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Sermon: The Power Of The Gospel

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Romans 1:13-19 (ESV)

¹³ *I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴ I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵ So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.*

¹⁶ *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”*

¹⁸ *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.*

All of us seated here today you are products of the power of the Gospel. All of us would not be here if it was not for the message of the Gospel.

Luke 4:18-19 (ESV)

¹⁸ *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

I. The Gospel changes me first.

Philippians 3: 4-7 (ESV)

⁴ *If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.*

II. The Gospel Realigns you to your DESTINY

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

“When we preach Christ crucified, we have no reason to stammer, or stutter, or hesitate, or apologize; there is nothing in the gospel of which we have any cause to be ashamed.”

- C.H. Spurgeon, <https://quotefancy.com/charles-h-spurgeon-quotes>

III. The Gospel makes you and me a witness.

John 1: 35-43 (ESV)

³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, **“Behold, the Lamb of God!” (POINTED TO JESUS)** ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and **they followed Jesus.** ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and **followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.** ⁴¹ **He first found his own brother Simon** and said to him, **“We have found the Messiah”** (which means Christ). ⁴² **He brought him to Jesus. (BRING THEM TO JESUS)** Jesus looked at him and said, “So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter). ⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. **He found Philip** and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ **Philip found Nathanael** and **said to him, “We have found him** of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” **Philip said to him, “Come and see.”**

1. Be simple.

The story of Joseph



2. Start where you are.

The story of Moses, the Somali boy.



3. Tell your story

Acts 1: 8 (ESV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Francis and the wheelchair ministry



IV. The Gospel changes communities.

Isaiah 55:11 (NASB)

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.

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