

A Traveler's Guide: Life Rhythms-Speak

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1 Peter 3:8-4:11

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Living as a Redeemed Ambassador - B.L.E.S.S.

- Because of our identity we are to SPEAK the Gospel in life & words

The Rhythm of SPEAK

- The Gospel was spoken to us so we now speak this Good News to others by our lives and words.

We often live as Unbelievers

- We forget our identity in Christ and that:
 - God is great Psalms 145:3 - so we do not have to be in control
 - God is glorious Psalms 145:5 - so we do not have to fear others
 - God is good Psalms 145:9 - so we do not have to look elsewhere
 - God is gracious Psalms 145:8 - so we do not have to prove ourselves
- Remember who Christ has made you - Your Identity in Christ! 1 Peter 2:9

Don't misunderstand the Church

- Westminster Confession Chp. XXV
- Church is NOT a building or a club
- The Church is made up of believers who Gather, Grow, Give & GO because they are redeemed believers!
- Paul taught Eph 4:11-16 leaders equip saints to do ministry...

Peter reminds us of this

- Bless because you were called. Live like you actually believe the Gospel 1 Peter 3:8-12
- Remember the 4 G's: God is Great, Glorious, Good, and Gracious 1 Peter 3:13-14
- Be prepared to give an answer for your hope... Act like you are redeemed! 1 Peter 3:15-17
- Remember the Gospel - what Christ did & God's wonderful message of Good News 1 Peter 3:18-22
- Put on Christ's attitude & live like Him because of your identity in Christ 1 Peter 4:1
- Live for Christ because He redeemed you 1 Peter 4:2
- Speak the Gospel, let your life shine. Let the world be surprised by your life and words! 1 Peter 4:3-4
- You (believer) are to speak the Gospel so the world can hear! History shows this has been and is God's plan 1 Peter 4:5-7
- Speak and live out the Gospel. Let your life and words show forth God's glory 1 Peter 4:8-11

BLESS RHYTHMS: living w/ Christ's attitude:

Bless: We intentionally bless others though serving, encouraging, giving, and thinking of those around us. Instead of focusing on ourselves, we focus on others.

Listen: We intentionally listen to others through questions, focus, and attentiveness to their story and who they are.

Eat: We intentionally eat through sharing our meals, drinks, and moments around the critical necessity of nourishment.

Speak: We intentionally speak the truths of Jesus by graciously and boldly proclaiming the gospel in all scenarios of life.

Sabbath/Celebrate/Recreate: We intentionally work, rest, and enjoy the fruit of the gospel and fruit of God's creation. We pause to remember we are God's mission as we're on God's mission. The mission is His, not ours.

Daily: do an inventory and look for opportunities to BLESS others... Live intentionally for Christ's glory!

Put it into Practice:

- Do an inventory: time schedule; school/work life; neighborhood life; recreational life. How often are you living differently than the world because you are Christ's redeemed child (1 Cor 6:19)?
- Practice the presence of God... live by constantly asking if you are believing the Gospel - think 4 G's
- How can you gather with other believers (not worship service) and encourage and equip one another to Speak the glories of God by your life? Missional Community, DNA (Discover, Nurture Act) Group. How would this help you live for God's glory and better speak of His wonderful Gospel?