

IMPERFECT CONVERSATION



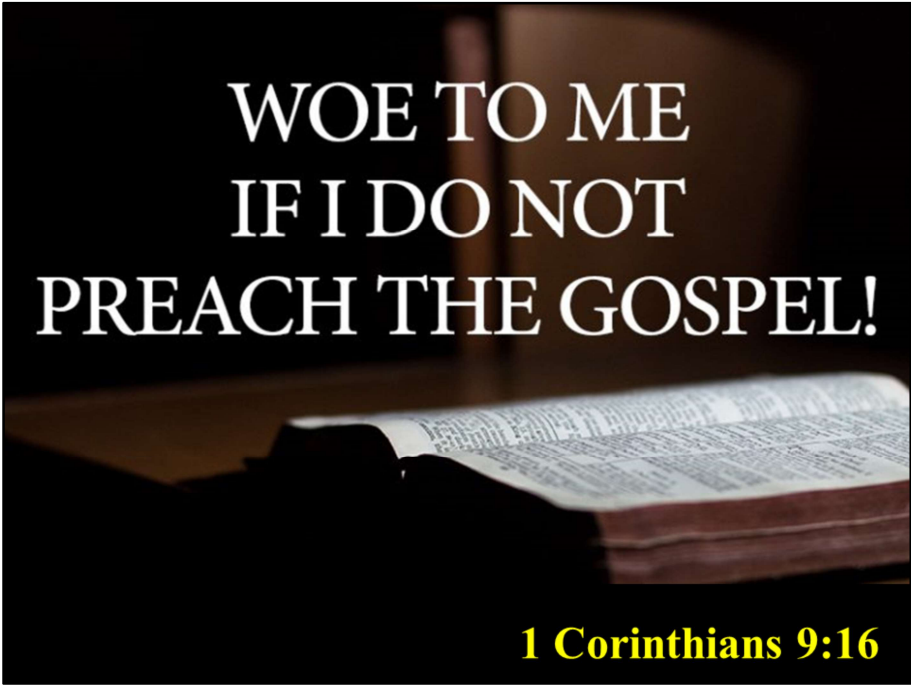


THE LION IN THE STREET:

- **Proverbs 22:13**
- We're paralyzed with fear at times:
 - I don't know enough
 - What if I say the wrong thing
 - I had a bad experience before
- Paul was not without his fears and imperfections
Phil. 3:12; 1 Tim. 1:15-16

Fear: unfounded or not

"If you want to conquer fear, don't sit at home and think about it. Go out and get busy." – Dale Carnegie



WOE TO ME
IF I DO NOT
PREACH THE GOSPEL!

1 Corinthians 9:16



PAUL OUR EXAMPLE:

- **Three Things Paul Did:**
 - **1 Thessalonians 2:1-12**
 - Had humility **vv.1-4**
 - Was guided by the Word **vv. 5-8**
 - He followed up **vv. 9-12**

Context: Started during the second preaching journey (Acts 17:1-4), quick converts. Paul had to leave them after only 3 weeks due to Jewish persecution.

1 Thess. 1:2-7 – refers back to their conversion

Guided by the word: **1 Corinthians 2:4-5**



An imperfect conversation about faith will forever be better than no conversation whatsoever.

Paul did not say that I came to you in perfection, but in humility. He had the desire and felt the urgency to tell others about the Gospel and that is an example needed to be followed.

Sincerity/Humility – Lean on the Word – Make yourself available



And Peter said to them,

REPENT and be
BAPTIZED

every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ
for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.