

Speak Out

“Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city’” (Acts 18:9-10 NKJV). It is easy for us to come together with those of like precious faith (2 Peter 1:1) who share the same worldview, hope, peace and love to open our lives and talk about matters that are important for the salvation of humanity. It is easy, amongst ourselves, to point out that there are horrible things taking place in the world – babies being killed to harvest body parts, children being stolen and sold as slaves, poverty, despair, and so on. It is easy to see all this, make comments, and then say something like, “Well, what are we going to do?” or “People just don’t change” or “We are just a small church. What could we do?”

The expectation of God is that we speak out and not hold back. It is that simple. Now, to whom did Paul speak? If you start back in Acts 17, you find that Paul spoke to anyone he met, whether they liked it or not. He spoke, and it mattered not if they were great philosophers, lowly slaves, Jews, Romans, men or women.

You see, all men and women need the Gospel, and part of why we gather together is to strengthen one another so that we can speak. God is with you. Let your words be bold, clear and from His inspired Word.

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