I have learned over my time in ministry that a sacrificial husband is music to the ears of any wife and that He gave Himself up for His bride (the church) was a wonderful segue to the Gospel. This was my Christo-Centric counseling for our first time together.

It blesses me to inform you that both spouses have repented and believed the Gospel! Since their conversions, I have begun to disciple the husband privately and the couple together.

Conversion is not simply a change in beliefs but also a change in behavior. Every time we meet, the wife tells me he is changing! Pray for my counseling and their discipleship as they become more like Christ together, all for the glory of God!

Thank YOU, always, for standing in the gap with me.

Because of Him,

Michael Campo Jr.

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