The Deletha Word Story: What Can I Do To Rescue People Who Are In Grace Danger?

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INTRODUCTION

- We just know that Miss Word was not alone on the bridge that day, that there were a lot of people there, and nobody intervened to help her and stop the crime.
- We have people around us in grave danger. And God says, go rescue them.
- There are four simple things that everybody can do. … Do I care enough about lost people to do it? That's the real issue.

1 We Can Make It Our Business to Shine

Philippians 2:14–16; Matthew 5:13–16

- Paul says that in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, you and I shine as lights.
- Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
- You've got friends who will never read the Bible, but they need to read it every day as they look at my life.
- Your attitude and your behavior, they impact your witness and your testimony.
- My life needs to say, every day, in lots of ways, Jesus has something better to offer.

2 We Need to Speak

Matthew 10:32–33

- We're going to need to talk positively in our conversations, even with people who are Christians, talk positively about spiritual things.
- If those things are what's really important to us, more important than anything else, it's just going to come out of the pores of our being.
- Whoever confesses me before men, I will also confess him before my father who is in heaven. But whoever denies me before men, I will also deny him before my father who is in heaven.
- Sometimes we deny them not with what we say, but with what we're not willing to say with our silence.
- You don't have any friends who have problems that don't ultimately have connections back to the Word of God.
- Can you tell folks you're praying for them? How easy is it to do that?

3 An Invitation to Come and See

John 1:45–46

- Take that one extra step and tag along with that, an invitation to come and investigate.
- Philip found Nathaniel and said to him, We have found him of whom Moses and the law and also the prophets wrote. Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.
- You don't believe me? Come and see. I think we need to do that all the time.
- I think we need to stay busy inviting people to come and see for themselves.
- How about just saying great things about the church here and inviting people to come?
- Who can I invite this week? Who can I say, come and see?

4 Take Care of Them When They Get There

1 Corinthians 14:23–25

- When we're busy inviting people to come and see, and they will come, the last thing we need to do is we need to be sure to take care of them when they get there.
- There are searching lost souls right now in congregations of our brethren all over this country who will be treated exactly that way.
- If all prophesy and an unbeliever or ungifted man enters, he is convicted by all, … so that he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you.
- So how do you welcome a guest? It isn't rocket science. You already know what to do.
- Ten minute rule. First 10 minutes after services are for visitors.

THE CHALLENGE

I've got opportunities to help people who are in grave danger. This morning, we've laid out four easy things that every disciple can do. The question is: do I care enough to do them?

MY NOTES