



Shiloh Messenger

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DO NOT FALTER TRUTH BY FUMBLING THE DELIVERY

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your neck; Write them on the tablet of your heart.”**

Proverbs 3:3

*If we are not cautious we may gravitate toward overlooking the most elementary instructions, perhaps because of being so common to us. It is not a waste of time to review foundational truths and take inventory. It may save us from waste and regret. Great teachers repeat important facts. Great students continue to listen and take heed regardless of teachings already received and even implemented time and time again. We recall Vince Lombardi. He was a great NFL coach for the Green Bay Packers. He is remembered for saying to the professionals he instructed, “**This Gentleman is a football.**” Some people attribute his success to being at the right place at the right time with the right group of athletes. These all may be contributing factors, but we would be amiss if we failed to high light his tenacity in stressing basic truths time and time again.*

*The Lord has impressed upon us recently to review being a people who bestows mercy yet never compromising truth. “**Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck; Write them on the tablet of your heart.**” Proverbs 3:3. Forsake means fail, leave, let go, refuse. The word bind means to tie, gird, confine, join together, knit together to make stronger. Wear to be visibly seen, around your neck as an ornament. Write them on the tablets of your heart. The heart is the major interior organ. It is the heart where the feelings, the will, the center of everything takes place. Mercy and Truth are to go together as one and not separated. They are not meant to be used as individual components. They lose their function and their power if not in unity as God commanded.*

At Shiloh we are in a unique position to have people before us all the time. We live with the congregation that God has given us the privilege to oversee. We are in a constant state of pouring out truth to potential students, current students, families of students, students who leave before their completion, students who graduate, and also each other as leaders.

If we do not walk circumspectly we may falter giving truth correctly. If we fail in the delivery, we fail.

*It can be absolute truth to the core, but if it is packaged and served absent of mercy, the effectiveness is hindered. The anointing is halted. **We can actually falter truth by fumbling the delivery.***

*Many people feel that speaking the absolute truth is uncomfortable and many do not want to be disturbed or cause others to feel uneasy either. People would rather ignore than confront. Some have even said, “**THE TRUTH HURTS.**” Yet truth will liberate the most bound up individual when it is packaged together with mercy. The Bible tells us that false scales are an abomination to The Lord. (Proverbs 11:1 and Proverbs 20:23) If we have one and not the other we are unbalanced. It takes the supernatural power of God working inside of us to give mercy and truth at the same time. He is the only one that can adjust us to register BALANCE. We can not manufacture it. It is just not natural. It is Supernatural Power. It takes a yielding to God every day and allowing Him to flow out of us mercy and truth.*

My friend, we may be the only truth available to someone. If we fail to give it and give it in the correct way, a soul could be eternally separated from a loving, caring, benevolent, merciful Father God. A Destiny for greatness and God's Glory could be forfeited. Yes, it is just that important. If not careful and spiritually mindful we may misrepresent God's character as His representatives on this earth.

Years ago in London there was a large gathering of notables for a concert. One of the invited guests was a famous preacher, Caesar Milan. A young lady charmed the audience that night with her singing. After the concert Milan went up to her and graciously, but very boldly, said to her, “I thought as I listened to you tonight how tremendously the cause of Christ would be benefited if your talents were dedicated to His cause. You know, young lady, you are a sinner in the sight of God, but I am glad to tell you that the blood of Jesus can cleanse you from all sin.” The lady became so angry at the preacher that she stomped her feet and walked away. As she was leaving he said, “I mean no offense. I will pray that God's Spirit will convict you.” The young lady went home, but she could not sleep. The face of the preacher appeared before her, and his words rang through her mind. About two o'clock in the morning she got out of bed took a pencil and a piece of paper, and with tears rolling down her face, Charlotte Elliott wrote:

Just as I am with out one plea,

But that Thy Blood was shed for me,

And that Thou bid me come to Thee,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

That song has been sung by choirs throughout the world as an invitation to accept Jesus Christ.

*A few words by a man who preached the judgment of God with a broken heart resulted in tens of thousands of new Christians declaring their faith. *Taken from The handwriting on the wall by David Jeremiah.*

Do Not Falter Truth By Fumbling The Delivery. Mercy & Truth Are ONE. This Body of Christ is The Gospel.

Shiloh Ministry team

A Graduate Testifies

Hi, It's Blake Shaw, Resident Counselor. Since my graduation from Shiloh in July 2008, I have been privileged to do ministry across the U.S. and Argentina. After Shiloh I attended Youth With A Mission's discipleship training school in Nashville, TN. It was there that God continued to develop the ministry He had birthed in me at Shiloh. Not only has God given me a heart for men, who struggle with drug and alcohol addiction, but also their children. While on outreach in Argentina I was able to minister to street children, live at an orphanage, minister at an inner city summer program and work at a youth camp. I was able to share my personal testimony and began to find out there is a large number of youth around the world, who have one or both parents that are addicted to drugs. I would often minister about the Father Heart of God and His perfect love, for I believe God is turning the hearts of the children back to the fathers (Malachi 4:6) I tried to help the children understand that our Heavenly Father is not like our earthly fathers so that their image of God would not be distorted. I believe strongly that God is calling for men in the Body of Christ to rise up and become fathers to the fatherless. Also while at Shiloh, God really placed on my heart a love for the country of Cambodia. During the next year I would like to make a short trip to Cambodia to minister to the orphans and street children of that nation. I know from personal experience there is an awesome anointing for deliverance and healing from drugs and alcohol here at Shiloh. And that is why I want to take Shiloh to the nations. I want to help set the captives free, break generational curses and end the deadly cycle of drug and alcohol addiction as early as possible. It is such a privilege to be a son of God laboring in His vineyard for the end time harvest.



Blake Shaw

Shiloh Ministries gives the LORD honor and praise for lives that have been delivered from a life of drug addiction. We celebrate Kingdom Life here at Shiloh. All of our supporters make a tremendous contribution towards lives that forever are destined for eternity with God. We ask and encourage everyone to give financially to help with the cost of restoring lives. The LORDS Ministry at Shiloh is free to the men who seek restoration. It is a walk of faith for our financial needs to be met every month. Would you please consider being a monthly supporter? God always speaks to those He has asked to give. We believe that His people will respond out of a heart of gratitude for what He has done & continues to do for them. Thank you, for your generosity in giving & co-laboring with us in the LORDS Ministry at Shiloh. (Shiloh Ministries is recognized by the IRS as a 501C3 Charitable Organization)

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