100% successful? What does that mean?

Our job is simple...we are only responsible for sharing the message. Every time we share the Gospel, we have 100% completed our job!

Bringing people to salvation is God's job.

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but **God gave the increase**. (7) So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."

(1 Corinthians 3:6-7)

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God Uses Foolish Things

The next time you hear passages stating that God uses foolishness to confound the wise, REJOICE and be glad that you qualify!

It is not about us! It is **ALL about Christ** in us!

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet <u>not I, but Christ</u> liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

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#### Conclusion

God's ways are ridiculous when judged by human logic and standards. No person in their right mind would send a sheep into battle, especially wearing armor.

But God does, and you are that sheep!

Tell people about Jesus!

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"My <u>sheep</u> hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:" (John 10:27)

"Put on the whole <u>armour of God</u>, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Ephesians 6:11)

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Seriously? Sheep that wear Armor?

Yes, that is what God tells us to do. Jesus calls us His sheep and God tells us to put on the whole armor of God.

Who sends sheep into battle and tells them to wear armor?

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Utter Nonsense!

"But God hath chosen the **foolish** things

ARMORED SHEEP

of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;" (1 Corinthians 1:27)

But is it? Is it nonsense putting armor on sheep?

Not in God's manner of doing things!

Sheep are generally helpless and for the most part rely on their shepherd for their protection and defense.

Thus it is the same with those of us who follow Jesus!

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#### **Useless Without Him!**

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

(John 15:5)

Without Jesus, armored sheep are totally idiotic!

With Jesus, armored sheep can do everything He has called us to do!

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13)

As John 15:5 states, without Jesus we can do nothing!

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Gospel Preaching

The main purpose of our spiritual warfare is sharing the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! One of the last commands Jesus gave prior to ascending into Heaven was to preach the Gospel.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and <u>preach the gospel</u> to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

Think of it this way. I heard someone say something like:

- * Worship we have now worship we will have for eternity
- * Prayer we have now prayer we will have for eternity
- * Fellowship we have now fellowship we will have for eternity

But we ONLY have NOW for evangelism!

So sheep, put on God's armor and go to war!

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### Oh, The Foolishness

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish **foolishness**; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." (1 Corinthians 1:18)

"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the **foolishness** of preaching to save them that believe." (1 Corinthians 1:21)

"But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks **foolishness**;" (1 Corinthians 1:23)

God has made it so simple for His sheep to succeed. We are 100% successful every time we tell people about the substitutionary death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. How He died in our place to pay for our sins.