Overcoming Obstacles to Sharing Our Faith

Ken Chapman · John 4:7–27

INTRODUCTION

- That we hope upon hope that God will somehow forget. Somehow forget some duty that we have neglected, some commandment that we have failed to obey.
- Number one is that we're not doing enough. Then the second observation, the second lesson would surely be this, but I have a reason. Or an excuse.
- Whether they're excuses or the reasons, they are obstacles that are preventing us from doing what we otherwise need to do.

1 It Won't Work

John 4:9; John 4:16–19; John 4:27

- We might say in our heart of hearts, I don't do it because it won't work.
- We have effectively eliminated everybody we know. The religious and the irreligious.
- The woman of Samaria said to him, How is it that you, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman.
- Nothing will break down those walls like the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- She was lost in sin, and that's all that mattered. And he had the answer. And he loved her as he loved all of mankind.
- Those differences, those excuses become nothing when we realize here is someone who is lost in sin. I have the answer, and I love their soul.

2 Most of Us Don't Like Being Rejected

- They have not rejected you, Samuel. They've rejected me. They're not rejecting you. They're rejecting the gospel.
- I think we can overcome the awkwardness if we have instilled within us the seriousness of the matter.
- They are lost in sin. And they're going to hell. It's not so awkward now. When their hair is on fire.
- God has not called you to be a lawyer. He's called you to be a sharer.
- There's absolutely nothing wrong, nothing unbiblical or disappointing to God for you to say, you know, that's a good question. And I have no idea. But let's study it.
- Begin by sharing the gospel in non confrontational ways. Start small.

3 I'm Just Too Busy

- If you're too busy, then you're just too busy. It's time to get real about this thing we're claiming to be.
- Make some priorities and get rid of some of the worthless junk in your life that's consuming your time.
- It doesn't really take that much time. Jesus took a normal everyday conversation and turned it from water into a spiritual discussion.

- It really doesn't take that much time to invite someone to a Bible study, to invite someone to an assembly, to turn a conversation into a spiritual discussion.

> THE CHALLENGE
>
> **Where are you spiritually? Are you laying in the back seat of the car, feigning sleep, hoping that God will forget? Start today.**

MY NOTES