

## SERMON OUTLINE

**SERMON TITLE:** Learning to Share Your Faith

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) One way we can know that our relationship with Jesus is real is that we have a desire to share our faith with others.
- b) We're told not merely to keep the faith, but to share it.
  - i) If it is a love worth finding, then it should be a love worth sharing.
- c) If we're not endeavoring to share our faith, then we're not right with God.
  - i) 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.
- d) Psalm 126:5-6
  - i) If we go and sow, weep and reap, we will understand the secret of sharing our faith.
- e) Proverbs 11:30
- f) Why is winning souls wise?
  - i) Because of the value of the soul.
    - (1) Mark 8:36-37
      - (a) Jesus equates one soul as more valuable than the whole world.
    - (2) Why is a soul so valuable?
      - (a) Because of its desirability.
        - (i) The devil desires your soul.
        - (ii) God desires your soul.
        - (iii) The value of an item is the price someone will pay for it. Jesus paid for our souls with His blood upon the cross.
      - (b) Because a soul is durable.
        - (i) A soul will last for all eternity.
        - (ii) There was a time when you were not; there will never be a time when you will not be.
        - (iii) Your soul will go on endless, dateless, timeless and measureless through all eternity.
          - 1. Even when the stars have faded, your soul will be in existence somewhere.
          - 2. Jesus said that those in Hell are tormented forever and ever and ever.
          - 3. Those in Heaven will be there forever and ever and ever.
        - (iv) Through all the endless age, your soul will be in existence in either Heaven or Hell.
      - (c) Because of a soul's possibility.
        - (i) People living in difficult places are not worthless.
          - 1. Call no man worthless for whom Jesus died.
          - 2. See that soul possibly as a saint.
            - a. The Samaritan woman at the well is a Bible example of this.
            - b. Rahab the harlot is another Biblical example of this.

- (ii) In your person, there are three possibilities:
    - 1. The person you are now,
    - 2. The person you could be for evil if you fail to follow God,
    - 3. The person you may be made like, into the likeness of the Lord Jesus.
  - ii) Because of the command of the Savior.
    - (1) Jesus has commanded us to make disciples.
      - (a) 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
      - (a) If you are not fishing for men, you are not following Christ, you are not abiding in Christ.
    - (4) John 15:5
      - (a) Are you bearing fruit?
      - (b) Are people coming to know the Lord Jesus through your life?
      - (c) Do you love Jesus?
    - (5) John 14:15
      - (a) Are you keeping His commandments?
  - iii) 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.
- 2) WE MUST BE COMMITTED TO SHARE OUR FAITH
- a) We must be intentional about sharing our faith.
    - i) It is easier not to do it than to do it.
  - b) 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.
    - i) If we live a good life without letting people know why we live that good life, then we're taking praise under false pretenses.
    - ii) Anything good about us is because of Jesus Christ in us.
      - (1) Unless you share that, you will not be a soul winner.
  - c) Mark 16:15
    - i) In the Greek it literally means, "as you go."
  - d) We need to understand that separation from the world is not isolation from the world.
    - i) Jesus was a friend of sinners.
    - ii) Luke 15:2
  - e) There is not a Scripture in the Bible that tells the unsaved to go to church.
    - i) But there is Scripture after Scripture that tell the church to go to the unsaved.

- 3) WE MUST BE CONCERNED WHEN WE SHARE OUR FAITH
  - a) We should be brokenhearted over the lost.
  - b) Do the things that break the heart of Jesus break yours?
  - c) Luke 13:34
    - i) Jesus wept over Jerusalem.
  - d) Acts 20:31
    - i) Paul wept over the unsaved.
  - e) Jeremiah 9:1
    - i) Jeremiah wept over his people.
  - f) What is wrong with the church today?
    - i) There is no brokenness, no heartache and no tears.
    - ii) 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.
    - iii) Matthew 9:36
  - g) 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.
  
- 4) WE MUST BE CONSISTENT AS WE SHARE OUR FAITH
  - a) Everywhere we go, we share our faith.
  - b) The power of the Word of God is like a seed that can crack open the hardest heart.
    - i) 1 Peter 1:23
    - ii) We need to be consistent in sharing the seed because the seed has power.
      - (1) The Word of God is so powerful.
  - c) We need to recognize the power we hold in our hands with the Bible.
    - i) Hebrews 4:12
      - (1) We need to know it in our heads, stow it in our hearts and sow it in the world.
  - d) The seed that we sow is the Word of God.
    - i) 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.
    - ii) 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.
  - e) The Bible refers to us as witnesses: a lawyer argues his case; a witness tells what he has seen and heard.
  
- 5) WE MUST BE CONFIDENT IN SHARING OUR FAITH
  - a) Not everyone that you witness to is going to be saved; but some will.
  - b) Mark 4:3-20
    - i) It is God that gives the increase, not us.

- ii) 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.
- c) Someone who says that it does not work, is not trying; it will work.
  - i) Sometimes it takes years for the crop to come to harvest.
- d) There is no greater joy than bringing a lost soul to Jesus Christ.
- e) "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?"

6) CONCLUSION

- a) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- b) 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.
  - i) Romans 3:23
  - ii) Romans 10:9-10
  - iii) Romans 10:13
  - iv) Acts 16:31
  - v) John 3:16