

Eight Haunting Words

(Acts 20:26-27)

- Introduction:
1. I was raised in a Christian family, and from the time of my youth, I had been taught the truth.
 2. But there was a time in my life that I was very “timid” about the truth I knew and possessed.
 3. I was too self-conscience, too concerned about what others would think, too concerned about being “cool,” so there were times when I did not share the truth I knew.
 4. However, about a year ago, I was reminded of just how harmful my way of life could be.
 5. I received an email from an old high school friend. It contained all of eight words. It read, “Higgy, I’m dying. Please pray for my family.”

I. Our Obligations

- A. The Great Commission.
 1. (Matthew 28:19-20).
 2. (Mark 16:15-16).
 3. (Luke 24:46-47).
 4. (John 20:21).
- B. We know the verses above, but we may be “asleep” to the responsibility contained therein.
 1. (Romans 13:11-12).
 2. (Ephesians 5:15-16).
 3. (Colossians 4:5-6).

II. Cowardice & Silence Is Not An Option

- A. (Ezekiel 33:2-7; Acts 20:19-20,26-27).
- B. (Matthew 25:14-30).
- C. (Revelation 21:8).

- Conclusion:
1. Lift up you eyes (John 4:35).
 2. Current religious landscape in America.
 - a. 16.1% - No religious affiliation.
 - b. 25% - 18-29 year olds with no religious affiliation.
 - c. 20 years ago, that number was just 5%.
 3. This fact isn’t intended to discourage, but rather to motivate!
 4. Let’s be bold. Let’s stop being timid. And let’s share the gospel!