

**Shine  
With  
Words**

4-19-15

Matthew 21:24 (ESV)

<sup>24</sup> Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question ... ..”

**Sharing our faith should be fun and exciting.** As we see here Jesus always directed and focused the conversation. **With divine confidence we need to practice the same approach.** We always are growing in the Lord, but we only need some **basic information** to share the reality of Jesus Christ. We also should have some **basic social skills** to communicate effectively. Plus we **need to be aware of the activity of the Holy Spirit** in every encounter we have.

**#1 We at BCC have basic, but divine information. Therefore God will honor what HE has revealed specifically to us!** Thus we have Divine Confidence with this unique and profound Information: **the Little Red Wagon:**

**Wagon Bed – Salvation:**

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**The only door into heaven, the only door to a relationship with God, the only way to get in the wagon is that we are forgiven through Jesus Christ.** There is not any other information, effort, or work that will give us eternal life and a home in heaven with God. Nothing!

**Once secure in the wagon, we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.** This is God in us; Christ in us; or the Holy Spirit in us. **God indwelling us, transforms us, and motivates us to behave like Jesus.**

### **Wagon Wheels – Ministry of the Holy Spirit:**

Galatians 5:18 (ESV)

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Since we are forgiven through Jesus and have **the inner motivation of the Holy Spirit** we are free from law, rules, and regulations.

### **Wagon Lynchpin – Freedom:**

1 Corinthians 10:23 (NIV84)

**“Everything is permissible”**–but not everything is beneficial. **“Everything is permissible”**–but not everything is constructive.

**People who say they have a problem with freedom** really have a problem with Salvation or the Ministry of the Holy Spirit. They either do not understand the complete forgiving work of Christ on the cross or they do not understand the power of the Holy Spirit in us.

**#2 Social Skills: First of all we should have an interest in people and have Fun engaging with them.**

- ✓ Listen – Culture, heart, needs, sincerity. Huge cultural reality – people want to be heard, really heard and understood.
- ✓ Ask questions – Jesus was the absolute expert.

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Luke 18:18–19 (ESV)

And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”<sup>19</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.”

**Here is a question that will reveal one’s theological view, worldview, moral view, and heart position.** If you were standing before God and HE asked you, “Why should I let you into heaven?” What would you say? Any answer other than, “I am forgiven,” reveals a lack of understanding and insight into their thought pattern.  
**Every answer goes back to the wagon:**

John 3:2–3 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

**Jesus said, “Nicodemus, you need in the wagon.”**

**Socially engage but remember they do not have the capacity to embrace the spiritual truths of God unless they are in the wagon. Therefore, always go back the wagon. Also, Your story is the most powerful witness you have.**

**#3 Holy Spirit: People want evidence and reality.**

We will talk about more next week. The Holy Spirit will take the divine truth of love, forgiveness, and eternal life and destroy every argument of man and Satan. Plus be alert to the move of God and minister as God gives you opportunity. Since people want to see reality. The Holy Spirit will provide the opportunity and the power to minister and heal. The spiritual gifts will be activated.

John 15:8 (ESV)

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

People do not have the capacity to embrace spiritual truths of God unless they are in the wagon. **Every discussion and question has to come back to the wagon. Oral Roberts.** Once in the wagon, we explain the wheels and lynchpin. **Have fun and engage.** Do not spend much time on a multiple of issues. **Be like Jesus and direct the conversation to the wagon.**

**Now here in the church, we tap into the spiritual, the supernatural to hear from God.** We grow in greater understanding to be more powerful personally.

Hopefully you are edified by the message each **Sunday** and encouraged in your **small group** meetings with other brothers and sisters. We all have **different spiritual gifts** that minister to one another. Several in BCC have **prophetic gifts** that the Holy Spirit uses to speak words of encouragement and insight to those in the church. Concerning these prophetic gifts we desire to give an **avenue of expression**. So we will have a **prophetic team** available after the service to minister prophetically.

**Take the Wagon**  
**Have Fun**  
**Ask Questions**  
**Give people the wagon**

**Engage the Holy Spirit and Watch HIM Work!**

Acts 11:15 (ESV)

As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning.

**Understanding only comes from being in the wagon!**

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**PROPHETIC TEAM!**

