

SERMON OUTLINE

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Talking About My Faith

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I. Introduction

- A. "Friends Day" is Sunday morning November 8.
- B. The Challenge is to.. not procrastinate and be open about our faith.
- C. We are talking about "confession" - Rom 10:8-10; Matt 10:32-33

II. The Anatomy of Confession

- A. John 12:37,42-43 - Some believe but NOT confess
 1. Why? Love approval of men, selfish, afraid of what may lose
 2. Romans 1:15-17 - Eager to preach - not ashamed
 3. 2 Timothy 1:8 - Join in suffering
 4. 2 Timothy 1:12 - Is he talking about souls entrusted to God???
- B. On the other hand, what does it look like to confess?
 1. In front of believers - 1 Timothy 6:12 - many witnesses
 2. In front of the world - 1 Timothy 6:13 - as Jesus before Pilate
 3. A lifestyle - Romans 10:9-10 - faith and confession life-long

III. How to Talk About Our Faith

- A. Trust in God
 1. Matthew 14:22-29 - Are we stuck in the boat - safe, content?
 2. How was Peter able to walk? Matt 14:30-33 - why doubt?
 3. What's going to happen if I am OPEN about my faith?
Matthew 10:31 - "So do not fear... more valuable..."
- B. Value the Spiritual
 1. 2 Corinthians 11:22-27 - Paul's incomplete list of trials-Why?
 2. 2 Corinthians 11:28-29 - Because he cared
 - a. 1 Corinth 9:19 - that I might win the more
 - b. Hebrews 12:2 - for the "joy" set before Him - endured
 3. We are driven by something - what is it?
- C. Take Personal Responsibility
 1. Isaiah's vision - God, personal sin, forgiveness - Isaiah 6:8
 2. Ezekiel 22:30 - sin, who will stand in the gap???
 3. Souls lost - WHO is going to talk to them???
- D. Decide to DO IT!
 1. Not talking about a SKILL but a NECESSITY
 2. I've got to decide to start talking