

# FROM THE FOUNDERS OF STS

*Have you ever noticed that most Christian ministries at local churches take place within the confines of their walls, usually in the fellowship hall? In the summer of 2005 the Lord impressed upon us to start the ministry now known as Success Through Scriptures (STS).*

*His encouragement was to have this ministry outside the walls of the church. From what we see in the New Testament, Jesus spent a great deal of time outside, and most of His miracles were done outside where the people were. This is not to say that having a ministry inside is wrong. At times weather will prevent going outside. Even with STS we have some inside fellowship but most of our activities are in the wilderness. There is something about the freedom one experiences while on a lake in the wilderness! God has given us a great outdoors to enjoy. While some individuals prefer not to fish they still enjoy God's great outdoors and fellowship.*

*At times we find ourselves with an unspeakable joy to be involved in this ministry. We have met wonderful people and have gained new friendships through STS. Some of these friendships are with people we have known for some time, but really didn't know them well until we shared time together through STS. We praise God for giving our passion purpose! Now we know why He gave us a love for fishing - it wasn't for the sole purpose of catching fish - He wants us to use fishing and camping to catch men for HIM. Using fishing and camping is a perfect tool for fulfilling the Great Commission.*

*Fishing is such an incredible sport. Not only does it provide occasional excitement when you hook and land a nice fish, but simply being on the water brings you a sense of peace and joy beyond understanding. Very few pastimes or sports can lay claim to that. Anyone can enjoy fishing!*

*The idea of sharing the gospel through fishing and camping is nothing new. Jesus did it with fishing and there are many ministries today that are sharing Christ through fishing and camping.*

*But let's face it - evangelism is often difficult for many Christians. We claim we do not know how to witness or think the "right opportunity never comes our way". But if we connect our faith with something we know and enjoy like fishing, sharing the gospel tends to come easier and more natural to us. Many times when we connect the gospel to something that others have an interest in, they are more willing to stop and listen. It is all about making connections.*

*Maybe you would like to be part of STS by attending one of our retreats or maybe the Lord is impressing upon you a desire to become involved in this ministry. If so, please feel free to contact us.*

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*"Be on guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong." I Corinthians 16:13*