Loving the Lost

Ken Chapman · Ephesians 3:14–19

INTRODUCTION

- People aren't just going to stumble across a sermon that tells them what they need to do in order to be saved. Somebody, and that's you, needs to help them find that page.
- I don't think that's our biggest impediment to sharing the gospel is a lack of education. I think our greatest obstacle is a lack of motivation.
- There is no magic bullet. There is no one book or one technique or one program that is perfect.

1 Begin With a Love for God

Ephesians 3:14–19

- It needs to begin with a love for God. That's where everything we do as a Christian needs to begin.
- It's going to have to begin with my deep love for God. That's where every motivation for every Christian action is going to come from.
- That you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
- We can't begin to talk about loving others, loving the lost, unless we begin here.

2 Our Deep Conviction

2 Corinthians 4:13–14

- Do I really believe what I profess to believe?
- Do I believe in an eternity that will take place in one of two places, heaven or hell? Do I really believe that?
- Because if I truly believed those things, then I'm going to do something.
- We also believe and therefore speak, knowing that he who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus and will present us with you.
- Because I believe God is a God of mercy who wants to save them, I have to speak.

3 A Reaction to the Horror of Sin

- It also must come from a reaction to the horror of sin.
- But do we truly understand the horror of sin? The rebellion against a loving God.
- If we understand the horror of that, it will become that motivation.

4 See Everybody as a Soul

- I can see their body, their flesh, I can see their actions that sometimes may repulse me and anger me. But am I able to see past all of that.

- Do I see everybody as a soul in need of salvation? And not in some arrogant, conceited way, but in an humble yet truthful way.
- I know the remedy. And I need to be motivated to reach out and to do something.

5 Do Something

Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12

- Not everybody has the same talents and the same abilities. But you have some talent and some ability when it comes to teaching the lost.
- Do something, find your talent and put it to work.

6 Start Small

- Recognize that God isn't calling upon you to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Maybe He's calling you to reach out into your world.
- Let your light shine. Be willing to explain why you are the way you are and why you believe the way that you believe.
- Every time you share the gospel, every time you do something to share God's word with the lost and dying world, you're succeeding.
- The third obstacle is we don't know where to start. And to that, I would simply say, just start. Be willing to fail.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Challenge you this coming week to do something, small as it might be, to share the gospel, to extend an invitation to someone to come and to hear the gospel or to study, maybe with someone else.**

MY NOTES