

SERMON NOTES:



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Practicing the Way
WITNESS 4.0

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Witness is not just something we do. It is who we are.

As followers of Jesus we:

- Love compassionately.
- Practice hospitality.
- Depend upon the Holy Spirit.
- And we speak about Jesus.

Big Idea: A beautiful life points people to Jesus, but eventually love speaks.

Living beautiful “Kingdom shaped Lives” matters!

1 Peter 2:11–12

The Greek word kalos (translated ‘good’ in the NIV) carries a sense of being:

- Beautiful, Attractive, Compelling, Winsome.
- Christians are called: strangers in the world, living beautiful lives.

People often notice our lives before they hear our message.

They notice: Our marriages, generosity, forgiveness, hospitality, our peace and joy

Our life becomes an apologetic before our mouth ever opens.

But Love Eventually Speaks

1 Peter 3:15

"Always be prepared to give an answer for the hope that you have."

Peter does not say: always interrupt, argue and correct people.

He says: Always be prepared to give an ‘answer’.

The Greek word translated answer in the NIV is apologia.

It means:

- A reasoned explanation
- A thoughtful response
- Giving an account of your hope

Not winning arguments. Simply explaining: "This is why I follow Jesus."

Our Story Matters

Like the man born blind (John 9): "I was blind. Now I see."

You don't need every answer! Simply tell:

- What you've seen.
- What you've heard.
- What Jesus has done in your life.

HIS Story matters! The events leading to, surrounding and coming after Jesus life, death and resurrection are worthy of us taking the time to know them and being able to articulate them!

Here are two very simple ways of remembering and being able the share the key aspects of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

THE 4P's



TWO WAYS TO LIVE



Tell the Truth

Like a witness in court: Our job is not to secure the verdict.
Our job is simply to tell the truth and leave the outcome to God.

This weeks challenge is to practice sharing the gospel together in you small groups. You may like to make use of the 4P or Two Ways examples as a guide.

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In your small groups this week. Consider working through the session Video and Study Guide lovingly provided by Practicing the Way.

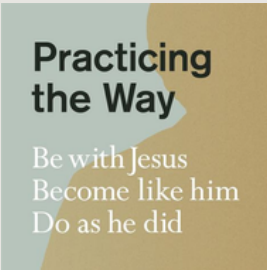
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