

# ***Community Services Retreat***

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Community Services Workers  
are Preachers too

What is Preaching?

- ◆ No one can doubt that preaching is proclamation.

## IMPORTANT

- The *Community Services Worker* should see himself or herself not just as a social worker but as a preacher.

Who is the best example when it comes to  
Community Services?

- **This is what the Master did:**
  - He won their confidence
  - Identify with their needs
  - And bid them follow Him

How can we organize ourselves for proclamation?

- Identify an area.
- Meet the needs of the people in the area.
- Organize open air meetings in the area.

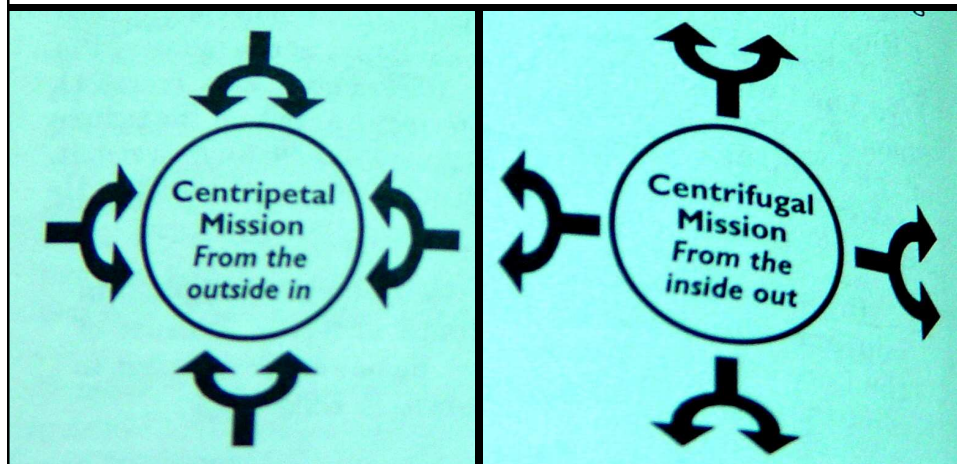
## ***So Send I You***

- In the NT Jesus advocated a sending message
- John 20:21 ... as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you.
  - To Preach
  - To Suffer
  - To make known His will

## Ellen G. White

- "They [the disciples] were not to wait for the people to come to them they were to go to the people with their message." AA pg. 28

Both Jesus and EGW see the system of sending as centripetal and not centrifugal



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or member must see himself or  
herself as not just a social worker  
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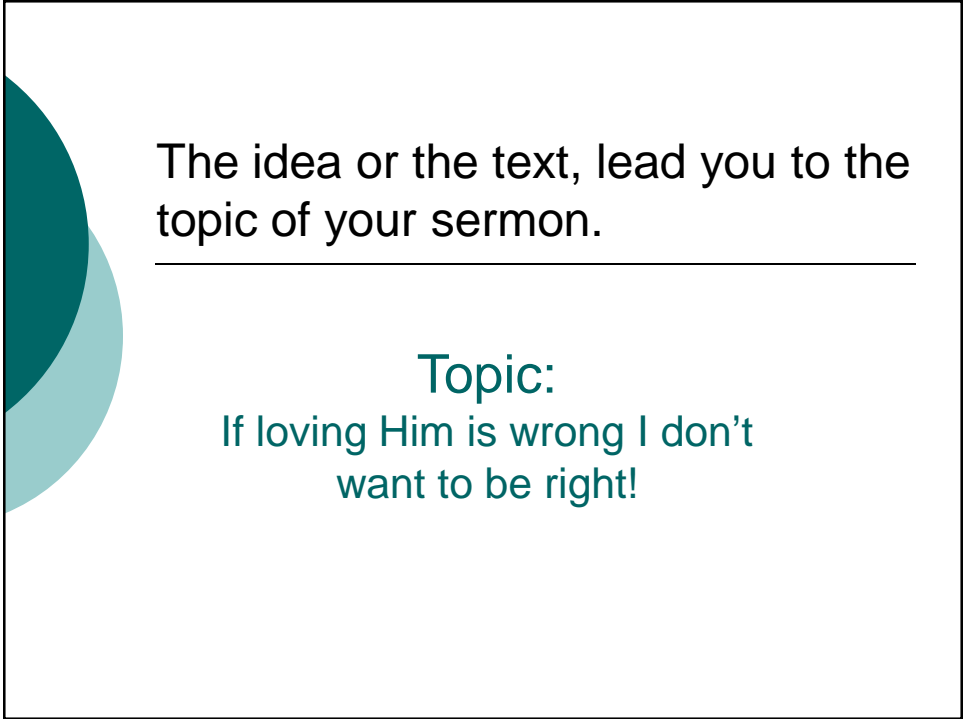
How do I begin?

***A sermon begins with  
an idea that drives you  
to a text in the Bible.***

*Or with a Bible text that drives you to an  
idea.*



***Text:***  
***Romans 5:8***



The idea or the text, lead you to the  
topic of your sermon.

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Subject: Plan of Salvation/True Love

Introduction

He is rich but he is drug pusher.

He is handsome but he has AIDS.

And even though Sharon knows that he has tested positive for the deadly virus. She will not let him go. In fact, she said if he dies I will die.

He treats her like a queen.

“If loving him is wrong I do not want to be right!”

## Body

[1]

Everybody needs love. Some people will hold on to any person. Good or bad ugly or good looking!

WHY? They need love!

But tonight if there is one person who truly deserves our love, it is Jesus.

Why does He deserve our love?

**Romans 5:8**

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[2]

***But what is truly special about the love of Jesus?***

***Let's hear the Bible!***

**Galatians 3:13, 14**

***Because of this sacrifice what ever need you have for love can be met.***





### [3]

- To truly understand the true meaning of the sacrifice of Christ let us hear what the Bible says.

Romans 5:12

#### 1. The Fall

Man should have died but Christ died in his place.

#### 1. Gethsemane/Calvary

**If loving Him is wrong I don't want to be right!**

And because He died the Bible says there will be no more curse.

**Revelation 22:3**

## Conclusion

- **Why did Christ go to Calvary?**  
Because He loves us!  
***Punch!*** Calvary is History's Greatest Love Story, not Romeo and Juliet.
- **How do I respond to this LOVE?**
  1. Believe on Him John 3:16
  2. Repent and be converted Acts 3:19
  3. Confess 1 John 1:9a
  4. Accept His forgiveness 1 John 1:9b

# Appeal

1. Do you love Jesus. (raise hands)
2. Do you really love Jesus? (stand)
3. Do you love Him enough to accept Him?  
(come to the altar)

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