Preaching That Hits Home

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INTRODUCTION

- Things that affect a single individual ought to be addressed privately.
- A lot of times, what is affecting one person's life is affecting other people's lives.
- Is the preacher only allowed to convict us when he doesn't know that we need it?

1 Preaching That We Need

Amos 1:3; Mark 12:12; Luke 16

- It's easy to say amen when the preaching is directed somewhere else. But what about when it's directed toward us and the things that we need?
- Sometimes it's tough when the preacher is saying things that convict to say that I am wrong.
- My obligation is to tell the truth and accept the consequences.
- Do we have the courage to respond positively with changes in regard to messages that affect us?
- For they understood that he spoke the parable against them.
- The message hits home, but it's because they need it.

2 Do We Possess Ears to Hear?

Matthew 19:10–12; Galatians 4:16

- If we have ears to hear, we will make no differentiation between truth and truth that is preached at me, or affects me and my behavior.
- If it is your disposition to listen and respond favorably, then do so. But if you do not, then you must live with the consequences of rejecting my teaching.
- He who is able to accept this, let him accept it.
- If any man has ears to hear, let him hear.
- Am I therefore your enemy because I tell you the truth.
- There was only one flawless man, but there have been a lot of preachers and a lot of prophets that God has used. We are simply instruments to deliver his message.

3 Messages That Affect Our Behavior in the Home

Philippians 2; James 1; 1 Corinthians 13

- If I'm a model of kindness in relation to my brothers and sisters, but always mean and gruff and rough in my home. What is truly my character?
- This is about our character. This is about who we are. Our attitudes. The way we treat others.
- The way we behave sends a message. And we need to take that responsibility seriously.
- Don't ever develop the notion that you have fixed everything that needs fixing.

- We're called to be doers of the word. And so we need to constantly have our noses in it and our hearts in it.
- The one who looks and measures himself against the word of God and does it, he shall be blessed.

THE CHALLENGE

If we can assist you in obeying the Lord, come now while we stand and sing.

MY NOTES