Evangelism – Naaman Style

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INTRODUCTION

- If you're a Christian, that's something you know I need to be doing. But if you honestly answered, you might say, but I'm not really doing it.
- Maybe we have a little bit of a misunderstanding about what really evangelism is and what my role in that should be.
- There are many roles that you might take and fulfill in the subject of evangelism.

1 We Need Initiators Like the Maiden Girl

- One part of evangelism, one very important role in evangelism is being the initiator.
- Whether it's a family member or a co-worker or a classmate or a neighbor, of simply just getting the ball rolling. Of just inviting somebody to a Bible study, inviting someone to a worship service.
- It's a frightening yet humbling thought sometimes to realize that you may be the closest that somebody will ever come to knowing the truth.
- Would you come with me just one time to see what it's like? That's, by the way, evangelism.

2 We Need Messengers Like Elisha

Romans 1:16; 1 Peter 4:11

- We need people who understand Romans chapter 1 and verse 16 that says, I'm not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation.
- Preachers are messengers of God who have been entrusted with the message of God.
- If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.
- Do so in a loving way. Do so in a way and would try to impart the message so it can be understood by the listener, but to do so in an uncompromising way.
- God chose preaching as the way to convey his message to people. And we must not be ashamed of that.

3 We Need Persuaders Like the Servants

- We need the persuaders like the servants.
- I've seen so many people obey the gospel because of persuaders.
- You can be that persuader that just goes to them and says, why don't you obey the gospel?
- We need to understand that we can obey the gospel at any time. That someone can be persuaded at any time to obey the gospel.
- You don't have to wait until some worship service to go to somebody and say, you know you need to go to the Jordan River and be dipped seven times. Why not do it?

4 We Need a Healer: God

Romans 4:21

- Whether you're an initiator, whether you're the messenger, whether you're the persuader, understand that your role is to bring people to God.
- It's all about getting that leper to God who can heal them of that leprosy.
- He was fully convinced that what he, that is God, what he had promised, he was also able to perform.
- If we have that kind of faith in God, we'll overcome whatever obstacles, whatever awkwardness there might be in approaching somebody.

5 We Need People to Be Healed Like Naaman

- We need people who recognize that what they have is a deadly disease. An incurable deadly disease. That they're lost and they're separated from their God.
- We need people who will listen to the message, even when it's not what they thought it was going to be, but who will finally and humbly say, okay, I need to be healed.
- It took a lot for him to finally humble himself and listen to his servants and listen to Elisha and listen to that little maiden girl.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are you ready like Naaman to just humbly say, okay? I have a disease that I'm dying from. There's no human cure. But there's a healer.**

MY NOTES