

1. WARMUP:

1. Good morning Life Church! It's so good to be able to speak with you today. Thank you PJ and Nancy and Life church for this opportunity.
2. Just a reminder that...
 1. At The Movies
 2. The Guardian
3. **Part 3 of Help Wanted.**
 1. PJ showing how God CoLabors
 2. Harvest is Great but the laborers are few
 3. God has asked us to reach people with...

2. INTRO:

1. Mormon's / JW
 1. Grew up in a small town - everyone knows everyone - walmart, bank
 2. Noticed white starched shirts (mormon)
 3. Way out in the country - Jehovah's witness still managed to find us.
 4. Challenged my view of evangelism.
 5. If they are willing to do all of this, what should I be doing?
2. Evangelism
 1. Sharing the good news of Jesus.
 1. (Ev = Good)
 2. (Angel - messenger of God)
 2. Makes me think of
 1. tracts -
 1. Cartoon depictions -
 2. Great Wheel of Prophetical Dispensation
 2. Bullhorn turn or burn preachers
 3. How many are here because
 1. Someone handed you a tract?
 2. Someone took a bullhorn and yelled that you were going to hell?
 1. It's okay if you are...Those methods have to have some results.
3. **What does true evangelism look like?**
 1. We want people to know we are Christians and draw them to Christ but
 1. We don't want to be the guy with the tracts or the bullhorn.
 2. How can we let them know and remain true to ourselves and to Christ's desire for spreading the gospel?
 3. How can we reach people with the life-giving message of Jesus in a true and authentic manner that will hopefully change their life?
3. GOD: **Jesus actually gives us the answer in His word. The book of John 13:34...**
 1. **JOHN 13:34**
 1. CONTEXT:
 1. Last Supper - Judas left to betray - final moments before the cross
 2. Important moment...final departing remarks.

2. **JOHN 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."**
3. NEW COMMAND - Jesus is adding onto the law. This is authoritative. This is groundbreaking.
4. People can tell who you're associated with by what you drive, what you wear, how you act, what music you listen to, what bumper stickers you have on your car,
5. But Jesus says, "no no no, they are going to know that you are MY disciples by how you love one another.
6. Why did He say this?
 1. easy for Christians to have been identified by the way they talked, the way they dressed, or maybe give them a Jesus fish bumper sticker for their cars.
 2. He said this because it's true. **Jesus knew that True Evangelism looks like love.**
 1. Who is the most Christian man? Papa K.
 2. Don't mention his sermons, buildings,
 3. Many of you are sitting in these pews today because Papa K took time to make you feel loved.
4. **WE:** I've seen this play out in my own life quite by accident.
 1. (SHAUN)
 1. Pastor's Kid. Private school, homeschool, public school 9th grade.
 2. Cafeteria - drinking...**this guy was Shaun Capps**
 3. Came over to house - first time he felt like he had been in a home. (drugs, alcohol, abuse)
 4. **Typing Class - upperclassmen in a freshman class.** Y'all know we were goofing off.
 5. Started inviting him - had a sense he was feeling empty and needing something more.
 6. **First time he ever felt convicted.**
 7. Friday night, he'd never come. Intense preacher. Many of you would know his name.
 8. Shaun didn't know how to respond.
 9. Later invited to youth event with Tim Rutledge. Are you ready to let it all go. Filled with Spirit.
 10. Shaun's life was changed. He began sharing his testimony with his friends, then with our church, then with other churches and now 15 years later, Shaun has ministered to thousands of people. When I was interviewing him for this sermon he said he's personally
 1. **baptized over 400 people and**
 2. Thousands give life and filled with spirit

3. Single ladies looking for a Godly man, you just missed him. **He's getting married next month!**
2. I didn't
 1. have all the answers.
 2. Know all the scriptures
 3. Have a bullhorn or a tract
3. I did have:
 1. LOVE, Peace, patience, kindness,
 2. The Spirit of God leading me even at 17 years old.

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**I didn't tell Shaun to give up partying, God did.
 start ministering to his friends, God did.
 Preaching in churches, God did.
 Spirit filled wife, God did.**

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I have one more story for you...I wasn't as directly involved in this one but I was a front row spectator to the incredible life change of **Kishan Patel**.

1. He's Indian, His parents are from India, He was born in the UK, moved to Amory.
2. Small town and I'm pretty sure he's the ONLY Indian family in the entire town.
3. HS w/Re, Hindu faith was just religion, decided to be an atheist. Rage and misery.
4. Suicide. He thought of his two friends, **Hillary and Sarah**. Joy, something he wanted.
5. Independent theology. Was fake, talked to Hillary and Sarah, led him to talk to dad
6. Pray to Jesus - Dream
7. Came to Bethel on Wednesday - Stage Dream
8. Started going to student ministries - circumcision and blood of Jesus
9. Came on Sunday - I love you.
10. God began to do supernatural things in his life as he grew in his understanding and relationship with God.
11. I want to read in His own words the closing of his testimony:
 1. "Thankfully, God continued to chase after me regardless of the number of times I turned away. Throughout the spring of 2010, I began to see God for who he was. I began to see glimpses of his holiness and his glory. And when I saw his holiness, I saw my own wretchedness. I saw my brokenness and my intense need for a Savior. And then one day, I just gave up control. For so long, I spent my life trying to figure out who I was; I tried who I need to become or who I needed to be. Through my research, I tried to define God, in the sense that I tried to control him. But on that one day, I was just hit by his Spirit, and my pride was pierced. I was filled with the Holy Spirit on May 16, 2010. Three days later, on May 19, 2010, I was baptized into the body of Christ.

2. As I was entering the baptistery, the second before my foot hit the water, I knew that I was turning my back on my past life and everything I had done wrong. But I also knew that I was turning my back on my family and everything they believed. I knew that I would have to deal with the differing faiths between my parents and me. But when I came out of the water, that thought was the last thought on my mind. When I came out of the water, it was just me and the Lord. I felt his cleansing all around me. I felt him. I felt reborn, and I was reborn. For the first 19 years of my life, I tried so hard to figure out who I was and where I belonged. On May 19, 2010, I surrendered myself to Jesus Christ, and I finally found where I belong.

If you met Kishan today, you'd never know he was full of rage or that he attempted to kill himself twice. You'd never know he was never a believer. He knows more scripture than probably I do. He's ministering in every avenue available to him. He's incredibly smart.

And all you single ladies looking for a good Christian man, **he's getting married next month** as well to an amazing Christian girl in California. You just missed him.

Kishan was drawn in because two people in HS loved God and loved people. Kishan didn't know Jesus, but what he saw in these two Christian girls was something he knew he was missing in his life.

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Evangelism looks different for different situations:

- Having someone over for dinner.
- Goofing off in typing class.
- Becoming friends.
- Inviting someone to church.

But I do know this, it looks like Love. (true evangelism looks like love)

And you can do it. It's not beyond your ability.
Harvest is plenty, but the workers are few.

You've forgotten what it's like to not have hope.
They need you.

Maybe you're here today...You need to reach out
Maybe you're here today...you need that peace and love. You've been living beneath your privilege.
Maybe you're here today...You're that person who's been invited...

4. Matthew 22:26-40

1. 36 *“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”* 37 Jesus replied: *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’* 38 *This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’* 40 *All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*
2. Jesus took the first commandment of the 10 commandments and said it was equal to this really obscure verse in Leviticus 19.
3. This was a GAME Changer.
4. Well who is my neighbor?! Everyone, even your enemies are your neighbor.
5. I believe real evangelism must always start here. It starts with loving God and loving people. There will be no real life-changing connection with Jesus unless you have your faith hinged on these two things.