



‘Truth Makes People Angry’

Luke 4:14-30 Sermon Verse: Luke 4:28

We live in a world that prides itself in facing the realities of life. We have all heard the phrase, “Just tell the truth and it will be alright.” Telling the truth to people should endear them to us, but unfortunately, sometimes the truth can be intimidating to the listener and results in people becoming angry. In today’s sermon, we find Luke recounting an occasion when Jesus went home after finishing a very difficult 40 days in the wilderness. He had performed great miracles in the lives of many throughout the region. His acts of mercy and kindness had become well known and crowds were always around him.

Luke writes that Jesus was tired and just wanted to go home. He just wanted to be among His hometown folk, family, and friends. Upon arrival in Galilee, He went to worship in the synagogue and read a passage, which the rabbis gave Him written by the Prophet Isaiah. They did not really hear the intent of Jesus’ reading and His interpretation of the text. The truth enraged the crowd and they decided to cast Him out of the city. “Truth Makes People Angry.”

Interestingly, Jesus read the passage, gave them back the book and then sat down. They were fine, but then they asked Him to do some of His miracles in Galilee. They wanted to see for themselves. Jesus said, “No prophet is accepted in his hometown.” He told them that today He was fulfilling the prophecy of the message of Isaiah. They were furious with rage and anger, because Jesus was saying that God sometimes chose to reach Gentiles rather than Jews. Jesus implied that His hearers were as unbelieving as the citizens of the northern kingdom of Israel in the days of Elijah and Elisha, a time notorious for its great wickedness.

We can learn from the text that when the Spirit of the Lord is upon you there is a purpose and a mission God has for you to do. Know clearly what God has called you to and if your mission is to start at home, on your job, or at your church be prepared for some opposition. People will not hear nor understand what God has placed on your heart to share. Do not be intimidated, nor afraid. Say what God has instructed you to say then sit down and be quiet.

Even if and when people applaud you, never forget that when you tell them the truth and it does not agree with them—THEY MAY BECOME ANGRY!!

Know that when you are anointed by the Spirit, letting the Spirit guide your steps, speaking the truth—People Will Get Angry. The text in verse 30 says, “But He walked right through the crowd and went on His way.” That is what God has promised to each of us, that if we are obedient to His Word, no crowd can destroy us. Never be afraid ever again to be a witness for God when you feel His Spirit upon you. You will know what to say, when to say it, how to say it and then God will be glorified. He will deliver you from any perceived or real abuse from people.

This is the season in your life to be a witness for God—lead someone to Jesus in the next three months.

LET GOD USE YOU TO FULFILL HIS PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE.

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