

Sermon Notes
Good News Church
“Good News 101 – Basic Essentials of Faith & GNC Vision, Mission, and Values”
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New Series Overview

1. Why are we here? (Purpose / Vision)
2. What are we all about? (Mission)
3. What do we believe? (Beliefs)
4. What do we do? (Behaviors)
5. What is the Good News? (Motivation)

About Good News Church

Preaching Strategy

Styles:

- 1) Expository – preaching through a text of scripture
- 2) Topical – preaching through a topic (with scriptural support)

Strategy

My strategy in preaching is not to focus so much on behaviors but on the Good News of the gospel, because when the heart is impacted, behaviors follow.

- LOVE changes everything!

The Good News – Our Most Important Message

The good news is for messed up, rebellious, broken people. The more broken and messed up you are, the more the good news is for you!

The good news is that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. He became sin in order that we would become righteous, and our acceptance from God is not based on our goodness, but on Jesus' goodness.

Because of that, God's love and acceptance for us is *“never stopping, never giving up, un-breaking, always and forever love.”* - Sally Lloyd-Jones

The one requirement necessary for this good news to be true of you and me is that we receive it by faith and surrender our lives and our will to His.

Unfortunately, we don't have what it takes to produce the faith that is necessary to believe.

But God, because He is rich in mercy and abounding in steadfast love, by His grace, His Son, and His Spirit, He produces in us the faith that is necessary to believe, and that's what we call the Good News!

The Story & Background of Good News Church

My Calling

- WOOD FLOOR STORY – *“The people you’re encountering is not by accident. I’m sending them to you, because I’ve called you to be ‘a shepherd to lost and hurting people.’”*
- I’m the pastor but I’m no better than you, not as smart as you, I’m as much or more broken than you, and I struggle with faith every day, but I’m here because God has called me into this.
- I’m so aware of my weakness, brokenness, and sinfulness, that I am desperate every day for his voice, strength, encouragement, and guidance
- I know that I do not have what it takes for this position, but I am confident that God has given me what it takes through Christ (2 Cor. 3:5 “adequacy”).
- I lean on and rest in Him, but it is a struggle.
- Brokenness and weakness is not our greatest liability in our Christian faith. It’s our greatest asset. *“When we are weak, He is strong. His power is made perfect in our weakness.” (from 2 Corinthians 12:9-11)*

Passion of my Heart = The Good News & Mission

Defining Scripture (from my 2020 Church Planting Vision Paper)

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

- 1 Peter 2:9-10

Good News Backstory - stories of God’s Undeniable Confirmation

- **Jacksonville Beach (January, 2021) - New Year’s Day Sunrise**
 - Our Daily Bread, “Uncharted Waters” with the key scripture verse, *“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.” (Isaiah 43:2)*. I could hardly keep from crying tears of comfort and joy as I read through

the devotional and especially as it concluded by saying, *“Today, we push out from the shore into new, uncharted waters. Whatever we face, He’s with us - and He has the power to calm the waves.”*

- **San Antonio (April, 2021) – Hotel pool, evening before my 10 minute sermon**
 - Rich & Kris (Omaha, NE)
 - Vince & Carmen (Fairfield, CA)
- **Sugar Hill (April, 2021) – Hillside Vision alignment**
 - Pastor - my heart
 - Project Leader - Dave Lee’s heart
 - Property Owner - Hugh Buice’s heart

“following the bread crumbs”

CONFIDENCE – This isn’t us. This is God.

So, what are we all about? What is our central reason for existence?

- **The reason we exist as a church is to share with one another and the world around us the amazing grace that has been given to us.**

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession (set apart), that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness (rescued) into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God (adopted); once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy (loved).” - 1 Peter 2:9-10

- **Wounded healers**
 - When we walk in relationship with and surrender to God, He helps make sense of our greatest wounds and deepest pains by giving them purpose to bring healing to others, in Jesus’ name.
 - I’ve shared glimpses of how God has done and is doing that in my story. How is God doing that in your story?
 - Josh – celebrated 17 years of sobriety yesterday and God is using him in an incredible way in the lives of others fighting the same battles
 - Examples from Good News Church - Harold, Sean, Ken, Kyle, Jimmy, Leslie, Dale, Chad, Rip, Bonnie, etc.,

- **Community** - The beautiful, amazing thing about the Church, is that God weaves all of our stories together, and multiplies the impact of our stories in the lives of others still in need of the love, hope, and healing that can only be found in Jesus Christ.
 - *“... Sorrowful, yet always rejoicing.” – 2 Corinthians 6:10*
 - *“Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed.” – 2 Corinthians 4:16*

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- We’ve been adopted (spiritually) with a purpose to share the love of God with others.

Closing Story - Earnest Hausmann

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FhDuqrjIQcs>