



The Everlasting Nation

Ministry Update

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Jesus was a master at conversational evangelism. He met people in life's circumstances and turned their physical realities into lessons on the Gospel that lead to eternal life! I think of the woman at the well. Jesus brought water alongside the Word; her physical realities became lessons on the Gospel that led to eternal life!

Recently, my wife was shopping for a few groceries while I waited in the parking lot, and two elderly people (I assumed they were in their late 70s or early 80s) began to walk towards my car. Twice, the man stopped to kiss and hug the lady at his side. I must confess, I love seeing couples love each other. When they were very close, I jokingly said, "Are you newlyweds?" The man clearly couldn't hear, so I asked again, a little louder. Again, he did not hear; however, the lady did, and she pointed him in my direction. When he came close to my window, I shared with him how blessed I was to see their love and affection for each other, to which he replied, "We just got engaged!" This surprising, unexpected news prompted me to share with him the true story from many years ago.

A man, 98, and a woman, 96, came to a church I was pastoring one Sunday morning. After our service, they asked if we could talk, so I brought them to my office. They asked me to marry them. I said the same thing to this man that I said to them, "It's never too late to fall in love." This is where conversational evangelism began, and life's circumstances became opportunities for the Gospel. Knowing I was in the ministry, he said, "You know what is also never too late? It's never too late to try to get to Heaven." He probably assumed a minister would think his thought was noble, but what he heard that evening was that it's never too late to *find out how* to get to heaven. I asked him if He knew that Jesus did all our trying for us. We spent the next fifteen minutes talking about the Gospel of grace, the cross of Christ, the law's requirement of perfection, and how imperfect we all are. I shared that no matter how hard we try, it will never satisfy God; only the death of His Son will! Peter says, "Always be ready to make a defense." We should always be ready to make a defense by being like Jesus, always ready to meet people in their circumstances and turn physical realities into lessons on the Gospel and eternal life! On this day, marriage was placed alongside the message!

Together, let us learn the habit of turning physical realities into Gospel opportunities! It's never too late to fall in love, and it's never too late to fall in love with Jesus! I know, I married a couple in their 90s who heard the Gospel and believed. To God be the glory for the great things He has done!

Because of Him,

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