

The Evangelistic Heart of God

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Evangelism

“The Bible is kind of like Army regulations. Everybody talks about them but no one ever reads them.”

—Shawn Hatch

Acts 1:8

“ . . . and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- Jerusalem: Ocala
- Judea: Marion County
- Samaria: Alachua County?

Lost vs. Unreached

“An unreached person is someone with no access to the gospel and who could not hear it even if they wanted to.”

-When Everything Is Missions,
by Denny Spitters and Matthew Ellison

What Are Some Detractors To Evangelism?

- Bad Theology
 - Erasing Hell
 - Universalism
 - Gospel Demonstration without Gospel Proclamation
- Excuses
 - Moses
 - Us

Bad Theology: Erasing Hell

- Jesus talked more about hell than He did about heaven
- The rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16)
- David Platt
- William Booth (Founder of the Salvation Army)

Universalism vs. Biblical Theology

“I am the way and the truth
and the life. No one comes to the
Father except through me.”
John 14:6

Universalism vs. Biblical Theology

“Salvation is found in no one else,
for there is no other name under heaven
given to men by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12

Universalism vs. Biblical Theology

“Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.”

Acts 13:39



Ross McGinnis







Galatians 2:21

“I do not set aside the grace of God,
for if righteousness could
be gained through the law,
Christ died for nothing!”

St. Francis of Assisi

“Preach the Gospel at all times;
and if necessary, use words.”

Walt Henrichsen

“Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through living a good life.”

The Need for the Spoken Word

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?...Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.”

Romans 10:14:17

Share With Words, Not Just Deeds

“A gospel of good works is no gospel at all; good deeds alone may bring a welcome relief but not spiritual redemption. If we hold to the biblical witness of a necessary salvation in the Son of God, we must embrace the scandal of the cross and boldly proclaim it as the centerpiece of all that we are and do in this world—not for our sake, but for the sake of all who are perishing in spite of our heartfelt activism.”

- Fred Allen

Moses' Excuse #1 - Insecurity

“But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I,
that I should go to Pharaoh and bring
the Israelites out of Egypt?’”

Exodus 3:11

God's Response #1 - God's Presence

“And God said, ‘I will be with you.
And this will be the sign to you that it is
I who have sent you: When you have
brought the people out of Egypt, you will
worship God on this mountain.’”

Exodus 3:12

Jesus in the Great Commission

“And surely I am with you always,
to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20

Moses' Excuse #2 - Uncertainty

“But Moses said to God,
‘Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them,
“The God of your fathers has sent me to you,”
and they ask me, “What is his name?”
Then what shall I tell them?””

Exodus 3:13

God's Response #2 - Authority

“God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.
This is what you are to say to the
Israelites: “I AM has sent me to you.”””

Exodus 3:14

Jesus in the Great Commission

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

Matthew 28:18

Moses' Excuse #3 - Doubt

“Moses answered, ‘What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, “The Lord did not appear to you?”’”

Exodus 4:1

God's Response #3 - God will Use what Moses already has

1. God turned Moses' staff into a serpent. (Exodus 4:2-3)
2. The Lord gave Moses leprosy on his hand and then healed him. (Exodus 4:6-7)
3. God turned water from the Nile into blood when Moses poured it onto the ground. (Exodus 4:9)

Moses' Excuse #4 - Not Eloquent

“Moses said to the Lord, ‘O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.’”

Exodus 4:10

God's Response #4 - Helping and Guiding

“The Lord said to him, ‘Who gave a man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.’”

Exodus 4:11-12

God does not call us to be eloquent,
He calls us to be obedient

“When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith would not rest on men’s wisdom, but on God’s power.”

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Moses' Excuse #5 - Anyone Else

“But Moses said, ‘O Lord, please send someone else to do it.’”

Exodus 4:13

God's Response #5 - Provides Aaron

“Then the LORD’s anger burned against Moses and he said, ‘What about your brother, Aaron the Levite?’ I know he can speak well...You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him.’”

Exodus 4:14-16

Moses' Excuse #6 - Questioning God

“Moses returned to the LORD and said, ‘Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me? Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people, and you have not rescued your people at all.’”

Exodus 5:22-23

God's Response #6 - Wait and See

“Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country.’”

Exodus 6:1

Moses' Excuses #7 - Faltering Lips

“But Moses said to the Lord, ‘If the Israelites will not listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me, since I speak with faltering lips?’”

Exodus 6:12

God's Response #7 - Appointing Aaron

“Then the LORD said to Moses,
‘See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and
your brother Aaron will be your prophet. You are
to say everything I command you, and your
brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to let the
Israelites go out of his country.’”

Exodus 7:1-2

Our Excuses

- Fear
- Lack the gift of evangelism
- Inadequate training
 - “You don’t have to be crazy to work here, we’ll train you.”
 - The Demoniac in Mark 5
 - The Woman at the Well in John 4
- Fear of doing evangelism the wrong way
- There’s plenty of time

Fear

“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.”

Matthew 10:28

Fear

“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.”

Matthew 10:32-33

Fear

“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”

2 Timothy 1:7

Mark Cahill “Triple Threat”

- If they respond to the Gospel, they go to heaven.
- If they persecute you, you gain reward in heaven. (Matthew 5:10-12)
- If they kill you, you go to heaven!

What/Where is Your Treasure?

“For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:21

What/Where is Your Treasure?

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”

Matthew 13:44

What/Where is Your Treasure?

“The reason why we fail to take risk is because Christ is of little value.”

—John Piper

Universal Commands vs. Gifting

“All Christians are to live generously, but not everyone has the gift of giving. Disciples of Christ are to share the gospel with those around them, but not all have the gift of evangelism.”

“Every believer is called to make disciples who make disciples”

-*When Everything Is Missions*, by Denny Spitters and Matthew Ellison

Jesus Sends the Demoniac

“As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him, but said, ‘Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.’ So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.”

Mark 5:18-20

The Woman at the Well Testifies

“Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ‘Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?’”

John 4:28-29

“Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I ever did.’”

John 4:39

You Will Do It Wrong, And That's OK

“The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly...”

—Theodore Roosevelt

You Will Do It Wrong, And That's OK

“One hundred years from now, when people look at the work that you and I did, they're going to say ‘Those people didn't know what they were doing.’ And they are going to be right.”

- Dr. David Thompson

“Our method of doing it ‘wrong’ is better than your method of doing nothing.”

Time Is Not On Your Side

“I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.”

2 Corinthians 6:2

Time Is Not On Your Side

“Be very careful, then, how you live—
not as unwise but as wise, making the
most of every opportunity,
because the days are evil.”

Ephesians 5:15-16

The Fields are Ripe for Harvest

“I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.”

John 4:35-36

Four Perspectives

- Jonah
- Isaiah
- Luke 15:11-32
- Paul

God's Command to Jonah

“Go to the great city of Nineveh
and preach against it.”

Jonah 1:2

Jonah's Response

“But Jonah ran away from the Lord
and headed for Tarshish.”

Jonah 1:3

Jonah's Apathy

“But Jonah had gone below deck,
where he lay down and fell into a
deep sleep.”

Jonah 1:5

Jonah's Callousness

“They knew he was running away from the LORD, because he had already told them so.”

Jonah 1:10

The Pagan Sailors' Response

“All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god.”

Jonah 1:5

The Pagan Sailors' Response

“The captain went to him and said,
‘How can you sleep? Get up and call on
your god! Maybe he will take notice of
us so that we will not perish.’”

Jonah 1:6

The Pagan Sailors' Response

“Then they cried out to the LORD,
‘Please, LORD, do not let us die for taking
this man’s life. Do not hold us accountable
for killing an innocent man, for you, LORD,
have done as you pleased.’”

Jonah 1:14

The Pagan Sailors' Response

“At this the men greatly feared the LORD,
and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and
made vows to him.”

Jonah 1:16

Jonah's Prayer of Pseudo-Repentance

“Those who cling to worthless idols
forfeit the grace that could be theirs.”

Jonah 2:8

Foxhole Prayer:
“What I have vowed I will make good.”

Jonah 2:9

The Ninevites' Response

“The Ninevites believed God.
A fast was proclaimed, and all of them,
from the greatest to the least,
put on sackcloth.”

Jonah 3:5

The Ninevites' Response

“When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.”

Jonah 3:6

The Ninevites' Response

“This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: ‘By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence.’”_

Jonah 3:7-8

Jonah's Response

“But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry.”

Jonah 4:1

Jonah's Response

“He prayed to the LORD, ‘Isn’t this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.’”

Jonah 4:2

Jonah's Response

“Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

Jonah 4:3

Jonah's Response

“And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.”
Jonah 4:9

God's Response

“Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ‘Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.’”

Jonah 3:1-2

God's Response

“When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.”

Jonah 3:10

God's Response

“I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.”

Jonah 4:2

God's Response

“Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant.”

Jonah 4:6

God's Response

“And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

Jonah 4:11

Isaiah 6

“‘Woe to me!’ I cried. ‘I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.’”

Isaiah 6:5

Isaiah 6

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’
And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’”

Isaiah 6:8

Bad People Don't See Themselves as Bad

“No man knows how bad he is till he has tried very hard to be good...Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is...That is why bad people, in one sense, know very little about badness. They have lived a sheltered life by always giving in. We never find out the strength of the evil impulse inside us until we try to fight it...”

- C.S. Lewis

We Were God's Enemies

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

(Romans 5:8 & 10)

Luke 15:11-32

- The Father
- The Younger Son
- The Older Son

The Younger Son

“The younger one said to his father,
‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’”

Luke 15:12

The Younger Son

“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.”

Luke 15:13-14

The Longings of the Younger Son

- He began to be in need (Luke 15:14)
- He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating (Luke 15:16)
- To be one of his father's hired men (Luke 15:17/19)
- To return to his father? (Luke 15:18)

The “Sinner’s Prayer”?

“Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.”

Luke 15:18-19

The Father's Response

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.”

Luke 15:20

The Father's Response (Continued)

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

Luke 15:22-24

The Older Son's Response

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’”

Luke 15:28-30

Luke 15:31-32 The Father's Response

“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

Luke 15:31-32

The Heart of God

“For the Son of Man came to seek
and to save the lost.”

Luke 19:10

Paul's God-Given Task

“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.”

Acts 20:24

Paul's Burden

“I have deep sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my own flesh and blood, the people of Israel.”

Romans 9:2-4

Paul - All Things to All People

“Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible...To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.”

1 Corinthians 9:19, 22-23

Paul - Christ's Ambassadors

“And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.”

2 Corinthians 5:19-20

Evangelism Principles

- Pray
- Be filling your heart with the Word of God
- Perform audience analysis to learn what others believe/value
- Meet people where they are and get a conversation started
- Listen and ask questions
- Call people to repentance
- Trust God for fruit in His timing

Pray

- For an open door (Colossians 4:3/Revelation 3:7)
- That we can communicate the Gospel message clearly (Colossians 4:4)
- For the right words (Ephesians 6:19)
- For courage (Ephesians 6:20)
- For the Holy Spirit to work in People's Hearts (John 6:44).

Pray

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

Colossians 4:2-6

Pray

“Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.”

Ephesians 6:19-20

Pray

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them.”

John 6:44

Fill your Heart with the Word of God

“But if I say, ‘I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name,’ his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.”

Jeremiah 20:9

Fill your Heart with the Word of God

“The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.”

Luke 6:45

Fill your Heart with the Word of God

“As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

Acts 4:20

Audience Analysis to Gain Understanding

“While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols.”

Acts 17:16

Audience Analysis to Gain Understanding

“Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: ‘People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.’”

Acts 17:22-23

Meet People Where They Are

- Jesus and the Woman at the Well (John 4)
- Phillip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8)
- Paul in Thessalonica (Acts 17)
- Paul in Athens (Acts 17)

Phillip and the Ethiopian

“Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ Philip asked.

‘How can I,’ he said, ‘unless someone explains it to me?’

So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him...

The eunuch asked Philip, ‘Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?’ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.”

Acts 8:30-31,34-35

Paul in Greece

“As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures.”

Acts 17:2

Paul in Greece

“So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.”

Acts 17:17

Paul in Greece

“So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.”

Acts 17:23

Paul in Greece

“‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’”

Acts 17:28

Evangelistic Questions from Pagan Sailors (Jonah 1:8)

- What do you do?
- Where do you come from?
- What is your country?
- From what people are you?

How Now Shall We Live?

Worldview Questions

- 1a: Where did we come from?
- 1b: Who are we?
- 2: What has gone wrong with the world?
- 3: What can we do to fix it?

Call People to Repentance

- John the Baptist
- Jesus
- Paul
- Paris Reidhead

John The Baptist

“Produce fruit in keeping with repentance...”
“What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

John answered, ‘The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.’

Tax collectors also came to be baptized. ‘Teacher,’ they asked, ‘what should we do?’ ‘Don’t collect any more than you are required to,’ he told them.

Then some soldiers asked him, ‘And what should we do?’ He replied, ‘Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely - be content with your pay.’”

Luke 3:3-14

Jesus

“From that time on Jesus began to preach,
‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has
come near.’”

Matthew 4:17

Jesus

“‘The time has come,’ he said.
‘The kingdom of God has come near.
Repent and believe the good news!’”

Mark 1:15

Jesus

“I tell you, no! But unless you repent,
you too will all perish.”

Luke 13:3 & 5

Paul

“In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.”

Acts 17:30

Paul

“First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.”

Acts 26:20

Paris Reidhead

- “I didn’t send you to Africa for them, I sent you to Africa for me...They don’t deserve me, I deserve them...I endured hell so that they wouldn’t have to...Don’t I deserve those for whom I died?”
- “May the Lamb that was slain receive the reward of His suffering!”
-Rallying cry for the Moravian Missionary Movement
- “If you want to repent on Biblical terms, tell God that you’ll serve Him and follow Him even if it means that you go to hell when you die.”

Ten Shekels and a Shirt by Paris Reidhead. <https://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=10180222445>

Trust God for Fruit in His Timing

“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters,
stand firm. Let nothing move you.
Always give yourselves fully to the work of the
Lord, because you know that your labor in the
Lord is not in vain.”

1 Corinthians 15:58

Trust God for Fruit in His Timing

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:9

God Makes the Seed Grow

“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor.”

1 Corinthians 3:6-8

Three Responses in Acts 17:32-34

- Some of them sneered
- But others said, “We want to hear you again on this subject.”
- Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed.

Dr. David Thompson

- Parents died with little known fruit of their ministry.
- Not until years later did other missionaries see fruit of their work.
- People's hearts broke when they realized the Thompsons had died trying to bring them the Gospel.

To Whom/Where Do We Take the Gospel?

“Therefore go and make
disciples of all nations...”

Matthew 28:19

To Whom/Where Do We Take the Gospel?

“...and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from [Ocala].”

Luke 24:47

To Whom/Where Do We Take the Gospel?

“I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks...”
Romans 1:14

To Whom/Where Do We Take the Gospel?

“...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends
of the earth.”

Acts 1:8



To Whom/Where Do We Take the Gospel?

“It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known...”

Romans 15:20

"David Platt challenges Christians to wake up, trade in false values rooted in the American dream, and embrace the notion that each of us is blessed by God for a global purpose.... This is a must read for every believer!"

—WESS STAFFORD, president and CEO, Compassion International

TAKING BACK
YOUR FAITH
FROM THE
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More Will be Asked of Us

“From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”

Luke 12:48

Perspective

“Make a list of 10 friends/family members who are least likely to kill you. And then go and share the Gospel with them.”

- David Platt

Why Do Evangelism?

- Because we were commanded to
- Because we believe in hell
- Because Jesus is the only way to God
- Because He is worthy
- Because there will be a final exam

The Final Exam

“By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ...the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward.”

1 Corinthians 3:10-14

Not Everyone Gets A Trophy

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize...They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever...No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.”

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

The Final Exam

“So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.”

2 Corinthians 5:9-10

Challenging Questions

“This [Gospel] is a very beautiful message. Why didn’t someone come to our country and share this message with our people a long time ago?”

—Yemeni believer

Challenging Questions

A Somali man speaking to his missionary friend:

- “There is one thing I don’t understand about that funeral . . . During the service many people were talking about Tim. People were singing. People were crying. But everyone there seemed to *know* that Tim was in paradise!”
- “Why can’t we Muslims know that our loved ones are in paradise when they die?”
- “Why is it that only the followers of Jesus know exactly where they are going after death?”
- “We bury our people. We weep. We walk away. And we do not know where our loved ones are. Why?”
- “Why have Jesus’ followers kept these things from us?”

The Insanity of God, by Nik Ripkin

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“This is the question that should keep us up at night...This is the question that should cause *every follower of Jesus* to change:

- Why would we ever keep Jesus to ourselves?
- Why would we choose not to share Jesus with every person in this world?
- Why would we not do that...today?”

The Insanity of Sacrifice, by Nik Ripkin

The End Goal of Evangelism

And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.”

In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

Revelation 5:9,12-13