

Revival
Part 3: The Power of Proclamation
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I. Introduction

- a. The word proclaim means to bring or declare good or glad tidings.
 - i. Another word for proclaim would be to preach.
 - ii. Good news that is proclaimed cheers all who hear it.
- b. The Gospel of Jesus is a message of good news that was designed to be proclaimed.
 - i. The scripture in Isaiah is a prophetic statement that we as Christians are anointed by God to change lives by proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.
 - ii. This teaches us that preaching or sharing our faith is not just for clergy, but for all Christians.

Isaiah 61:1 [NIV]

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners...

Colossians 4:5-6 [NIV]

⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

II. Keys to Effectively Sharing Our Faith

- a. Use wisdom.
 - i. Wisdom is necessary to know how to speak to and effectively minister to people in every conversation.
 - 1. Wisdom Guides us on what is appropriate to say and what not to say at the moment.
 - 2. The Bible states that we can ask God for wisdom and He will always give it to us freely.

- b. Make the most of every opportunity.
 - i. Speak boldly for God when He arranges and guides us to an opportunity to share our Faith.
- c. Speak with grace.
 - i. Jesus was always a friend and resource to those far from God.
 - 1. This is because people are already sensitive about being judged and rejected.
 - a. Sharing the goodness and love of God allows them to know that He accepts all who accept Him.
 - ii. Speaking with grace includes sharing a positive message in a positive and uplifting tone of voice, speaking in people's potential and telling them that God has plans for their lives.

III. 5 Steps to Sharing Your Faith

- a. Share God's plan of peace and life.

John 3:16 [NKJV]

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life

- b. Share that separation from God is a problem.

Romans 3:23 [NKJV]

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23 [NKJV]

For the wages of sin is death, ...

- c. Share that God's remedy to separation is the cross.
 - i. Jesus paid the penalty for our sins.

1 Peter 2:24 [NIV]

"He Himself bore our sins" in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by His wounds you have been healed."

- d. Share that our response to God's remedy is accepting Christ's gift of salvation.

John 1:12 [NKJV]

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God.

- e. Invite them to church with you.
 - i. It doesn't matter how many people say no or reject the invitation, it is still worth the invitation.
 - ii. One of the most exciting thing to do as a Christian is lead others to the Lord.

Mark 16:15

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.