

“God Speaks To People Through People”

John 1:25-50

Sunday Morning February 11, 2018

Introduction: I want to talk to you this morning about the truth that God speaks to people and through people. All of us have had times when God spoke to us. Primarily God will speak to us through His written Word the Bible. Sometimes God will speak to us by a Rhema. We see this in Romans 10:17. The word “Rhema” means an utterance by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will drop a Scripture verse. The Holy Spirit will drop a word, but never a word that contradicts Scripture. It could be through a sermon, a song, another person, or a circumstance.

My experience and my conviction is that “Rhema experiences” are in direct proportion to Scripture reading time. In the gym, they say: “No pain, no gain.” The Bible says, “The lazy man will not plow in winter; he will beg during harvest and have nothing” (Proverbs 20:4). The “slacker” in daily Bible reading will seldom hear God speak to them.

Now in John chapter 1, five men are mentioned that God spoke to and spoke through. The first of those five men is John the Baptist. God spoke to John the Baptist at Jesus’ baptism (1:29-34). Then God through John the Baptist to Andrew (1:35-40).

Then God spoke through Andrew to Peter (1:41-42). Then God spoke to Philip (1:43). Then God spoke through Philip to Nathanael (1:44-50).

T.S. The exciting thing to me about this is that all of us can be one of the people God speaks to and speaks through.

1. God can speak through you at home.

- Andrew is a great example of “family evangelism.”
- The first thing he did was find his brother (1:41-42).

Application: You love your family. You care about them. If they have a need, you are there for them. What about their soul?

Illustration: We give money to do mission work around the world, and we should. But what about your family? Some of you live in the house with a family member who is not ready to stand before God.

Application: I have encouraged you to share your salvation testimony with you family. If you precede them they will remember it and be so encouraged knowing that you had made peace with God.

T.S. God can speak through you at home. Not only that, God will speak through you best when you are concise with your words.

2. God will speak through you best when you are concise with your words.

- John the Baptist was concise with his words (1:29, 35).
- Andrew was concise with his words (1:41).
- Philip was concise with his words (1:45).

Application: With the economy of words, tell what your life was BEFORE Christ, HOW you came to know Christ, and how your life is DIFFERENT with Christ.

3. God will speak through you best when you keep the focus on Jesus.

- John the Baptist kept the focus on Jesus.
- Andrew and Philip kept the focus on Christ.
- Read Peter's sermon at Pentecost and you see the same thing.

Illustration: Too often our focus is on the church, a program in the church, or ourselves.

Application: Keep the focus on Jesus. There is power in the gospel.

Conclusion: God is speaking to some of you about family members that need Jesus. They are good people, but they are not saved. You love them more than anybody. You will do anything to help them. The greatest thing you can do is tell them how your life is different because of Jesus. They will listen to you because they know you. God wants to speak to them through you.

God also wants to speak through you to your friends, to those at work, at school, and those you come into contact each week. We live in a mission field.

God is speaking to some of you this morning to be saved—to come to Jesus. To some God is speaking to you about your baptism. To some God is speaking about joining the church.