

# Summary

This sermon introduces a new series called 'Walking Wisely' and focuses on becoming a 'tree of life' - someone who produces spiritual life in others. The pastor shares the story of Edward Kimball, a shy Sunday school teacher who led D.L. Moody to Christ, which eventually led to Billy Graham's salvation, demonstrating how one person's faithfulness can impact millions. The message emphasizes that we can live beyond ourselves and make history without even knowing it. Using Proverbs 11:30 as the foundation, the pastor teaches the 'Romans Road' - a systematic way to share the gospel using four key passages from Romans that show: we are rooted in Christ's righteousness, free from condemnation, called to holiness, and sent to share the good news of Jesus.

## Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with open hearts and minds, ready to receive what You have for us in this time together. We thank You for the opportunity to gather as Your people and learn from Your Word. Lord, we ask that You would speak to each person here today in the way they need to hear from You. Help us to be receptive to Your Spirit and open to the ways You want to use us to be trees of life in our community. Remove any distractions or barriers that would keep us from fully engaging with You and with one another. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Ice Breaker

What's the most unusual or interesting place you've ever had a meaningful conversation with someone?

## Key Verses

- Proverbs 11:30
- Romans 3:23
- Romans 5:8
- Romans 6:23
- Romans 10:9
- Romans 10:10

# Questions

- How does the story of Edward Kimball and the chain of evangelism that led to Billy Graham encourage you about the potential impact of your own witness?
- What does it mean to be 'rooted in righteousness' rather than trying to earn salvation through good works?
- How can understanding that we are 'free from condemnation' change the way we view ourselves and others?
- What are some practical ways we can pursue holiness in our daily lives while remembering that our salvation isn't based on our performance?
- Why do you think it's important to 'openly declare' our faith in Jesus rather than just believing privately?
- What fears or obstacles hold people back from sharing their faith with others, and how can we overcome them?
- How can we be 'trees of life' that produce spiritual fruit in our workplaces, families, and communities?
- What steps can we take this week to be more intentional about sharing the good news of Jesus with those around us?

## Life Application

This week, identify one person in your life who doesn't know Jesus and commit to praying for them daily. Look for natural opportunities to share God's goodness with them, remembering that you don't have to worry about the results - just be faithful to plant seeds and let God do the work of salvation.

## Key Takeaways

- We can live beyond ourselves and make history without even knowing it, just like Edward Kimball whose witness eventually led to Billy Graham's salvation
- A tree of life is rooted in Christ's righteousness, not our own good works or efforts
- We are completely free from condemnation through Jesus' sacrifice and should live in that freedom
- God calls us to holiness as a response to His grace, not as a way to earn salvation
- We are sent to share the good news of Jesus using tools like the Romans Road to help others find salvation

# Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the reminder that You can use each of us to be trees of life in this world. Help us to remember that we are rooted in Your righteousness, free from condemnation, called to holiness, and sent to share Your good news. Give us boldness to step out of our comfort zones and share Your love with those around us. May we never underestimate the power of one conversation, one act of kindness, or one moment of obedience to change someone's eternity. Use us to continue the legacy of faithful witnesses who have gone before us. We commit to being Your hands and feet in this world, trusting You for the results. In Your precious name we pray, Amen.