OVERWHELMED PART 1
"CALLED OUT"
SCRIPTURE: JOHN 4:1-26, 7:38; REV 21:5-7; EPH 2:8-9
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INTRODUCTION

- We all have a story. WOL has an origin story.
- WOL had a call, WOL has a call, and it begins with grace and looks like generosity.
- The Origins of WOL. Wednesday night basketball turned into Friday night bible studies.
- Broken people with broken lives and a lot of church hurt.
- 1989 Ywam, prophetic word from Dan Sneed, "God has called you to lead a church."
- In fall of 1990 that small group of broken people, fueled by hope and a touch of the Spirit started WOL.

I. THIRSTY PEOPLE

- We try to consume, collect, or experience all kinds of things that don't quench the need we have in our soul.
- Why is Healing a Core Value at WOL?
- John 4:1-9 - Jesus asks for a drink of water from a Samaritan woman.
- Jesus isn't dismissive of reality, (conflict, pain, suffering, hate) but He does invite us to place them underneath His authority.
- John 4:13-14, Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. 14 But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."
- John 4:15-24 - Too often we avoid our internal pain with external distractions.
- The story of WOL is one of both grace and generosity.

II. FOUNDERS AND FOLLOWERS

- The generations that have gone before us knew something…
- Experiencing grace should move us toward generosity.
- John 7:38, "Anyone who believes in Me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'"
- If we choose not to learn from the past, we will have to relearn in the present and future.

III. WHAT'S IN A NAME

- In the early fall of 1990, the Friday night gathering decided a church should be planted. But "What Should it be called?"
- Revelation 21:5-7, "…To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life..."
- The generations that have gone before us left us a legacy, they lived, believed and practiced…Grace.
- Ephesians 2:8-9, "God saved you by His grace when you believed…it is a gift from God…10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago."
- All that God has done has been an act of Grace and Mercy at WOL.
- Grace when embraced transforms everything.
- The experience of grace and mercy in our founder's lives moved them to be radically generous.
- They chose to be people that embraced the demand of Grace to "Come and see" then "Go and do."

CLOSE

- Come and See is Jesus' invitation to all of us.
- Come and see the Grace that's been given to you.
- John 4:28-30, "The woman…telling everyone, 29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could He possibly be the Messiah?" 30 So the people came streaming from the village to see Him."
- Grace is a gift. And as He gives it, it should drive us toward generosity.
- Like the generation that founded WOL, we have been called out, to allow the grace of God to move through us to those around us.