

TOPIC: LET IT SHOW!

Share Jesus by letting others see how He has changed your life.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ There are many things we tell people about ourselves without words being spoken. They may see your stethoscope, team jacket, engagement ring, police officer uniform, etc.
- ❖ Although we may be hesitant to speak to strangers, we have no problem speaking to our friends. We ask our friends questions and they ask questions of us, especially if we see something new or different in each other.
- ❖ If the Lord has changed our lives, we must let it show!
- ❖ The Lord loves to show His power in our lives. He loves to show His love and care for us through the phenomenal changes He makes in us. He loves to use us as props in His divine play to demonstrate His divinity to skeptical minds, to let the world know that He is real.
- ❖ One day, as Jesus and His disciples entered the region of Gadara, a man possessed with a legion of demons came out from the cemetery to meet Him and talk to Him. Jesus cast the demons out of the man and restored him to his right mind.
- ❖ When the townspeople heard of it and came to see the man, they were shocked, scared, and totally confused. How on earth could this have happened? Who was this man, Jesus, and how should they deal with this kind of power?
- ❖ They concluded that the best thing to do was to ask Jesus to go back to His city and leave them alone—which is exactly what He did.
- ❖ The man who had been delivered begged Jesus to take him along, but He refused his request. Instead, He sent him back to his hometown so he could tell his own people the great things God had done for him—which was exactly what he did (Luke 8:39).
- ❖ Here is the reality of the situation: some people may be scared of Jesus, but they are not scared of you because they know who you are, what you are, and how you operate. They may not be in a place where they are willing to accept Jesus, but they will stop to listen to what you have to say.
- ❖ All we need to do is to allow the work God has done in us to show and to let people know Who it is that caused the incredible changes they see. LET IT SHOW! Share Jesus.
- ❖ In John 9, Jesus healed a man who was born blind and had spent his life as a beggar. After Jesus healed him, everybody started talking! "Isn't this the guy we used to see begging at the temple?" In response, the ex-blind man said, "It's me! It's me! I can see!"

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Luke 8:26-39; John 9

- ❖ Having been touched so dramatically by Jesus, the blind man was not shy in proclaiming his miracle, nor did he hide it.
- ❖ You may think that your story is not nearly as dramatic as this, but it *is* dramatic to those who knew you before Jesus came into your life.
- ❖ You no longer steal as you used to, lie to cover wrongdoings, cheat and commit fraudulent acts, lash out at others with an abusive tongue, live in fear and depression, live a selfish, self-absorbed life, or whatever else the change or miracle may be.
- ❖ "No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light" (Luke 11:33).
- ❖ This is God's will for us—that we let His light shine through us. We have the privilege of being lamps that light the way for others to come to Christ. (See Matthew 5:16.)
- ❖ It is time for us to cast the bushel basket aside so those around us can see the amazing work of God in our lives.
- ❖ LET IT SHOW!

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Discuss impressions people can give by the way they appear (clothing/self-decoration, speech, actions, etc.).
2. Was there an observable change in your life when you became a new creature in Christ? If so: What were some of those changes? Were they gradual, or did they occur right away?
3. Were there any changes that took place that you were resistant to at first? What caused you to finally institute that change?
4. Discuss what Christians need to remember in order to truly "show" that they are new creatures in Christ.
5. Have people ever asked you about the change that has taken place in your life? What was (or in future, will be) your answer to them?

Prayer Time

"Redeemed—how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child, and forever, I am." (Fanny J. Crosby)

WEEK OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019

NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) ☁️ (Think about)

✍️ (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↔️ (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Start-up: Do you own something that you are proud to show off to others? What is it and why are you so proud of it?

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD
Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline

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<http://www.facebook.com/groups/weprayatfaithsanctuary/>

PRAYER FOCUS: Personal spiritual growth



ANNOUNCEMENTS

August

Sunday 4: NO EVENING SERVICE

Thursday 15 – Saturday 17: Men's Empowerment Conference, Huyck's Bay

TO SUBMIT A BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Obtain approval from Head of Department and send to announcements@faithsanctuary.com by Wednesday @ 4:00 p.m. (If projection is desired send to media@faithsanctuary.com.)

MEN'S EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE

Dates: Thursday, August 15th – Saturday, August 17th
Place: Huyck's Bay Campgrounds

Contacts: Bro.s Paul Smith, Dan Kovach, or James Meredith

FREEDOM SESSION

The next class begins in September for both men and women. Join us for this life-changing, healing journey.

Contacts: Bro.s Bob Banton, Wayne Ellis; Sis. Kaye Anderson or Melva Meredith-Lewis.

FASTING AND PRAYER MEETING

Date: Saturday, August 10th

Service Time: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Fasting Time: Begins Friday @7:00 p.m.

Place: Faith Sanctuary

Contact: Sis E. Berbick

MIDNIGHT PRAYER

Date: Friday, August 16th

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Place: Prayer Room and Main Sanctuary

Contact: Sis. E. Berbick

FAITH SANCTUARY CHOIR

Practice Dates and Times: Every Friday @8:30 p.m.
AND/OR Every Sunday @ 1:00 p.m.

Place: Main Sanctuary

Contact: Pastor G. McKenzie

"JERUSALEM" PRAYER TEAMS

Be a part of what God is doing in our "Jerusalem."
Join a team to walk and pray for our community!
Please visit the Prayer Walk table in the front foyer and fill out a sign-up form.

Contact: Bro. Craig Walton

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

GOD

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

GOD'S WORD

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

GOD'S CREATION

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

HUMANITY'S FALL

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

THE GOSPEL

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

OUR FAITH RESPONSE

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

CHRIST'S RETURN

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

AUGUST 4, 2019

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Know Jesus, Love Jesus, Share Jesus

2019~ the year of love on trial~ 2019

Pastor: Rev. Granville E. McKenzie

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16 NKJV

SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship: 8:00 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. • 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.

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