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Sun:	Classes	9:30 A.M.
	Assembly	10:30 A.M.
	Assembly	6:00 P.M.
Wed:	Classes	7:30 P.M.

WHERE WE MEET



From I-35, take the Midway exit (# 297). Go south (toward Austin) on the feeder road for almost one mile. Turn right at the DPS Drivers License office. We are on the left.

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“I Can’t Because...”

“Then said I: ‘Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am but a youth.’ ” - Jer 1:6

Such was Jeremiah’s response upon receiving his commission to preach to the nations. It is reminiscent of other Biblical characters who responded similarly.

Elijah blamed the desertion of his prophetic work on the wicked queen Jezebel, who had put out a ‘contract’ on his life (1 Ki 19:14). When God told Jonah to preach to Nineveh, he ran so far the other direction that he found himself in the belly of a great fish (Jon 1:17).

But, perhaps Moses was the greatest ‘excuse-maker’ of all. He argued with God that he was unable to lead Israel out of Egypt because: 1) he was a nobody, 2) people would question his source, 3) people would question his credibility, 4) he was not eloquent, and 5) others could do the job just as well (Ex 3:11,13, 4:1,10,13).

Yet, as hesitant as all of these prophets were, they shared two common traits: 1) God did not accept their excuses, and 2) they finally owned up to their duty and went. We may offer excuse for not doing what we should, but God isn’t buying it. ‘Tis much better to just do what He says!

Pray for God to Kill Him?

Mordecai Ham was an evangelist from Kentucky at the turn of the century. He had a background in business and the study of law. From the very beginning his approach was zealous and blunt. Rather than sit and talk with Christians at revival sites, Ham insisted on being taken to the worst sinners in the community.

On one occasion a non-believer hid in a cornfield, but Ham tracked him down. The man asked what his intentions were, and the evangelist said he was going to pray for God to kill him. When the man protested, Ham told him he shouldn't be bothered, since he didn't believe in God anyway. But if there was a God, then death would be appropriate for a man who had poisoned his family's spiritual prospects. The lost man begged him not to pray for his death, so Ham relented and prayed for his salvation. At the final meeting Ham baptized the man and his family.

The key to effective evangelism is not methodology (e.g., confrontation vs. friendship) but passion. Mordecai Ham had what many of us lack today, passion for the lost.

"...of some have compassion, making a difference and others save with fear..." - Jude 22-23

- Author Unknown (edited)



Just Thinkin'

A radio commentator made the following observation the other day: *"Those who don't like the truth call it 'hate speech' "* I like that. I like that a lot. It so accurately describes the reaction of many people to the truth - whether political truth, religious truth, or the truth about oneself.

When a politician has the courage to speak the truth, his opponents may label him a bigot and his speech 'hate speech' - or otherwise attack him (1 Sa 20:32-33). When a preacher has the backbone to publicly expose religious error and to - *gasp* - call names, he may be accused of intolerance (1 Ki 18:17). When a concerned Christian cares enough about an erring brother or sister to approach them and discuss it, they may be branded as unloving - no matter how truly loving they really are (1 Co 13:6).

All of these are symptoms of the same problem: a lack of love for the truth. Accepting the truth requires a humble heart (rare commodity) and courage (even rarer). But, it is fundamental to being right with God (Jn 8:32). Think about it.