

Evangelism: From Obedience to Joy

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Introduction

Evangelism Testimony

Today's message about encouraging you to share Christ

An important question - If God is sovereign, why share the Gospel?

Hasn't God already decided?

He doesn't really need us, does He?

A three-part answer to why we should share the Gospel

Because God has commanded us to
(Obedience)

Because God chooses the means and the ends, and He has chosen
people as the primary means to His ends
(Purpose)

Because if God would choose you to be a participant in His miracle of
salvation, why wouldn't you want to be a part of that?
(Joy)

I'll talk about each, how God used them in my life, and add some
encouraging stories.

Evangelism can be difficult and uncomfortable. It can be hard
to get motivated.

We need encouragement

Want to set you on the path and see where God takes you.

Review question and answers - Why share the Gospel?

1. Obedience - Because God has commanded us to
2. Purpose - Because we are the primary means to God's ends in evangelism.
3. Joy - If God might use you in the process why wouldn't you want to be a part of that?

1. Obedience - God commands us to share the Gospel

Frankly, that should be enough

Mark 16:15 - Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

Jude 20:21-23A - keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire

The Great Commission – Matthew 28:16-20 Go and make disciples

Even knowing this commandment, this can be a real struggle. Our fleshly nature will fight against it.

Selfishness and pride are major causes, and sin issues

Both are under attack when we step out in faith to share the Gospel.

We can't forget, evangelism is spiritual warfare. The enemy doesn't want us to share the gospel, so make sure you have your armor on.

Ephesians 6:12 – We wrestle not against flesh and blood

Be in the word, be in prayer, and take that step of obedience anyway.

Be encouraged! Even when you go only out of duty and obedience, God will still work

Lunar New Year/Giant Money story

Be encouraged! You are not alone! We all struggle to obey. Even for an experienced evangelist, it can be a challenge

Ray Comfort on obedience - He says he often goes out dragging his feet and comes back clicking his heels. Same for me!

When we obey, we see God working

Ask yourself, what is holding you back from sharing your faith? Can you do something about it?

Are you fearful because you don't feel prepared? Then get prepared! There are good resources out there

Don't think you know the right answers? That's ok!
Use the opportunity to find areas of study

Use the opportunity to make connections.

You'll get better with practice. This is partially a learned skill.
So, practice!

Are you fearful of being mocked? Of looking foolish or crazy?
Yes, it will happen, though not as often as you think

Most polite and respectful if you present yourself well

If you are mocked, deal with it. Take up your cross and follow. Jesus was mocked too.

Be encouraged! Often, the people we think will be the least interested are the ones God has prepared

Story of stylish man at Campbell Festival

Be encouraged! The results are not your problem.

Obedience = Success. You are called to be faithful, not successful. The results are in God's hands.

Called to be obedient, and God will use your obedience.

2. Purpose - A Means to God's Ends

We are the primary means God uses for His end; the salvation of souls

Paul may be the one exception. He was called by Jesus Himself.

Every other situation involved a believer stepping out in faith

Romans 10:14-15 – How will they hear without a preacher?

Evangelism is a way to walk out our purpose and calling
It gives glory to God. That's why we're here!

Ephesians 1:3-14 – For the praise of His glory!

Evangelism is an act of worship - God is greatly glorified in the
preaching of His saving work and in the salvation of souls

The Great Commission fulfills the Great Commandment
Evangelism is loving God and loving others

If you love me, you will keep my commandments (John 14:15)

We love people by meeting them at their point of greatest need
They need salvation, whether they realize it or not

But where do I start in walking out my purpose?

Find your means of sharing the Gospel

There are many means we can use toward the end of
evangelism. Not everyone is a street evangelist

Get some training (Living Waters, me)

Pray for opportunities

Listen for spiritual conversation starters

Mentioning eternal things.

Conversation at work on heaven and hell

Find prayer and evangelism partners (prayer and
outreach)

Hand out a tract, or leave one somewhere

Good vs. Bad tracts.

You'd be surprised who will respond!

Tract of the ground downtown stor

Millions kept stories (mall and Christmas in the Park)

Join a team on the street, or go on a mission trip

Street ministry/preaching. It works!

Good vs. Bad street-preachers

LGBTQ girls in Monterey

Valuable for every Christian, even if it's not your calling.

Go on a mission trip - Active Gospel work, not just a vacation!

Point of greatest need

Make sure it's Great Commandment AND Great Commission!

The Gospel is the power of God to salvation (Romans 1:16) not your works, as important as they are

Support the work of others

Doesn't excuse you from being faithful where God had put, but He may have blessed you to give.

Evangelism is real work!

There is no magic bullet. It's a learned skill that takes practice and time.

It's a journey!

3. Joy in the Journey

Think about the privilege we have!

What is a soul worth? Three things analogy

That is a great burden, but also a blessing beyond measure.

It is an amazing thing to watch God changing someone!
Not even talking about salvation! Just seeing God's Spirit
move.

Watching their face change as the law of God does its work
Talk about the use of the law

Many people have heard Bible stories, but never really come to
understand Biblical truth

Remember that the true Gospel message is unique and revolutionary
Every other faith is about works

Muslim Woman in RC

Be encouraged! What we see on the surface is often not what is
going on in the heart. Persevere, Biblically, and God will do amazing
things

Man in downtown Monterey

No greater joy or privilege!!

That's today's encouragement
Be obedient. Step out in faith

Walk out God's purpose and calling for you. Be the means to God's
ends

Be joyful as you watch God work.
If there is anything that makes this life worthwhile, it's that!

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Bio

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He planted the Norcal branch of OAC in 2015.

Dan came to faith in Christ in his teens and started His street evangelism journey in 2008.

His outreaches venues include churches, schools, community festivals, beach and waterfront areas, downtown dining and shopping areas, local universities, and even the occasional military base.

His great passion in life is to share the Gospel, and to equip and encourage other believers in Christ to share the Gospel as well.

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