

The Heart of the Evangelist

God came to seek and save. He gives us the enormous privilege to partake in this search of love for his beloved human beings. How can our testimony be inspired by the same motivation of love? How can we reflect Christ incarnated to those around us as we engage with them? And how do we overcome the fear of stepping on people's feet as we live and talk about the beauty, the truth, and the goodness of the Gospel?

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I. The heart of the evangelist...

A. is loved by Jesus

1. ...because you are his child! Your identity is in Him, not in your evangelism.
 - a. Luke 10:20: Rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

B. loves Jesus

1. John 15:5: I am the vine and you are the branches... remain in me.
 - a. You only have yourself to give → be filled with the Spirit!
 - b. Spiritual disciplines
 - c. Ruthless elimination of hurry - "Hurry is the biggest enemy of our faith"

2. is driven by God's love to come and seek what is lost

3. knows, it his God's Mission – Missio dei

- a. It's okay to be inadequate. That's how God made us so that we would depend on the Spirit.
- b. Our labour will not be in vain (1 John 15:16)
 - i. "In Evangelism we need a bottomless capacity for disappointment" (Lindsay Brown) – but we are also present at the most glorious moments in history

C. loves people

- 1. 1 Peter 3:15-16: humbleness, respect, honesty

- 2. John 8:50 – 54: I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who is seeks it, and he is the judge... If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. But my Father is the one who glorifies me.