

## My Thoughts For Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014

### “There's More Than One Way To Skin A Cat”

My Dad had many strange quotes he liked to use. This was one of them, although I never really figured out back then just what he was trying to tell me. Why would anyone want to skin a cat no matter how many ways there were to do it?

Later I realized he was telling me that there were many ways to get a job done. We have a great example of this if we just compare John the Baptist and Jesus and His disciples.

John was the one who stood out in the river calling out and hoping people would come, repent and be baptized. He was calling and directing sinners to come and know their Savior.(Mark 1:2-4) In stark contrast to that method of spreading the news of Jesus' coming, we look at Jesus Himself. After John had been imprisoned, for doing his task of baptizing; Jesus, we are told, took over the job of telling people what they needed to do for salvation.(Mark 1:14-15) However, He did it in a much different manner. Jesus went out into the neighborhoods, cities and countryside and called men from their normal jobs and told them to follow Him.(Mark 1:16-20) He covered the whole area teaching His followers, preaching to the masses and healing the sick and dying.(Luke 4:38-41)

Let's look at our lives in comparison. Are we like John, standing in the stream of humanity, waiting for people to come along to get that most precious message we have been commissioned to share?

Do we even make it known, audibly, that we have this message and wish to share it with our families, friends and neighbors? Or, rather, are we like Jesus? Do we actually go out to our friends and neighbors, co-workers and strangers and give them this life saving good news of what Jesus has done for us all?

As my dad said, "there is more than one way to skin a cat." There is also more than one way to get the message out there to lead people to salvation. We can't all be pastors or teachers; we can't all be world evangelizers or missionaries; but we can and should be sharers of this great life saving message entrusted to us by our loving Friend and Savior. We received this message freely and have been instructed to give it in the same manner.([Matthew 10:8](#))

We have the ability, with the Word of God, to heal the spiritually sick and dying, and even to raise the dead to a new free life in Christ, as God pours out His Holy Spirit on these newly found souls.

Whatever means or method you can devise to "skin the cat" make sure that you continue to get this message out there to as many people as possible from your position of a saved sinner in a fallen world. Yell it from the treetops, if necessary, this gracious gift we have been given and how truly blessed we are as his followers to help save humanity from the sin filled world and sin filled lives we all once lived.

May this Holy Spirit strengthen us and guide us as we continue to fulfill the great commission He has entrusted to us.

