

Steps of a Disciple, part 12

Go and Tell! Part 3—Tell The Story

#1 - Stories Are Powerful!

As we observe our first key thought today, Stories Are Powerful, I want to pepper you with a series of verses that teach us about the power of both words and stories.

- • Psalm 119:130 - “The unfolding of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.”
- • Proverbs 12:18 - “There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, But the tongue of the wise brings healing.”
- • Proverbs 17:27 - “He who restrains his words has knowledge, And he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.”
- • Proverbs 16:24 - “Pleasant words are a honeycomb, Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.”
- • Ecclesiastes 10:12 - “Words from the mouth of a wise man are gracious, while the lips of a fool consume him;”

Did you notice the great impact words and stories can have on others? Let me invite you to join me in one other text, Isaiah 55:11:

So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth;

It will not return to Me empty,

Without accomplishing what I desire,

And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

God’s word is powerful! We must use it when we Go and Tell!

#2– God Has A Story.... Learn To Tell It Well!

When we are sharing God’s story, it’s important to tell it simply and clearly. For someone who is apart from God and desires to know how to have an eternal relationship with God, we can boil that down to three key points.

1. God Loves You.

2. You Have A Problem: Your Sin Separates You From God.

3. God Has Overcome Your Problem.

Now, it's important to utilize the power of God's word in telling His story. So, it's very good to memorize at least one verse for each of these simple, clear points.

1. God Loves You, John 3:16 or Romans 5:8

2. You Have A Problem: Your Sin Separates You From God, Romans 3:10 or Romans 3:23.

I personally like to use the Romans 3:23 verse over the 3:10 verse because of two reasons:

- 1) Most people don't understand the word "righteous" and then you have to define or explain it.
- 2) Romans 3:23 indicates a consequence to being a sinner—I have fallen short of God's requirement.

3. God Has Overcome Your Problem, Romans 10:9-10

#3 - You Have A Story To Tell.... Learn To Tell It Well! *Before & After Stories*

Regardless how old you were when you came to faith, hopefully you were different *before* Christ than you are *after* Christ invaded your world and beautifully wrecked it with things like grace and mercy and love.

I encourage you, while sharing God's story, to tell the person you are talking to, about how God's story impacted your story.