**SERMON OUTLINE**

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| **SERMON TITLE:** | Learning to Share Your Faith |
| **SERMON REFERENCE:** | Psalm 126:5-6 |
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1. INTRODUCTION
	1. One way we can know that our relationship with Jesus is real is that we have a desire to share our faith with others.
	2. We’re told not merely to keep the faith, but to share it.
		1. If it is a love worth finding, then it should be a love worth sharing.
	3. If we’re not endeavoring to share our faith, then we’re not right with God.
		1. It does not matter how eloquently you preach, nor how beautifully you sing, nor how generously you give, nor how faithfully you attend, nor how circumspectly you walk; there is no substitute for sharing your faith with others.
	4. Psalm 126:5-6
		1. If we go and sow, weep and reap, we will understand the secret of sharing our faith.
	5. Proverbs 11:30
	6. Why is winning souls wise?
		1. Because of the value of the soul.
			1. Mark 8:36-37
				1. Jesus equates one soul as more valuable than the whole world.
			2. Why is a soul so valuable?
				1. Because of its desirability.

The devil desires your soul.

God desires your soul.

The value of an item is the price someone will pay for it. Jesus paid for our souls with His blood upon the cross.

* + - * 1. Because a soul is durable.

A soul will last for all eternity.

There was a time when you were not; there will never be a time when you will not be.

Your soul will go on endless, dateless, timeless and measureless through all eternity.

Even when the stars have faded, your soul will be in existence somewhere.

Jesus said that those in Hell are tormented forever and ever and ever.

Those in Heaven will be there forever and ever and ever.

Through all the endless age, your soul will be in existence in either Heaven or Hell.

* + - * 1. Because of a soul’s possibility.

People living in difficult places are not worthless.

Call no man worthless for whom Jesus died.

See that soul possibly as a saint.

The Samaritan woman at the well is a Bible example of this.

Rahab the harlot is another Biblical example of this.

In your person, there are three possibilities:

The person you are now,

The person you could be for evil if you fail to follow God,

The person you may be made like, into the likeness of the Lord Jesus.

* + 1. Because of the command of the Savior.
			1. Jesus has commanded us to make disciples.
				1. If you do not endeavor to share your faith, you are missing a blessing.
			2. The Christian who does not share his faith is guilty of high treason against Heaven’s King.
			3. Matthew 4:19
				1. If you are not fishing for men, you are not following Christ, you are not abiding in Christ.
			4. John 15:5
				1. Are you bearing fruit?
				2. Are people coming to know the Lord Jesus through your life?
				3. Do you love Jesus?
			5. John 14:15
				1. Are you keeping His commandments?
		2. Because of the reward of the soul-winner.
			1. To see someone else come to Christ is one of the greatest rewards in life.
			2. Winning souls for Jesus will last for all eternity.
1. WE MUST BE COMMITTED TO SHARE OUR FAITH
	1. We must be intentional about sharing our faith.
		1. It is easier not to do it than to do it.
	2. It’s not enough to try to live a good life and then hope that others will desire to be saved simply by seeing the good life that we live. People are not saved by our lives; they’re saved by Jesus’ death.
		1. If we live a good life without letting people know why we live that good life, then we’re taking praise under false pretenses.
		2. Anything good about us is because of Jesus Christ in us.
			1. Unless you share that, you will not be a soul winner.
	3. Mark 16:15
		1. In the Greek it literally means, “as you go.”
	4. We need to understand that separation from the world is not isolation from the world.
		1. Jesus was a friend of sinners.
		2. Luke 15:2
	5. There is not a Scripture in the Bible that tells the unsaved to go to church.
		1. But there is Scripture after Scripture that tell the church to go to the unsaved.
2. WE MUST BE CONCERNED WHEN WE SHARE OUR FAITH
	1. We should be brokenhearted over the lost.
	2. Do the things that break the heart of Jesus break yours?
	3. Luke 13:34
		1. Jesus wept over Jerusalem.
	4. Acts 20:31
		1. Paul wept over the unsaved.
	5. Jeremiah 9:1
		1. Jeremiah wept over his people.
	6. What is wrong with the church today?
		1. There is no brokenness, no heartache and no tears.
		2. We need to see every man as a potential brother; we need to see the lost, not simply theologically and intellectually, but emotionally. We need to see them as God sees them, with a broken heart.
		3. Matthew 9:36
	7. Many claim to be concerned with lost souls, but have family members and neighbors who are Hell-bound because we never shared Jesus with them.
3. WE MUST BE CONSISTENT AS WE SHARE OUR FAITH
	1. Everywhere we go, we share our faith.
	2. The power of the Word of God is like a seed that can crack open the hardest heart.
		1. 1 Peter 1:23
		2. We need to be consistent in sharing the seed because the seed has power.
			1. The Word of God is so powerful.
	3. We need to recognize the power we hold in our hands with the Bible.
		1. Hebrews 4:12
			1. We need to know it in our heads, stow it in our hearts and sow it in the world.
	4. The seed that we sow is the Word of God.
		1. Mark 4:14
			1. We need to know the Word of God in our heads, store it in our hearts, and sow it in the world.
		2. Psalm 126:6
			1. If you want a harvest; the Bible says whatever we sow, we will reap.
			2. Sow the Word of God; share what Jesus has done for you.
	5. The Bible refers to us as witnesses: a lawyer argues his case; a witness tells what he has seen and heard.
4. WE MUST BE CONFIDENT IN SHARING OUR FAITH
	1. Not everyone that you witness to is going to be saved; but some will.
	2. Mark 4:3-20
		1. It is God that gives the increase, not us.
		2. We don’t know when someone will get saved or who will get saved. Therefore, we need to keep sharing our faith, scattering the seed.
	3. Someone who says that it does not work, is not trying; it will work.
		1. Sometimes it takes years for the crop to come to harvest.
	4. There is no greater joy than bringing a lost soul to Jesus Christ.
	5. “must I go in empty-handed, must I meet my Savior so; without one soul with which to greet Him, must I empty-handed go?”
5. cONCLUSION
	1. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
	2. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
		1. Romans 3:23
		2. Romans 10:9-10
		3. Romans 10:13
		4. Acts 16:31
		5. John 3:16