

# Gospel Reflections | September 2012

**9-2-12**

"At the point when we stop reading God's commands with a long sigh and a heavy heart, and instead start reading them as an invitation to the greatest life possible that we could never achieve on our own, we have begun to understand that at the very core of God's Being is unadulterated and unchangeable goodness. The real issue we face is not the demands we receive from the Master, but whether or not we are willing to believe that the God of the gospel is truly as good as he promises to be."-Anonymous

**9-9-12**

A Prayer: Lord Jesus, I ask for myself and for a host of friends, bring the hope and resources of the gospel to bear at the very place the seducing power of temptation rears its ugly head. Whether our temptations are Technicolor or seemingly "harmless"—sexual, vengeful, financial, or self-righteousness; whether we are tempted to medicate with alcohol or drugs, religion or goodness, sugar or purging, it makes no difference—show us the way of escape, and give us strength to choose that way.- Scotty Smith

**9-16-12**

We do this (evangelism) for the sake of reaching others for Jesus. Jesus told Peter, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men" (Luke 5:10). For Peter, as well as all of the other disciples called by Jesus, their call was all about evangelism. It was about people meeting Jesus and it should be the same for us.

The people in your life (your circle of influence) are no accident. There are many people you can share Jesus with that no one else can. Do not be afraid. Jesus has called you to catch them for him. -Mark Driscoll

**9-23-12**

The reality and confession of personal spiritual weakness is not a grave danger to your ministry. God has chosen to build his church through the instrumentality of bent and broken tools. It is your delusions of strength that will get you in trouble and cause you to form a ministry that is less than Christcentered and gospel-driven. -Paul Tripp

9-30-12

Behold, the blind their sight receive!

Behold, the dead awake and live!

The dumb speak wonders! and the lame

Leap like the hart, and bless his name!

Thus doth the eternal Spirit own

And seal the mission of his Son;

The Father vindicates his cause,

While he hangs bleeding on the cross.

He dies! the heavens in mourning stood;

He rises! and appears with God:

Behold the Lord ascending high,

No more to bleed, no more to die!

-Isaac Watts