



A message from the Biscarini's:

“ Take to **heart** all the words I have given you **today**”

Deut. 32:46

From the heart:

As I read through the One year Bible pages, I am deeply challenged by the exhortation our Father is emphasizing over and over again...“if you **fully obey** the Lord your God by keeping **all** the commands I am giving you **today**...” ; “Take to heart **all** the words I have given you **today**”; “He will give you this land if you **obey all** the commands I have given you, if you **always** love the Lord your God and walk in His ways”; “Love the LORD your God with **all** your heart and with **all** your soul and with **all** your strength”.

Complete obedience- today seems to be a recurring theme in Deuteronomy, but finds echoes throughout the Old and New Testament. So the **today** marks the beginning of a new era and spurs us not to look at yesterday or what we used to be; **fully** and **all** reminds us of the **total** commitment He is requiring of us not what is just convenient to us. Thus the question: “Am I giving my all to Him today?” “ Jesus called many who found pretexts to postpone the commitment... *“First let me go and bury my father” , “ I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family”*. **Contrast this** with the calling of the disciples; Mark says: “*Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men and immediately they left their nets and followed him*”. Luke says: “*...from now on you will be catching men. And when they had brought their boats to land, they abandoned everything and followed him*”. So some have left Him- and are left with excuses, others left what they knew in **immediate total**



abandonment and gained Him.

Which one are you and which one am I ? Because of our carnal nature in constant flex and tension toward the

process of sanctification I would venture to say we **vacillate between the two**. One day we find excuses to justify the tyranny of the urgent that make us say: “let me finish this, then I will get to you”. Other days perhaps moved by unusual trials and tribulations we realize that total abandonment brings the indispensable resolution. Thank God for His inexhaustible **longsuffering!** Brother and sister let us inspire one another to the full obedience He calls us to, forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.

Latest:

I just returned last night from 2 days of meetings at the **TGC** (Gospel coalition) annual gathering in Orlando. Over 8,000 pastors from all over the world were participating to lectures with **Tim Keller, John Piper, D.A. Carson**, etc. I was invited by a couple of pastors that have taken Italy to heart and wanted to **establish a new way of doing evangelism** through strategic laser-focused collaborations (Italy Collective). This in order to plant and grow **Gospel-centered** churches throughout Italy. They knew of us and thought we would be key in joining their founding structure. I am happy to see that finally more and more organizations are realizing that **Nationals-to-Nationals** forms of evangelism are the most effective and economical ways to reach different people's group. This comes as a breath of fresh air since I am surrounded locally by “dinosaurs” that think Italy has been evangelized only because they are afraid of the **\$ per soul** that is required to evangelize post Christian European nations. It is shame that a country with **4,500 evangelical churches nationwide** (of which 50% is non-Italian) and a population of 60MM is considered by some as evangelized! The **downtown area of Atlanta alone has more evangelical Christians than the whole country of Italy combined!**



Jane's corner:



Had a blast making ravioli with the **Covenant College** students at our house last month. This Saturday I will go to their

dorm hall kitchen to give them cooking lessons for low budget easy meals. This is a Christian college on top of the mountain where we live which is very isolated. I got to know some of the students from using the gym that is open to the public. [there is not much of a public here though ha ha- maybe 5,500 residents on the mountain] . I am just making myself available to **mentor** or provide a home away from home, which they seem to really appreciate. With finals coming up a few of them would like to hang out at our house to study and get away. 3 weeks ago when we made the ravioli we were able to commence a dialog about struggles in school, with their faith, relationships etc- was a good beginning- Praise God! Did we tell y'all about God intervening with our financial aid crisis? Isabella's school pulled the rug from under us withdrawing financial aid, but then **God intervened** and put us back on track. We were concerned for Isabella's senior year; however we had to trust God to work things out and He did.

Prayer and praise:

- Last week I received a request on Facebook from a friend I **did not see in 40 years!** He then called me and told me he had a tremendous urge to track me down because he went swimming and strangely I came to his mind in a powerful way. He shared a specific time when I was trying to teach him how to swim butterfly and I was patient with him [he defined it as an act of love]. **Daniele** went through a lot of tragedies shortly after we lost touch and he said:

"God was never present in the midst of my trials, I have a

hard time thinking He even exists".

Well, we spoke for an hour and I had a chance to share my testimony with him. He encouraged me to write a book because it would



speak to the heart of a lot of people in Italy. I considered it a "professional compliment" since he has been the **voice of Mediaset, the most powerful radio in Italy** (owned by Berlusconi), for the past 17 years. I told him to fasten his seatbelt because I will be praying for him and his salvation... **Please join me in lifting up Daniele**; what an awesome opportunity if he could become "God's voice"!

- **Five** of the Italians that came last year wanted to come back this year and **serve** at a **Young Life camp!** They have been so impacted last year by the whole experience that they long to be back. YL cannot take them because 3 are still non-believers and could not have leadership positions even though they would be only servers. I am trying to line up **another Church summer camp** for them so that they may, once more, be immersed in the Word and learn how to give back.
- The group in **Roma** decided to have "**live skype feed**" instead of hearing the reports from the 3 leaders I left in charge. I normally go through a lesson with the leaders on



Skype image of this week study

Mondays and they relate to the group at large on Thursdays. Well, for me it is a privilege to continue to hold their hands virtually [above] in prayer, but they also need to learn **not to depend on an individual**. Thus the need again of trained, passionate ministers of the Word...

We love you all very much.

Peppo and Jane

