

# Gospel for Life

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## Empowering the Church by empowering men

**It's Impossible to be a genuine believer and have a casual relationship to God's truth (Joshua 1:8).** The divine mandate to speak God's truth to one another is undeniably clear. *The role of the believing man is that of a perpetual "truth speaker," and not just a truth seeker.* In strong churches, the God-given mandate of speaking God's truth will not be relegated to the job of the pastor and elders. *The obedient believer understands that the spiritual state of those in his sphere depends upon his willingness to speak God's truth.* We must come to the point where we can tell ourselves, "I am not loving these people around me properly unless I am willing to speak God's truth to them!"

**The example set by the O.T. Prophets and by Jesus and the Apostles was truth-speaking that was filled with penetrating application.** It was more like a well-aimed sniper bullet than buckshot. What enabled believers like Elihu, Elijah, Daniel, and Phinehas to fearlessly speak the truth when they were a minority of one? *The answer lies in their zeal for God's honor and glory—they knew that all of history is but a record of the honoring and dishonoring of God, and that only those who honor God will ultimately stand (1 Sam 2:30).*



*We are grateful for your continued prayers for Michele.*



*Our Saturday men's fellowship in Jay's home.*

**Those who courageously speak God's Word to one another know that the proclamation of God's truth often involves a turning point for the listener.** When the Word is spoken into your life, it calls for ongoing repentance through which our affections are conformed to God's will. The better we grasp this, the more willing we will be to winsomely speak God's truth without fear.

**Timothy was to proclaim the Word as the very means of ensuring the salvation of his listeners.** "Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you" (1 Tim 4:16). *Paul repeatedly admonished Timothy against the error of allowing timidity and neglect to interfere with his sacred charge of teaching, preaching, and exhorting.* "For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline" (2 Tim 1:7).

**Disciple-making means releasing men to ministry; this vital to strong churches.** We have been entrusted by God with His almighty, living, sword of truth. *The sword of truth must not be allowed to remain unused like a steel blade stuck in a rusty scabbard. As with Timothy's congregation, God has strategically placed us in a position to speak His truth to those around us.*

Those in our sphere: fellow believers, family, neighbors, co-workers, friends, are in need of hearing the Word of truth from us.

**Paul saw himself as a debtor to both Jews and Greeks (Rom 1:14).** This same principle of obligation applies to us. God has called us to prayerfully and courageously use the “sword” of truth to encourage, reprove, exhort, instruct, and equip. *It will take courage to swing the sword in each of these arcs and orbs. But, God expects nothing less from us as His disciples.* “O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to *this* generation, Your power to all who are to come” (Ps 71:14-18).



**At GFL we are actively training Christ-followers to be disciple-makers.** The blessed result is that the local church can become a disciple-making community. If you'd like Jay to present a seminar on **Evangelism, Discipleship, or Christian Worldview** at your church or school, please contact him at [jaywegter@gmail.com](mailto:jaywegter@gmail.com)

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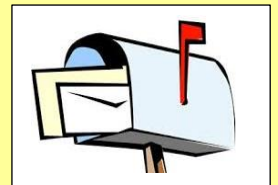
- Please pray for my wife, Michele as she battles stage four spinal cancer. We are seeking a miracle as we look to alternative treatments. Since Michele is unable to cook, Uber Eats gift cards are a help. Donations can be sent to 3675 Marlesta Dr, San Diego, CA 92111.
- Please pray that Jay's writing of Biblical Worldview curriculum would powerfully equip high school students to be able to resist the rising tide of apostasy.

*Our mission at GFL is to help equip individuals and churches to more fully embrace The Great Commission.* The training we offer in evangelism and discipleship is 'hands-on' equipping. Instead of training in theory alone, we demonstrate how these Biblical commands can immediately be put to use.

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*Jay, Michele and the GFL Team*