



TELL THE WORLD

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE OF JESUS

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Message Summary:

In this continuation of the series "Tell the World," we explore the mindset and motivation believers should carry when sharing the gospel with those who are far from God. Drawing primarily from Luke 15 and 2 Corinthians 5, the sermon examines how Christ's deep, compelled love for the lost should be the driving force behind evangelism. Rather than approaching faith-sharing as a debate, a sales pitch, or a moral obligation, believers are called to see it as an act of love rooted in the understanding that Christ came to seek and save the lost. The sermon also addresses the importance of pure motivation, the ongoing process of sanctification, and the ministry of reconciliation that every believer has been entrusted with. Discipleship, the pastor argues, is less about structured curriculum and more about committing to follow Jesus and allowing that journey to refine and equip us along the way.

Key Points:

- Evangelism is not about winning arguments or proving superiority; it is one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread
- The parable of the lost sheep reveals that Christ's heart is one of relentless, joyful pursuit of even a single lost person
- The motivation to share the gospel must be rooted in a genuine fear and reverence for God and in the love of Christ that compels us, not in guilt, obligation, or self-image
- Discipleship is not merely the transfer of knowledge but the organic process of following Jesus through both triumph and difficulty
- Christ's death on the cross was a substitutionary sacrifice, meaning sin no longer has power over those who are in Him
- Every believer has been given the ministry of reconciliation, tasked with helping restore peace between humanity and God
- The Holy Spirit equips believers in the moment they need it; readiness comes through commitment to follow, not through waiting until one feels fully prepared
- Sanctification is the ongoing process by which God refines our motivations, desires, and character

Key Scripture:

- Luke 15:1-7 -- the parable of the lost sheep
- Matthew 9, in which Jesus describes the harvest as plentiful but the workers as few
- Mark 1:16-17 -- Jesus tells Simon Peter and Andrew He will make them fishers of men
- Romans 1:16 -- Paul declares he is not ashamed of the gospel
- 2 Corinthians 5:11-20 -- Paul outlines the fear of the Lord, the love of Christ that compels proclamation, the new creation that comes through salvation
- Ephesians 2:8 -- salvation comes by grace through faith, not by human effort
- Romans 10 -- confessing with the mouth that Jesus is Lord and believing in the heart that He was raised leads to salvation



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Discussion and Reflection

1. Ps. Jesse describes evangelism as 'one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread' -- how does reframing evangelism this way change the way you think about sharing your faith with others?
2. In the parable of the lost sheep from Luke 15, Jesus illustrates a love so urgent that He would leave 99 to find one -- what does this reveal about how God values individual people, and how does that challenge the way you value those around you who are far from Christ?
3. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5 that Christ's love compels us to share the gospel -- what does it mean for love to be a compulsion rather than an obligation, and how would your daily life look different if you were genuinely compelled by that love?
4. Spiritual warfare is described as the most gruesome and consequential battle ever fought. In what practical ways are you actively equipping yourself for it?
5. Jesus called Peter and Andrew to follow Him, and they began immediately. What nets in your own life might God be calling you to leave behind in order to follow Him more fully?
6. The concept of sanctification is described as the 'already and the not yet,' where believers are saved but still being refined. How does understanding this ongoing process change the way you extend grace to yourself and to others who are still growing in their faith?
7. Paul declares in 2 Corinthians 5 that he no longer regards anyone from a worldly point of view, seeing only those who have Christ and those who do not. How would adopting this perspective transform the way you interact with the people in your everyday life?
8. Ps. Jesse describes reconciliation as restoring a peace that was broken by sin, with believers now carrying the ministry of reconciliation. What does it look like practically for you to be an ambassador of that reconciliation in your home, workplace, or community?

Practical Challenge:

Here are a few ways to help activate key next steps this week:

- **Reframe how you see the people around you.** Before your next workday, commute, or family gathering, pause and remind yourself that every person you encounter either knows Jesus or needs to. Ask God to give you His eyes for them.
- **Have one honest conversation.** It does not need to be a full gospel presentation. It could be as simple as mentioning what God has been doing in your life. Commit to one honest, natural conversation about your faith this week.
- **Examine your motivation.** Spend time in prayer asking God to reveal where your motivations for living out your faith are mixed or impure. Ask Him to do the refining work of sanctification in that area.
- **Invite someone to church.** One of the most practical and low-barrier ways to introduce someone to Jesus is to bring them into a community where they can hear the gospel. Who in your life could you invite this week?