

Master Evangelism Class

Lesson 14

What is Friendship Evangelism - Part 2

Description: In this class, Wendy Palau teaches on the importance of our testimony. No one can argue with the truth of what God has done in your life. Your testimony also silences the accuser of the brethren. With clarity, Wendy shares six practical points on being effective when sharing your story and she challenges us to remember what evangelism is all about.

Meet the Evangelist: <https://www.palau.org> Wendy Palau shoulders a burden for the lost, born out of her own experience of living apart from Jesus Christ for the first 24 years of her own life. While born into a wonderful Christian home on the island of Jamaica, her heart wandered and sought fulfillment in all the world offers. At 25 years of age, God mercifully revealed Himself and she experienced His radical transformation. She and her husband Andrew have since dedicated their lives since to serving churches around the world through city-wide evangelistic outreaches. Each one features a strong focus on meeting the spiritual and physical needs of the least in this world. Under Wendy's compassionate direction, mission teams join each effort; whether in Africa, Haiti, or her beautiful homeland of Jamaica. Wendy and Andrew have been married 19 years, and her primary job is raising their three children: Christopher, Jonathan, and Sadie.

Key Scriptures: Revelation 12:7-9; Revelation 12:11; Revelation 22:17; Mark 5:1-18; John 4:1-26; Ephesians 6:20; Acts 26:28-29

Key Points:

- The word *testimony* is a legal word. It means: a formal, written or spoken statement, especially one given in a court of law, evidence or proof provided by the existence or appearance of something. Our testimony is really what we have seen or heard, what has happened to us.
- The beautiful thing about sharing our testimony is no one can argue with what God has done in your life.
- Our testimony has power over Satan's lies.
- Evangelism is really just one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread.
- Your story is about Jesus, your testimony is about His kindness and His mercy to you.
- Evangelism is an invitation. We invite those in need of Jesus' redemption, hope, and salvation, to enter into relationship with the One who embodies those qualities.

Notes:

For many of us, our stories are not what we would have written for ourselves. Our testimonies are not the story that we thought we would have, but God has woven His beautiful way into our lives, and we want to share it because He is good, and He is faithful. He has redeemed us and helped us.

When we share our testimony, we are sharing what we have seen God do, what we have seen and witnessed Him do in our very own lives.

The father of lies cannot argue with what God has done in your life and what He has done in my life. Our testimony silences the lies of the accusers.

Six practical points to consider when sharing our testimony:

1. Be bold. Don't be afraid to share what God has done in your life.
2. Be honest about what God has done in your life.
3. Be humble.
4. Be clear when you share your story.
5. Be inviting.
6. Be prayerful.

As we get older, we tend to sanitize our testimonies. We polish them up to look a little prettier than what our stories truly were.

Before Jesus came into our lives, we were all beggars who were broken, needing His healing touch, needing the bread of life.

Our job is to glorify Jesus, not ourselves.

When God does things to humble us, receive it. Don't be offended by Him. Receive it because He is refining us and pulling us into a more powerful ministry, a more powerful usefulness.

It is essential that you clearly share what Jesus has done for you. Where you were. What happened when you encountered Him, and what he has done for you. It is important that you share the Gospel clearly, that you share about repentance, that you share about the power of the cross, about what the cross means, about what happened and why you decided to follow Him.

Pray for yourself. Pray for the person you're communicating with, the person you're talking to, because we can share the Gospel all day long, but without the power of the Holy Spirit to convict and to draw the listener, we have nothing.

Be faithful with the people that God puts right in front of you. Very often Evangelists want the platform. We want the camera. We want the stage. We want to travel. We want the razzle dazzle of the Evangelist's lifestyle. But, God first calls us to be faithful right where He's put us.

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