"Wall of Fear – Philemon 6"

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• High Dive story

• Read Philemon 6, "I pray you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every GOOD thing we have in Christ."

- Greek...first part results from the second part... "as you have more understanding of the good things we have in Christ, be active in sharing your faith."
- Active means "energy"....medical term
- Those we know...and don't know John 4

1) Motives

- Love motive....not guilt
- Pray for Jesus to live His burden through you
- Pray for love burden for lost → Luke 19:10

Benefits of sharing our faith... "every GOOD thing we have in Christ"

- a) Joy me led first person to Christ...Eric Aragon testimony...how person feel led you to accept Jesus?
- b) Saves lives
- c) Eternal rewards Highlands men witness to me

2) Manhole's

Reasons Christian choose not to share our faith

- a) Wall of fear how I deal with that powerful wall of fear? Take care of that in a moment.
- b) Busy...satan even use legitimate work and family things influence choice not witness
- c) Wounded great counseling center...me been going several years
- d) Sin
- e) Radar not up
- f) Wrong priority many Christians will give money for homes, vacations, etc, but not God to Kingdom of God...schedule fun, entertainment, but not set time to share love Jesus...drink alcohol publically, but never share faith
- g) Love issue byproduct of love relationship with Jesus Christ

- How my life has changed since accepting Jesus Christ b) Tracts.....pleasant seed planting → me saved through tract - Offer tracts - Leave tracts c) Gospel Presentation -> Personal Evangelism and Pulpit Evangelism 1) Presentation 1. God's love 2. Sin separates 3. Jesus Christ only way to forgiveness 4. Choice 2) Salvation 1. Repent 2. Receive...pen illustration 3. Follow 3) Invitation 1. Give it 2. Reinforce it d) Creative Outreaches - Free garage sale.....front yard of my apartment **RESOURCES** for personal evangelism training XEE training at HFBC ■ Free personal evangelism resources at www.scottnute.org → business card

3) Methods.....step through wall of fear with words

Life before I knew Jesus ChristHow I came to know Jesus Christ

a) Testimony

4) Missions

- "every Christian should go on a mission trip every 5 years"
- "we are either going, giving, praying, or disobedient" Pastor Greg Matte
- locally & globally

NEXT STEPS...practical steps to take:

- 1) **Repent**...James 4:17, "If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them."
- 2) **Pray** for love burden → "until my love for the lost is greater than my fear of rejection, I won't witness."
- 3) Training
 - Houston's First Baptist Church
 - www.scottnute.org
- **4) Intentional** Proverbs 16:9.....no one is "saved by accident"
 - a) over-spiritualize personal evangelism sometimes
 - b) Write down names of people to pray for their souls
 - c) Strategy/Plan: Philemon 6, "active"; John 4:7, "will you give me a drink"
 - ✓ Set a time to approach people on list, ask permission to share most important thing in your life
 - d) Follow-up those we lead to Christ...start one-on-one....may not be ready for church for a while

Share Gospel and give invitation