

Proclamation Celebration
Lessons, Songs and Prayers

Lessons:

“...for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:20

I beg you to live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called (2) with all humility, gentleness, with patience, bearing with another in love, (3) making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.... There is one Lord, one faith and one baptism, (6) one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all and in all. (7) But each of us was given grace according to the measure of God's gift....(11)The gifts he gave were that some would be apostle's, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers (12) to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Ephesians 4:1-3,7, 11-12

Songs:

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

(Public Domain: Chorus from Go Tell It on the Mountain)

This is my story. This is my song. Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story. This is my song.
Praising my Savior, all the day long.

(Public Domain: Chorus from Blessed Assurance)

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above.
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true.
It satisfies my longing, as nothing else can do.

Chorus:

I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, how pleasant to repeat.
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own Holy Word.

Litany:

- L: As people who have been called to proclaim God's story, I ask you to live lives worthy of the calling.
- G: Calling? What's a-calling? Who's-or-what's a call?
- L: A call is an invitation to use your God-given gifts to share God's love with others.
- G: Who's gift? What's a gift? Who's-or-what's a God-given gift?
- L: God-given gifts are things we're naturally good at or things we love to do. In fact, they could be anything you say and do if you do them to give God the glory.
- G: Glory? Who's-or-what's a glory?
- L: Glory is doing whatever you say or do in honor of what God has already done for you!
- G: So - Let's all give God thanks and praise!
- L: We also have some God-given jobs to do
- G: We do? Who's job? What jobs? Who's-or-what's a God-given job?
- L: They're special ways we can share God's message of love and care with others...for example, some of us may be apostles.
- G: An apostle? Who's-or-what's an Apostle?
- L: Apostles share God's love in their everyday activities and relationships!
And some of us may be prophets.
- G: A prophet? Who's-or-what's a prophet?
- L: Prophets report the realities of what they see through God's eyes. And, some of us may be evangelists.
- G: An evangelist? Who's-or-what's an evangelist?
- L: Evangelists share God's Good News with others. And, some of us may be pastors.
- G: A pastor? Who's-or-what's a pastor?
- L: Pastors care for the needs of others in the church and the community?
- G: Like you?
- L: Like me, and anyone who takes the time to care for others. And some of us may be teachers
- G: A teacher? Who's-or-what's a teacher?
- L: Teachers teach the Bible and equip us with thoughts for our daily walk.
- G: So, who's-or-what's the point?
- L: The point is - that no matter who we are or what we've been gifted to do...we have ALL been called to proclaim the name of Jesus everyday - in every way!
- G: So who-or-what are we waiting for?
- L: Go in peace and serve the Lord, my friends!
- G: Thanks Be to God!