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**Evangelism 101: *The Call to Commitment***

*Luke 9:57-62*

- I. Popular Evangelistic Presentations Gift Wrap the Gospel – focusing on “what’s in it for us.”
- II. Jesus’ presentation of the Gospel – focuses on the commitment ... the cost of ‘following Jesus.’
  - A. A call to a commitment greater than our need for the security of home. (57-58)
  - B. A call to a commitment greater than the responsibilities of family duty. (59-60)
  - C. A call to a commitment greater than anything we presently possess. (61-62)
- III. This is best illustrated in the commitment made in a biblically based marriage.

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. (Gen 2:24)

  - A. A Commitment that results to a ‘**New Security**’ that is greater than the security found in our home.
  - B. A Commitment that results in a ‘**New Relationship**’ that is more significant than is found in our family.
  - C. A Commitment that results in a ‘**New Identity**’ that provides assurance (*hope*) for a secure future.
- IV. Application: Take some time to evaluate your commitment:
  - A. Our security must be found in Jesus Christ.

*Because of Jesus Christ, I am safe.*
  - B. Our most important relationship must be with Jesus Christ.

*Because of Jesus Christ, I am not alone.*
  - C. Our identity is only found in Jesus Christ.

*Because of Jesus Christ, I have a future.*

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The Call to Worship: Responsive Reading Proverbs 3:1-10

L: As we gather this morning for worship ... we are reminded of the blessing and reward that result from obedience to God's Instruction in Righteousness: Together we will read Instruction in Righteousness and I will respond with the Blessing and Reward.

C: **My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart,** Meditation/Obedience

L: <sup>2</sup>for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. Life/Peace

C: <sup>3</sup>**Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.** Mercy/Truth/Integrity

L: <sup>4</sup>Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Favor with God and Man

C: <sup>5</sup>**Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;** <sup>6</sup> **in all your ways acknowledge him,** Trust/Confession

L: and he will make your paths straight. Direction

C: <sup>7</sup>**Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.** Adoration/Holiness

L: <sup>8</sup>This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Health/Strength

C: <sup>9</sup>**Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;** Honor/Tithe/Seed

L: <sup>10</sup>then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Plenty/Overflow

\*Hymn No. 280 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

I love Thy kingdom, Lord! The house of Thine abode.  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved  
with His own precious blood.

I love Thy Church, O God! Her walls before Thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of Thine eye and graven on Thy hand.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways.  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given  
The brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

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<sup>57</sup> As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

<sup>59</sup> He said to another man, "Follow me."  
But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

<sup>60</sup> Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

<sup>61</sup> Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family."

<sup>62</sup> Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

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\*Hymn No. 201      *Grace Greater Than our Sin*      (v. 1, 2, 4)

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Sin and despair, like the sea-waves cold,  
threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater - yes, grace untold  
Points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross.

*Grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
freely bestowed on all who believe!  
You that are longing to see His face,  
Will you this moment His grace receive?

*Grace, grace, God's grace,  
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!*

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Offertory

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### Illustration of Gospel Commitment

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 435      *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*      (verse 2)

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Sermon Applied

Song of Response

Mr. Devon Hamilton

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction No. 259 *Breath on Me Breath of God*      v. 1

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what Thou dost love and do what Thou wouldst do.

\*Postlude