Lift Him Up

Ken Chapman · John 12:32–33

INTRODUCTION

- There are those people who, when they find something they like, they want to keep it to themselves.
- You found the gospel to be the saving power in your life.
- We want to reach the lost. The more, the merrier. But how do we do that?

1 If I Be Lifted Up, I Will Draw All

John 12:32–33

- And I, if I am lifted from the earth, will draw all peoples to myself.
- This he said, signifying by what death he would die.
- Jesus says it will be the cross that will draw people.

2 Jesus Christ and Him Crucified

1 Corinthians 2:1–5

- For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.
- That your faith should not be in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.
- Paul said, I wanted to draw people to Jesus, and so what did I do? I preached Jesus.

3 They Preached the Lord Jesus

Acts 11:19–24

- First century preaching was rather simple. They simply preached Jesus and him crucified.
- The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.
- They preached the Lord, they encourage them to obey the Lord, and they came to the Lord.

4 Resolve and Don't Be Embarrassed by the Formula

- Number one, let's resolve that's what we're going to do.
- We're not going to prop up the message with some carnal means by other things that might attract greater crowds.
- Let's not be embarrassed by that simple formula.
- Without equivocation, without hesitation, and without any embarrassment to say we have the word of God. That's what they need.

5 We Are of God

1 John 4:1–6

- Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

- They are of the world. Therefore, they speak as of the world, and the world hears them.
- He who knows God hears us. He who is not of God does not hear us.
- If we want a slogan, if we want a motto, let it be that. We are of God.

6 Carnal Methods: Three Things Wrong

Ephesians 4:11–12

- When we use carnal methods to attract people, we're doing at least three things wrong. Number one, we're just doing the wrong thing.
- The equipment we've been given implies the work we've been given to do.
- There's a man who doesn't have confidence in his product. That he had to prop it up and cover it up with everything else.
- We don't augment, we don't prop up, disguise the gospel message, because Jesus said it's enough.
- We're probably drawing them to the wrong thing. And we may be drawing the wrong people.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you would respond to it this morning, if you love God, if you hear God and fear God, hear that message and respond this morning.**

MY NOTES