



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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One day a man came up to me and said, *"I hear you on the radio."* He began to tell me what I said and what it meant to him. He was having a very hard time at work and had made up his mind he was going to quit his job because he and his employer were becoming more and more angry with one another. That afternoon he got into his car and his radio was tuned to **WCRV 640 AM**.

He mentioned to me that our radio spot was blaring away and I was speaking on the subject of forgiveness. At one point I said, *"If you are angry with someone right now, you better not try to make any decisions. You will make the wrong one. Deal with your anger personally and privately and the Holy Spirit will settle you down as you surrender to His control."*

He told me he followed that exhortation and it kept him from giving up a job that he could never replace at his age. He thanked me and encouraged me to never give up. He said, *"You never know just who might be listening at the right time for them."*

I want to thank you for praying for this ministry and keeping us on the radio here in America.

To preach the truth in love, is to love the One about whom you preach. *"It is a compelling, it is a calling, and it is a constraining."*

The Apostle Paul said,

"For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel." **1 Corinthians 9:16**

As God's Word goes out, *"... it will not return void."* **Isaiah 55:11**

Again, Paul says,

... for "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!" **Romans 10:13-15**



Chris Hodges
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Thank you for being a person who supports the preaching of God's Word. Thank you for supporting men like me who have been called to preach; we're not perfect and it's not easy.

Constrain - To compel or force someone toward a particular course of action.

Preaching is a work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Restrainer of evil and He is the Constrainer in the preaching of the gospel. The preacher feels held and propelled as he faithfully preaches God's Word. Pray for the man you hear preaching God's Word. Help him.

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I believe any discerning Christian believes we are living in what the Bible calls ***the end times***, a time where both old unbiblical traditions and new unbiblical emerging traditions are overriding the simplicity and purity of God's original intentions.

Here it is, this is what we are to be doing till glory:

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.” Acts 2:42

“So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.” Acts 2:46-47

This is what Jesus said He was on earth for, and, it is the same for us:

"... for the Son of Man has come **to seek and to save** that which was lost." ***Luke 19:10***

If that is what Jesus did, that is what we're to do! Thank you for helping us keep the main thing the main thing!

May God continue to bless you spirit, soul, and body as you give back what He has given you. As an old country preacher said one time, *"You shovel out and God will shovel back in to you. God has the bigger shovel."* That is so true! Trust Him and watch it happen.

Abiding above,



President

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Colossians 3:1-3