

Engaging the Culture

Part six of the series, "Great Faith: When God Speaks"

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Hebrews 11:23-29 ESV

We are under obligation. (Debt)

"I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. ¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for **it is the power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:14-16 NASB)

The gospel is of first importance.

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve." (1 Corinthians 15:3-5 NASB)

Speak it (the gospel) with confidence.

"For the king knows about these matters, and I speak to him also with confidence, since I am persuaded that none of these things escape his notice; for this has not been done in a corner. ²⁷King Agrippa, do you believe the Prophets? I know that you do.' ²⁸Agrippa replied to Paul, 'In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian.' ²⁹And Paul said, 'I would wish to God, that whether in a short or long time, not only you, but also all who hear me this day, might become such as I am, except for these chains.'" (Acts 26:26-29 NASB)

God gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. ¹⁸Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation**, ¹⁹namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, **we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God were making an appeal **through us**; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:17-21 NASB)

Knowing the fear of God, we persuade men.

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences." (2 Corinthians 5:10-11 NASB)

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