

140813w What Message are Your Sending?

Introduction:

- What message are you sending?
 - The old game of sitting in a circle and whispering message in the person ear next to you to see if it is the same message you sent.
 - Marriage communication: misread sigh, well read attitude, misunderstood message etc.
 - What message is your life sending to unbelievers?
- Heb 1:1-3

I. God Desires to Communicate

- A. God spoke. When a person speaks it is because they desire to communicate.
 1. Many times - from Gen to Revelation God is basically speaking the same message. I love you. I am here for you. I have made a way for you.
 2. Many ways - audible, visions, dreams, visitations, angels.
 3. Many people - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Prophets. What makes this unique is that all of these people are saying the same things in different expressions.
 4. With God speaking this way it is like using an interpreter. In some ways it is like a new report. They are reporting what they have experienced, or are seeing and hearing.
- B. These men and women function as ambassadors, his representatives in the earth. They are presenting God and His Kingdom to His people and the people.
 1. God held them to a high degree of accountability and character.
 2. He did not allow them to twist the message without loss of life.

II. The Son is the Message

- A. vs 2 The Son is everything to the Father. And He must be everything to us. By sending the Son God was sending the exact representation of a man/God to walk among the people. The Son was the message! The prophets reported the news. Jesus was the News! The Good News!
- B. Jn 14:7-9 *Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."⁷ If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!"⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."⁹ Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you?"*
 1. Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.
 2. I do what I see the Father doing. I speak what I hear the Father speaking. Jn 8
- C. The nature of the message.
 1. vs.3 The Son radiates Gods glory,
 - a) To radiate is to shine like the dawn. Light emanates from the dawn. It pierces the darks and continues to get brighter. To shine forth, illuminate.
 - b) (his identity-see Jn 2:11) Jesus first revealed his glory, disciples believed.
 2. and expresses the "Gr karakter" - image, characteristic, 'to mint', likeness. Express the very essence of God. God the Son is the exactness of God the Father!

III. Our calling in life is to be His image.

- A. Col 3:10 *and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,*
- B. We are to be the message. 2 Cor 3:3 "*You are an epistle!*"

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- C. We are to radiate light into sphere of influence that God has placed us. We are to shine in the entire room.
- D. The purpose of the light is to help the one that is living or walking in darkness. “Light of the World” ... “You are the light of the world.” God is working to reveal himself to people. Ie. Prophets, His Son, through us.
 - 1. We are to tell His story through our lives. That is our testimony. It is not about us but it is about Christ in us the hope of glory. What He has done in us. There is where the light shine.
 - 2. We have a tendency to want to tell our story, or the most dramatic story rather than His story! His story is revelation!

Conclusion:

- January 5, 2011, the pilot of United Airlines Flight 940 (a Boeing 777-200 headed from Chicago to Frankfurt, Germany) spilt a cup of coffee onto the cockpit control panel, inadvertently setting off a false hijacking in progress signal and culminating in the plane's emergency landing in Canada. Fortunately, no jets were scrambled to bring down the supposedly hijacked passenger jet, neither did any other mechanical problems threaten the integrity of the aircraft, and the plane landed safely. The incident, having set off a chain reaction of communication failures, has prompted Federal Aviation Authorities to re-examine the prudence of beverages on or around the control consoles of aircraft. Application:
 - Talk about sending the wrong signal! Aircraft that send the "hijack in progress" signal are in danger of being shot out of the sky. This is serious stuff. Fortunately, the pilot was able to set the record straight. Even more serious is the message of God's grace sent to a world facing eternal condemnation. Our mission is so important, and the stakes are so high, that we dare not send the wrong message. We must carefully examine not only the words we use to communicate our message, but the signal sent by our actions, as well.
 - It is imperative that the modern church not spill its coffee on the social issues of our day, sending our world false signals.