

Sharing the Good News

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of sharing one's spiritual experiences and the relationship between faith, testimony, and salvation.

Scripture: John 4:28

Topics: "Evangelism", "Testimony"

Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the natural impulse to share the Good News following a genuine encounter with God, illustrated by the woman at the well who, after meeting Jesus, eagerly invited others to experience Him. He challenges the notion of secret discipleship, asserting that true faith must be accompanied by outward testimony. Tozer suggests that the act of confession is not merely a requirement for salvation but a reflection of the transformative experience of grace within one's heart. He posits that if there is no desire to share one's faith, it may indicate a lack of true spiritual experience. Ultimately, the sermon calls believers to recognize the importance of sharing their faith as a vital expression of their relationship with Christ.

Transcript

The impulse to share, to impart, normally accompanies any true encounter with God and spiritual things. The woman at the well, after her soul-inspiring meeting with Jesus, left her water pots, hurried into the city and tried to persuade her friends to come out and meet Him. Come, see a man, she said, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? Her spiritual excitement could not be contained within her own heart. She had to tell someone. Is it not possible that our Lord had this in mind when He spoke about the impossibility of secret discipleship?

Have we misunderstood the true relationship between faith and testimony?

Christ made it clear that there could be no such thing as secret discipleship and Paul said, With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. This is usually understood to mean that God has laid upon us an arbitrary requirement to open our mouth in confession before salvation can become effective within us. Maybe that is the correct meaning of these verses. Or could it be that the confession is an evidence of the salvation which has come by faith to the heart, and where there is no impulse to impart, no outrushing of words in joyous testimony, there has been no true inward experience of saving grace?

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