

Let Me Tell You About ...

The Power of Stories We Love to Tell

Acts 8:1-4

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Joy is infectious. We want to share it and others want to join in our experience. Perhaps when “Let me tell you about Jesus” outranks even “Let me tell you about my grandchildren,” our communication of the Gospel will get more results.

Those Scattered Abroad

- Consider the context of Acts 8:4.
 - Persecution and death were aimed at Christians.
 - These things, however, could not stop them from telling the story of Jesus.
 - Have we forgotten the thrill of the Good News?
- Those settled at home.
 - If the scattered can tell the story
 - Joy out does duty every day of the week (Rom. 5:1-2).
 - Little joy, little telling (cf. Lk. 7:47).

The Power of the God-Spell

- The “spell.”
- Wrapping truth in story—Very biblical.
- Just-the-facts might do for a corporate tally sheet, but not for a good story.
- Clinical is suitable for the clinic, but not for the greatest story ever told.

The Cross (Jn. 12:32)

- The great power of the Gospel is the cross.
 - It is the only reason we might boast (Gal. 6:14).
 - It is the heart of the story (I Cor. 2:2).
 - In its pain we are humbled (Isa. 53:4-6; Matt. 27:45-46).
- In the cross we see the part of the story most reflecting the wisdom of God (I Cor. 1:18-31).

We have a wonderful story to tell! Our joy invites others to lend an ear. Its power has a compelling, captivating enticement. The cross-killed Jesus, the center of the Gospel’s attention, can melt the most resistant of hearts.