Power Evangelism

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Luke 6:6-11 (ESV)

⁶ On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. ⁷ And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him. ⁸ But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come and stand here." And he rose and stood there. ⁹ And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰ And after looking around at them all he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹ But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Not everyone was happy with Jesus. And like Jesus, we need to have confidence sharing the gospel even when the crowd is hostile; when their only aim is to accuse. Be bold and see it as a divine opportunity. Jesus did this perfectly, and we can grow by observing HIS example. Have you ever been in a situation when people were not interested in the truth of Christianity, but only desired to find fault and accuse you? Jesus with divine wisdom accepted the challenge. We also with confident humility can accept the challenge. We need to understand that humility is absolute confidence. We are absolutely confident that we can't do anything, but also absolutely confident the Jesus can do everything.

Three Points for Power Evangelism with humility: #1 Speak WORD! The hostile crowd desiring to accuse needs only the one verse that destroys Satan and all his work.

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

This is an arrow to the heart. Any other information to the hostile is like hitting a bear on the nose with a stick. The only effect is to make him mad.

This Gospel Word, John 3:16, the good news word, not only hits the target, it is a Word that has the power of God!

Romans 1:16 (ESV)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God

The Gospel Word, John 3:16, the good news word, not only hits the target with the power of God, it ALWAYS has an impact!!

Isaiah 55:11 (ESV)

So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

#2 Power Evangelism with confident humility is Your story! You are a miracle; Your story is a miracle. It is the evidence of the move of God. It is the avenue for the Holy Spirit to work! You are a walking testimony to Jesus and people notice!

Philippians 1:28 (ESV)

Do not be frightened in anything by your opponents. (Because your story and behavior) is **a clear sign to them** of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

Your very presence is evidence of the power of God! Your story makes other people aware that God has done something including that they don't have it.

#3 Power Evangelism with confident humility is God in you; you "know" in the Spirit the issues and the solution! Do not under estimate or dismiss this fact! They will seem like your own thoughts but they are thoughts from the Holy Spirit.

Mark 13:11 (ESV)

Do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, **for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.**

As Jesus was present to speak life into a situation so also now is the Holy Spirit present within us to speak life into a situation.

Close:

This evil godless world has forced us back to the gospel, John 3:16, because today there is not any foundation on which to teach godly principles. There is nowhere else to start! Therefore the gospel is necessary to establish a foundation before any Christian teaching can be received!

POWER EVANGLISM WITH HUMILITY AND CONFIDENCE MEANING, "WE CAN'T BUT GOD CAN!" #1 The Word – John 3:16 – An arrow to the heart! #2 Your Story – True miracle – A SIGN undeniable! #3 You Know in the Spirit – The Holy Spirit will speak – Biblical fact!

Power Evangelism: The arrow to the heart with the power of God that never comes back empty!

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Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.