

LEARNING LESSONS OF FAITH--FF'ING & ESCORT MINISTRIES! --GOD'S SUPPLY IN NEW FIELD OF ASIA! BY MARIE ROUSSE

GBY Dad & Maria & our dear Family around the World! I wanted to share some FF & ES (escorting) tips & testimonies, as many are going to new fields & will have to live more by faith, just as I had to. All credit to our wonderful King & Queen who taught us everything & showed & led the way of FF'ing. These are a few suggestions on how to meet fish & help to make it pay.

After a year of constant ESing, first in London, then in HK, I suddenly & unexpectedly found myself in a poor Asian field with no ESing, where the Lord taught me many beautiful lessons of faith & love through straight FF'ing.

"I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, & I will have no other Gods before me." (Ex.20:35) "God wants your love first of all, He wants you to put Him first, & His Word, & His job of winning souls first of all...but if you try to put your support first, & leave preaching the Word & winning souls last, God will not bless it. In fact He will curse it." (697:52,53) And even remove you from the situation where you can do it, as He did me. I had become a little dry & hard & business-like in my dealings with ES fish, & suddenly, after a trip abroad He closed the door at the Immigration for me to come back to my field.

So I proceeded to this new poorer field & I FF'd as if everything depended on FF'ing, because it did. And that's the best way to learn. TYJ! At first it was a real shock & a big battle as I had forgotten how to "meet" people, & had never really learned how to make FF'ing pay. God bless the sisters there for all their help & tips & beautiful sample, they have been wonderful Queens of His love for years, & really know how to do it. And their FF fruits are tremendous, City Fathers and

Government Officials who have been on the line for years, supporting, protecting, & furthering the work, & some even tithing. God bless also my dear precious mate, Zech, who always stood in prayer, love, & patience by my side. So here are a few tips I learnt there.

MEETING FISH

WHERE: I meet a lot of my fish litnessing around 5-star hotels, dressed as for FF'ing, & making myself very available to the men I litness to, even asking for their telephone number if they are too shy to ask for mine. Otherwise, the best fishing ponds in this part of the World are inside the 5-star hotels which have not only travellers for their customers but also locals, who come for a drink or dancing, or finding a girl

In the hotels the best spots are the piano bars where you can dance, but these are rare, so most of the time I would go to the lobby bar where all the action is. I always find it better to order a drink as not to attract the attention of the security. Act natural, as if you're waiting for somebody (one sister's tip is to keep looking at her watch as if her date is real late), or as if you're just having a relaxing drink with a girlfriend.

Swimming pools of big hotels are good during the day & on weekends. Walk around nonchalant & smiling, & you're bound to meet somebody!

WHEN: The best hour is before or after dinner; the happy hour, from 6-8 pm, when men are often looking for some company for dinner, & from 10 pm on. From 8-10 everybody is usually eating, so the bars are quite empty. But the Lord can do it at any time if it is His will! Some sisters like the breakfast-time best, they go in the cafeteria of big hotels at 7 am & make their dates for the evening! It's

according to your faith & to your schedule! take it by faith that the Lord will
HOW: "Make sure you're a good bait that's very deliciously & temptingly displayed... the first one you meet is the right one,
you've got to display the bait attractively so the fish will be sure & see it."
(559:28) When having a drink somewhere I find it good to keep moving around to make

myself available to everybody, go to the phone, the toilet, to buy a newspaper, etc...& look deep in the eyes of those you pass by & smile. "It's amazing the power of a smile!! The feeling of love, the power of the Holy Spirit in a smile. So don't just flirt your body or he will miss your eyes, your mind. Look deep, look so deep..." (559:41)

Remember that most men are basically shy, & afraid to get a "no" for an answer, so don't always wait for them to make the first move. When you have a good check on somebody, do something, talk to them if they are near you, get up & walk past them if they are away from you. Take the authority of the Spirit & be led of the Spirit & be bold! A sister & I one evening "crashed" the party for the anniversary of a foreign country. We were just walking around the hotel, when we saw all these fancy people going in this big fancy room, so we just followed them & found ourselves with all the Diplomats of all the Embassies of the city. An important-looking gentleman kept staring at me, & eventually we got to talk to each other, but his wife arrived before he could give me his card. I only knew he belonged to an Embassy of a certain country. I had Zech phone the Embassy the next day to find out who he was, & he was the Ambassador himself! And the Lord opened the door for me to minister to him for 6 months. TYJ!

When meeting somebody I often wonder if he is worthy enough for me to spend the whole evening with him. Sometimes the Devil will try to discourage you into thinking he is not a sheep. Just claim the promises: each time I go out I desperately pray to meet a hungry needy sheep so I

MAKE IT PAY
I always carry a good PR album with me, & when asked what I do, generally say, "Social work", & if the man is at all receptive, I show my album which usually leads to witnessing. Most men will ask you how you support your work. It's good to make it clear from the very beginning that your work is voluntary & that people support you by sending regular donations, it's good to prepare the ground for when you will have to ask them for a donation if the Lord so leads. In this country we were always desperate for funds & we more or less had to make every FF experience pay!

"Teach them how to live by teaching them how to give." And that's not easy! Systemites are not geared to giving, & it's part of our ministry to teach them. But as money is a very touchy subject, you have to play it by ear, & have discernment as to when & how to ask.
ASKING FOR DONATIONS: First, to show them that I am not rich I always ask for taxi fare, even when sometimes I just had a drink with a fish if I at all witnessed to him I ask for taxi fare upon leaving. I have been in some situations where the taxi fares would feed the whole Home.

Sometimes I don't ask for a donation at all, when I know that I haven't yet totally won my fish's confidence, & asking would just be confirming his doubts & thereby losing him. I just put him on my mailing list & ask through my prayer letter later, after I have proven that I do care for him personally. One such fish, after I had ministered to him hand & feet for a few days, & even nights, only gave me US\$5 when I asked

him for taxi fare as we were saying good-bye. But I followed up on him through the mail & he is now a very precious regular supporter, growing in the Lord & in the spirit of giving. FYJ!

Never let the Devil or your pride scare you out of asking. "Ask & it shall be given you; for everyone that asketh receiveth; and, ye have not because ye ask not." (Mt.7:7; Ja.4:2) "One of the first lessons I ever had to learn was that you have got to be humble enough to ask for it! You can't just wait until they voluntarily decide to offer it, you've got to ask them for it." (682:93) "If you are to be God's whore, you can't have much pride!" (684:10) "If you don't know how to let these guys know that you need money you ought to get out of the FF'ing business. It's nice to win souls, but it's got to pay for itself." (684:10)

My asking also depends on how long my fish is in town. If it is just a one-night stand or he doesn't want to give me his address, I always ask as I might never see him again. I usually wait until I have given the full message, sermon & sample, to present the need (generally my rent) & a figure, usually around US\$100.-150. You won't always get what you ask for but if you don't give a figure, they'll often try to give you as little as they can. So always be specific for the purpose of the donation & for the figure. Most systemites, even if they are sheepy, are not generous, because they have never been taught to be. It's humbling to teach them to give but it's part of our job!

Lately I have also blended ESing & FFing, which has proven very fruitful. I just meet somebody, witness to him, show my picture album, even some selah lit, love him up, but when he asks me to come up to his room, I just say: "Well you know, I do social work fulltime, & as I told you it's completely voluntary, so occasionally I do some escort work on the side to

help support my work." Usually he'll answer, "OK, how much?" and then I set up an arrangement. Or if he refuses, I still have witnessed to him & he still might get saved. One fish I had done freelance ESing with took me to his bedroom & said, "You are beautiful, you are like an angel of God, I don't want to make love to you, I just want to hold you in my arms & listen to you." Which he did for a whole hour while I was reading the DM to him. When I left, he gave me way over what I had asked for, saw me again 2 days later, & helped again without wanting any physical bait. I now feed him regularly through the mail. GBH!

I've had wonderful results using this method, but you cannot use it with everybody & you need to have complete faith for it. "Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." (Ro. 14:22,23) And if your faith is wavering about it, the Devil will use it to hinder your witnessing & you will fail the fish, & the Lord! What's wonderful about FF'ing is that you totally depend on the Lord for your support. You know that each donation is a gift of God, & it makes you really desperate & appreciative! And each fish you meet is thoroughly witnessed to, which doesn't always happen with ESing, unfortunately. One time, the whole burden of the rent was on my shoulders, I had one week to raise up US\$400 (which is a lot in this poor field!) I started going out frantically, lunchtime, evening time. As a result, 5 souls got saved, but I got so sore from one fish that I could not make love for weeks after that, & I hardly got any funds. The rent day came & we didn't have it. So I just stopped & desperately cast my burden on the Lord. He alone could do it. In the next 3 days, He led me to the sweetest fish, & gave me way over what we needed, without having to make love to anybody! PHN!

ES'ING

I am now back in my original field & have started ESing again, but with a totally different vision. After months of FF'ing, I am so thankful for the tremendous financial blessing ESing is, as well as for the great number of lonely, needy men I get to meet & minister to without having to go through the sometimes hard work of waiting in a bar for hours before you meet somebody. Many souls are being led to the Kingdom, many long lasting friends made. ESing is a wonderful tool, if used wisely & prayerfully, always "seeking first", & putting the Lord & the lost souls first.

I do not consider ESing as a job, but as a ministry. It's a wonderful way to meet people & minister to them. But one must not be afraid to witness in an ES situation. I used to sometimes be ashamed to witness because I had asked them for money for my sexual favours. But that's a lack of faith. That makes ESing a job & not a ministry. Now I pray before each date & ask the Lord to close

the door if it is not a sheep so I take it by faith that all my "customers" are sheepy & I try to bring as many of them as I can to a point of decision (without shoving it down their throat, of course), as for many of them it is their last resort & you'll never see them again." I really believe by the time they come to us, we're usually their last chance. When God goes to that extreme to show them His love, it's their last chance, the point of no return, their last hope." (1085:2)

Witnessing to fish is in some ways like teaching children: They can often receive & absorb much more than we have the faith to give them. I think we should all really feel accountable for each soul God sends our way whether through FF'ing or ESing, or God will require their blood at our hand. (Ez.3:17-19.)

God bless you all, I hope you will have a happy time FF'ing & will make it "effective, effucktive, efficient, fruitful, financial, official & forever! PTL! ILY! TYJ for FF'ing! So FF away to that FF day when we'll all FF with Jesus! Amen? GBAKY FF'ing forever! IJN, amen."(1083:136)
With love, Marie,(Asia)