

A WORD WITH YOU - By Ron Hutchcraft

10263 – “The Joy of Telling”

Philemon 6

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Jeremy was a young man who worked in our office every year after he got out of college, and then he became a veteran of our On Eagles’ Wings Native American team. But something was different this particular year for him—a woman! Yes, a woman in Jeremy’s life! And, believe me, it was no secret. He started telling us all about her as soon as we saw him again. The romance had just developed in the weeks preceding, and there was nothing he would rather talk about. She lived quite a ways from where we were, and the more he talked about her, the more he wanted to be with her. At first I was kind of amused by this young love, until I remembered that it was me not so many years ago, telling anyone who would listen about the woman I loved. By the way, I will always love talking about her.

I’m Ron Hutchcraft and I want to have **A WORD WITH YOU** today about **“The Joy of Telling.”**

My young friend couldn’t wait to tell us about the person he loved. And, as a result, we couldn’t wait to meet her. You see, that’s how it’s supposed to work with any of us who love Jesus Christ. We love to tell about Him, and as a result, some people we know want to meet Him.

It was a summer when, as we often do, our On Eagles’ Wings team had brought the hope of Christ to a number of Native American reservations. Wendy, who was sixteen, was one of our new team members. During that amazing month, where hundreds of Native American young people began a relationship with Jesus, Wendy had the joy of leading her first people to Christ. At our last night, she said to me: “You know, I accepted Jesus when I was little, but I’ve never really felt Him until this month. And I know what I want to do with my life now. I want to be in full-time ministry, telling people about Jesus Christ.”

Why had Wendy suddenly begun to feel Christ in her life? Why did she suddenly have a sense of mission in her life? I believe it’s largely because she had just spent the whole month doing what followers of Jesus are supposed to do all the time. She was telling lost people about the One who loves her, the one she loves.

And that telling about Jesus might be the missing ingredient in your life as one of His kids. Paul prayed this revealing prayer along these lines in Philemon, verse 6, our word for today from the Word of God. Here’s what he said: “I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.” Paul seems to be saying here that there’s a level of experiencing your Savior that can only be reached by telling others about Him. You don’t have a religion to share,

or a church, or some beliefs. You have a person to tell about—a person who loved you enough to die for you!

Something powerful happens in your life when you finally open your heart and open your mouth to let people who've never met your Jesus know what He's like. Paul says you start to have "a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." Maybe that's what you've been restless for. Like that young woman on our team, when you start talking about Jesus, you may finally start feeling Him in your life as never before. And by starting to carry out your mission to be His ambassador, you may finally begin to get a clear picture of His greater plans for the rest of your life.

Not to mention that what you know about Jesus is their only hope of ever being in heaven with you someday! You need to tell about Jesus. They need to hear about Him, because you need to talk about the greatest love of your life. And they need to hear about the one who loves them more than anyone. You tell them about how much He loves you. Sooner or later, I believe they're going to want to meet Him too.

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