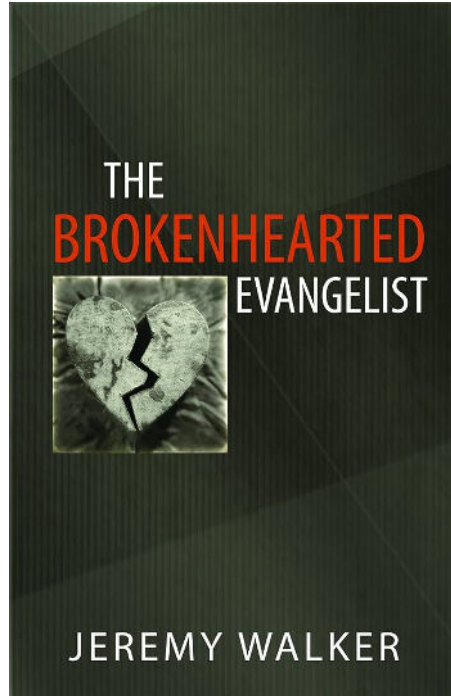


The Brokenhearted Evangelist is a very helpful book for those experienced in proclaiming the gospel and for those who have never attempted to win a soul. It addresses our attitude, motivations, and underlying beliefs about God's faithfulness to save sinners by the gospel being made known. One of the author's purposes in writing this book was to unsettle the consciences of the Lord's people as to their desire, commitment, and concern, to proclaim the Gospel to those whom the Lord has placed in their path. It is both convicting and encouraging.



The book is based on Psalm 51. David pleads to God for mercy and restoration after being tearfully convicted of his own transgressions. After his joyful repentance, he says to God in verse 13: "Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall be converted to you". He is resolved to teach transgressors the ways of God, and to be an instrument in having them converted to God. This should be the heart attitude of all who are true believers. For any who have been brought to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus and have sought forgiveness for their rebellion against God, there should be some degree of being broken hearted before the Lord for those who have not experienced the transforming grace of God.

In chapter 1 [Am I Willing? Our Undeniable Obligation](#):

Walker discusses who qualifies to be a "Broken Hearted Evangelist". He asks penetrating and convicting questions: If we've received the greatest gift ever, how can we not share it? Can we look around us at men and women emaciated and deprived of true spiritual nourishment, while having baskets of the bread of life in our hands graciously given to us by Christ, and not offer them a single bite? Whatever our calling, we are called to speak a word for Jesus Christ. He concludes this chapter by stating, "As a pardoned sinner you must make it your principled resolution that you will join David in the ranks of the brokenhearted evangelists, teaching God's ways to transgressors in order that sinners might be converted to Him and that the glory and honor of God in Jesus Christ shall not suffer while you have a part to play.

Suggested One-Month Reading Plan

(5 pages per day)

Week 1: Monday September 4th - Sunday September 10th

Preface, 3 pages
Chapter 1: Am I Willing? Our Undeniable Obligation, page 1 - page 35

Week 2 : Monday September 11th - Sunday September 17th

Chapter 1: Am I Willing? Our Undeniable Obligation, page 36 - page 42
Chapter 2: Am I Effective? Our Necessary Equipment, page 43 - page 70
Chapter 3: Am I Committed? Our Appointed Means, page 71 - page 73

Week 3: Monday September 18th - Sunday September 24th

Chapter 3: Am I Committed? Our Appointed Means, page 74 - page 90
Chapter 4: Am I Focused? Our Decorated Aim, page 91 - page 111

Week 4: Monday September 25th - Sunday October 1st

Chapter 4: Am I Focused? Our Decorated Aim, page 112 - page 126
Chapter 5: Am I Fruitful? Our Great Expectation, page 127 - page 148

In chapter 2 Am I Effective? Our Necessary Equipment:

The author cites the importance of obedience, if we desire to see the Lord's blessing in our 'Evangelistic Efforts'. "It is not a matter of consistent performance and appearance before others; it is a matter of consistent and diligent holiness pursued before God...If we therefore scorn that connection, refusing or ignoring the requirements for a consistent life of godliness in dependence upon the Spirit of God, who are we to expect that God would bless our best..."

In chapter 3 Am I Committed? Our Appointed Means

After considering in chapter 1 the undeniable obligation for every believer in Jesus Christ to be a brokenhearted evangelist after the model of David, and looking at over our necessary equipment in chapter 2, Walker directs us to consider the appointed means, addressing questions such as "What is it that I should do? How can I consecrate and structure my labors to win souls for Jesus Christ? How do I go about pursuing the salvation of sinners?" He directs our attention first to the people with whom we have to deal; second, to the mode of our dealings; and, third, to the substance of our dealing.

In chapter 4 Am I Focused? Our Declared Aim

Jeremy pictures the unconverted person as an archery target and asks what circle we are aiming at:

The white ring of self-referential evangelism: Our aim in preaching or speaking the gospel is not to draw attention to ourselves so we feel good about ourselves or look good to others, it is to the glory of God.

The black ring of social acceptability: Aiming to control or restrain a person's sin without any deeper penetration.

The blue ring of good citizenship: Aiming to help someone be a better citizen, father, wife, employee, etc. These are good results of hitting our target, in and of themselves, but the real fruit of the gospel message we share should result in these springing from a changed heart.

The red ring of good churchmanship: Aiming to get people to become members of our church. We have missed the mark if all we accomplish is having men and women fill the pews and filling the coffers of the church and only going through the motions of looking like a Christian without their hearts being won to Jesus Christ.

The bullseye of conversion to Christ: Nothing else will do! We share the gospel with men and women not in the hopes of them becoming nicer people who attend church regularly but we take aim wishing they be saved from their sins by Jesus Christ to the Glory of God.

He ends this chapter with some real-life examples to help counsel and encourage us.

Chapter 5 Am I Fruitful? Our Great Expectation:

Walker begins this chapter by asking us how we have been affected by the book to this point. How much of a difference has it made to our willingness, effectiveness, commitment, and focus. He then helps us to see how fruitful our evangelistic efforts may be and encourages us to be patient if we don't see immediate fruit from our efforts and finally reminds us to not look to and depend on ourselves but rather rest upon God's power and promises. Engage faithfully, prayerfully, earnestly, in teaching God's ways to transgressors and He will be pleased to turn sinners back to Himself.