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**SERMON PREPARATION**      *DR. RANDALL MURPHY, M.Div., Ed.D.*

TEXT LED – Sermons that are birthed from simply reading the Bible.

LIFE LED - Sermons that are birthed by observing something from everyday life.

WHAT

HOW

WHY

**Topical Sermons:** A topical message is a sermon where a preacher uses passages to support a thesis about a particular topic.

**Text Sermons:** A text message is one where a singular passage of the Bible is used as a jumping point to discuss a particular thesis.

**Expository Sermons:** Expository preaching is a form of preaching that details the meaning of a particular text or passage of Scripture. It explains what the Bible means by what it says.

**Problem Solving Sermons:** A topical message in which a preacher uses scripture and theory to show people how to overcome an unhealthy state of being.

**PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE**

**SUBJECT----- SEEKING FOR A WAY OUT OF SIN**

**LARGER CONTEXT** describes broad and background biblical information of the immediate text/// by means of providing social, political, and historical perspectives of that text/// all because we desire the hearers of God's Word to have a more general knowledge of the chosen scripture in Jesus Name our Lord.

**NOW THE BOOK OF ROMANS IS THE 45<sup>TH</sup> BOOK OF THE BIBLE. IT IS A BOOK WRITTEN BY THE APOSTLE PAUL THAT CONTAINS THE A-B-Cs OF BEING**

EDUCATED IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. IT IS THE BOOK OF THE BIBLE THAT SERVES AS THE VERY FOUNDATION OF TRUE CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES. THE GREAT THEME OF ROMANS INCLUDES GOD'S WRATH AGAINST SIN AND RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH FAITH AS THE GROUNDS OF JUSTIFICATION. THE BOOK ALSO EXEMPLIFIES THE IMPORTANCE OF SALVATION, THE 20 STAGES OF WORLD APOSTACY, AND A CLEAR EXPLANATION OF NOT LIVING IN SIN.

**SMALLER CONTEXT** is relevant to the specific meanings of key words in the immediate text/// by means of providing specific definitions and explanations within that text/// all because we desire the hearers of God's Word will have a more specific understanding and knowledge of that chosen scripture in Jesus Name our Lord.

NOW IN OUR IMMEDIATE TEXT, THE APOSTLE PAUL SHOWS US THAT THOSE WHOSE "WORK" IS SIN – WILL RECEIVE A PAYMENT OF SPIRITUAL DEATH, WHICH IS ULTIMATELY ETERNAL SEPARATION FROM GOD IN HELL. HOWEVER, THIS VERSE ALSO GIVES US AN IMMEDIATE ANSWER TO THIS PROBLEM. PAUL SAYS THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE IS GIVEN. IT IS NOT EARNED BECAUSE WE ARE SO GOOD. BUT IT IS FREELY GIVEN THROUGH GOD'S GRACE BECAUSE CHRIST DIED ON THE CROSS ---DYING AS A SUBTITUTE FOR OUR SIN AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

**SUBJECT REPEAT---** "SEEKING FOR A WAY OUT OF SIN"

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**EAR CATCHER** functions as the attention-grabbing story at the very beginning of the sermon/// by means of captivating and seizing the hearing of the listeners at the onset of the sermon///all because the ears of the hearers need to be intrigued at the opening of the sermon.

TODAY, MY MIND GOES BACK TO WHEN I WAS I WAS YOUNG, I DID NOT HAVE THE BEST SELF-CONCEPT IN THE WORLD. I FELT OTHER CHILDREN WERE BETTER THAN ME. I FELT WHITE CHILDREN WERE BETTER BECAUSE THEIR HAIR WAS STRAIGHTER AND THEIR SKIN WAS LIGHTER. I FELT OVERWHELMINGLY INADEQUATE. BUT A FEW YEARS LATER, GOD BROUGHT ME OUT OF THAT THINKING. WHEN GOD SAVED ME, HE PLACE IN ME A CONFIDENCE I HAD NEVER EXPERIENCED. WHEN GOD SAVED ME, I DEVELOPED A MENTALITY THAT I COULD DO ANYTHING AND I COULD CONQUER ANYTHING THROUGH CHRIST

THAT STRENGTHENS ME. AND JUST LIKE GOD DELIVERED ME FROM LOW SELF-ESTEEM, I BELIEVE GOD CAN AND WILL DELIVER FROM SIN. HE CAN DELIVER FROM SIN. IF WE LET HIM, HE WILL DELIVER FROM SIN.

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**PROBLEM DEFINITION** describes the functionality of undesired behavior and thinking/// by means of illustrating to our hearers how sinful thoughts and actions hurt us/// all because the hearers must have specific knowledge of why negative reasoning and negative deeds can have detrimental consequences to their lives in Jesus Name our Lord.

NOW THE REASON I PREACH THIS SERMON TODAY IS BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY OF US LIVING A LIFESTYLE THAT IS CONTRARY TO THE WILL OF GOD/// BY MEANS OF LIVING ONE WAY IN CHURCH BEFORE GOD’S PEOPLE AND ANOTHER WAY WHEN WE ARE NOT AROUND THEM/// ALL BECAUSE WE WANT FOR PEOPLE TO THINK WE ARE SAVED WHEN WE ARE REALLY NOT.

**REITERATION I** --- same meaning as the Problem Definition with different words. Note, the meaning does not change – at all.

IN OTHER WORDS, THERE ARE SOME OF US EXEMPLIFYING A PRETENTIOUS WAY OF LIVING OUTSIDE OF WHAT GOD DESIRES FOR US/// BY MEANS OF PROJECTING HOLINESS AROUND THE SAINTS AND SIN WHEN WE ARE AWAY FROM THE SAINTS/// ALL BECAUSE WE WANT PEOPLE TO THINK WE ARE OF GOD WHEN WE RE CERTAINLY NOT IN JESUS NAME OUR LORD.

**REPEATING THE LAST TWO HOWS** – exactly repeat the last two hows

SOME OF US LIVE ONE WAY IN CHURCH BEFORE GOD’S PEOPLE AND ANOTHER WAY WHEN WE ARE NOT AROUND THEM

SOME OF US PROJECT HOLINESS AROUND THE SAINTS AND SIN WHEN WE ARE AWAY FROM THE SAINTS

**REITERATION II** ---- same meaning as PROBLEM DEFINITION and REITERATION I ---with different words.

IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT I AM TRYING TO SAY IS THERE ARE A NUMBER OF US WHO ARE LIVING A HYPOCRITICAL LIFE IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND A

**LIFE OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS WHEN WE ARE NOT AROUND THEM/// ALL BECAUSE WE WANT THE SAINTS TO THINK WE ARE DELIVERED WHEN IN REALITY---WE ARE NOT.**

**EXEMPLIFICATION** provides an example of how, how, how a particular problem functions///by means of illustrating with an example or examples of dilemma/// all because the hearers must be able to visualize in practical language the manner in which troubled behavior exist.

**NOW LET ME SHOW YOU HOW WE LIVE ONE WAY --- ME AND THE CLUBS**

**CONDITIONAL WARNING** refers to a clause that announces prophetic destruction to the ears of the hearers/// by means of proclaiming impending doom if change does not happen/// all because the hearers must be made aware loss is imminent if our ways are not amended.

**PROPOSITION** refers to a suggestion for change at the midpoint section of the sermon///by means of presenting the hearers with a specific plan to overcome the hindrances of their life/// all because the hearers must come to realize that God has a better plan for their lives.

(MY PREACHING TEACHER TOLD US THAT IF WE AIN'T GOT NO PROPOSITION, THEN WE AIN'T GOT NO SERMON !!!)

**HEALING BODY POINT I** ----presents the first suggestion on how the hearers can overcome what is hindering them/// by means of the preacher providing practical and understandable knowledge in dealing with counterproductive behavior///all because the hearers need to know that deliverance is possible and not far away.

**HEALING REITERATION I** --- same meaning as the “HEALING BODY POINT” with different words. Note, the meaning does not change – at all.

**HEALING BODY POINT II**---- presents the SECOND suggestion on how the hearers can overcome what is hindering them/// by means of the preacher providing practical and understandable knowledge in dealing with counterproductive behavior///all because the hearers need to know that deliverance is possible and not far away.

**HEALING REITERATION II** --- same meaning as the “HEALING BODY POINT II” with different words. Note, the meaning does not change – at all.

**ELABORATION** is the process of practically expounding on the “hows” in various sections of the sermon/// by means of the preacher providing special “down to earth” suggestions on how to overcome the challenges of life///all because the hearers need to know that deliverance is possible and not far away.-----{Note, elaborations are not presented as W/H/W. Elaborations are presented in plain sentences.

**JUSTIFICATION** is the “WHY” section of W/H/W /// by means of illustrating “WHY” an idea is important/// all because the hearers need to know “WHY” something exists the way it exists or “WHY” some knowledge is important for their deliverance.

**HEALING POINT EXEMPLIFICATION** provides an example of how, how, how a particular solution step///by means of illustrating with an example of a practical yet HOLY approach to dealing with a problem///all because the hearers must know that deliverance is possible and not far away.