



Messenger Training

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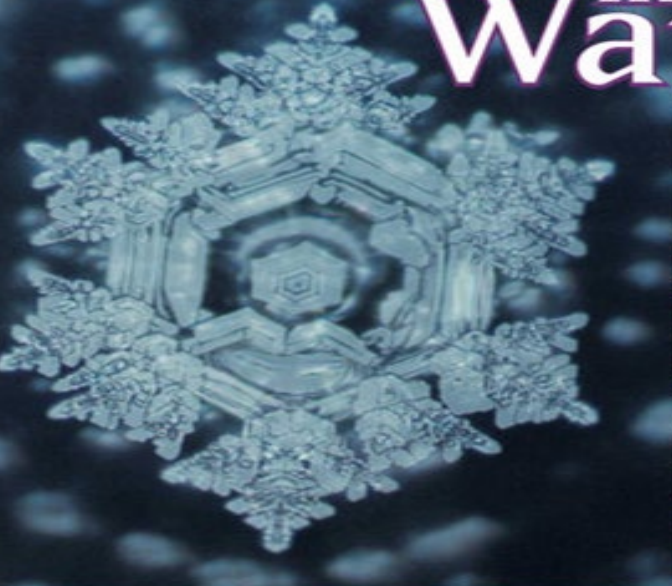


1 Samuel 3:19

*“The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up,
and he let none of Samuel’s words fall to
the ground”*

New York Times Bestseller

The Hidden Messages in Water



Masaru Emoto

The Word of God is alive and active!

- Book "The Hidden Messages in Water" by Dr. Masaru Emoto
- Scientific experiment on impact of human words on crystal structures
- Results: one hundred and twenty different pattern



Result on crystal structure

- Water exposed to positive words result in pleasing appearance
- Exposed to negative words result in ugly appearance



Impact of God's Word



How God helped fallen man?

- Fallen man: lost ability to listen and obey God's Word
- *If humanity can restore ability to listen and obey God's Words, the Word of God would do amazing work of Creation*
- Many stories in the Bible (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, etc).
God's key-point: help them hold onto his promising Words and obey them
- Abraham: hopeless -> friend of God



We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21



Ministries

- People's interest nowadays:
Worship music ministry
Healing ministry
- More than ministry of God's Word
- Although they are vital to church ministry, they are tools for preaching the Word of God



God calls and trains

- Ambassador of God:
One-to-one Bible Study
Preach sermon on Sunday
- God's calling and training in the mission field
- How I trained others

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God's training as a servant of God's Word

Messenger Training

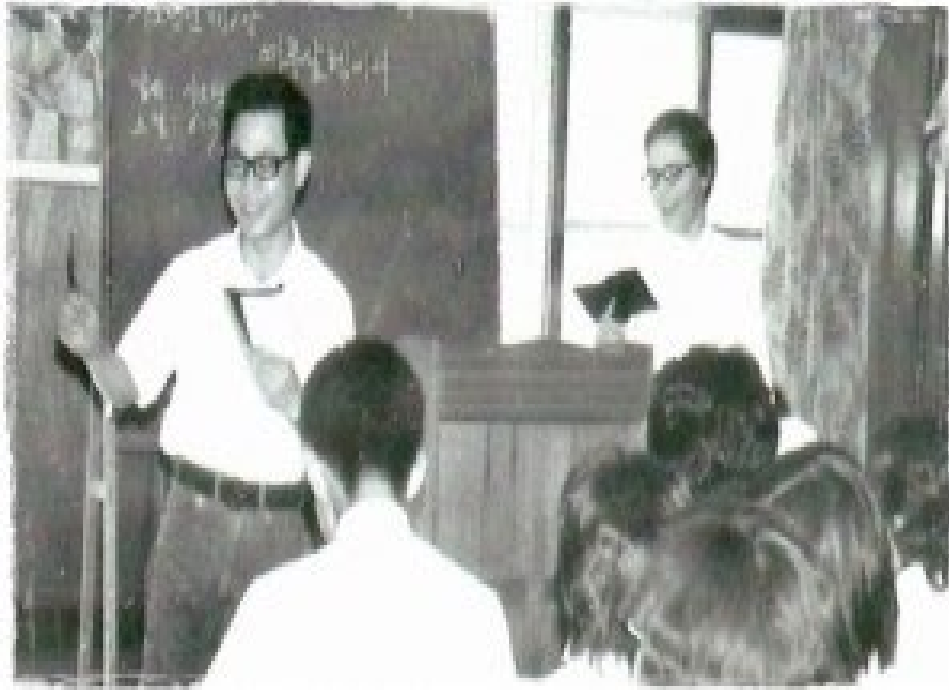
Lesson I learned from training messengers



**GOD TRAINED ME AS A
SERVANT OF THE WORD IN
THE MISSION FIELD**

Stages

1. Imitative Message
 2. Independent & Creative Message
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I. IMITATIVE MESSAGE

- First ten years in Bolivia, translating Dr. Samuel Lee's message into Spanish
- More than Four hundred and twenty times
- Learn very fundamental attitude and heart as messenger
- Finally, D.r Samuel's message: "now, deliver your own creative message..."

II. INDEPENDENT & CREATIVE MESSAGE

1. I must receive God's word personally
2. Clear "one-point" in a expository style message
3. Importance of delivering a message



1. Receive God's Word Personally by relying on the Holy Spirit

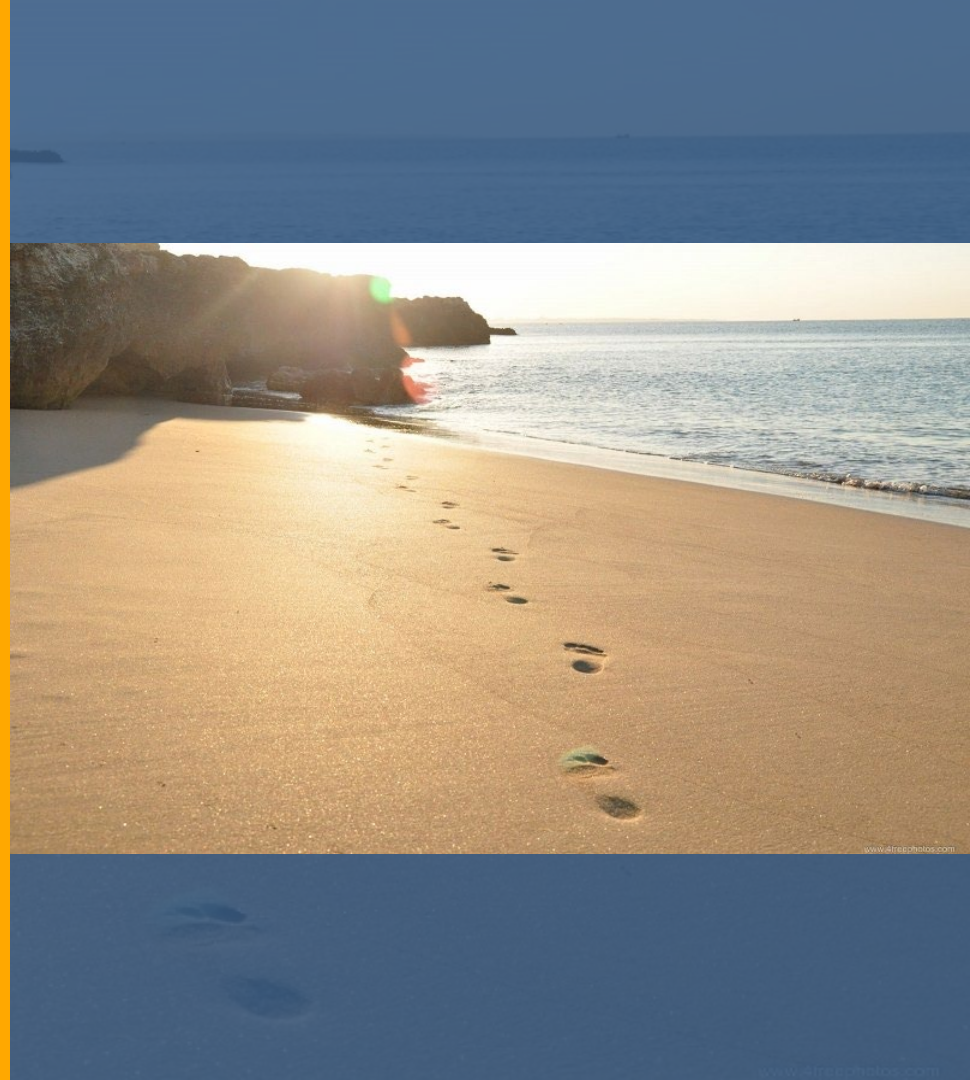
- *"...what is the message that you actually received from this?"*
- Meditate on the passage weeks in advance.
- Write down the passages down in piece of paper until I receive God's word personally
- When training: check if they received God's word personally

2. Must be Clear One- Point

- UBF: Expository style message
- Strength of this type of message: focus on God's Word
- Downside: can be too extensive
- Hence, importance of "one-point".
- Finish with "one word"
- Dr. Mark Yang: "... *I could narrow the whole book of Ephesians in a few words*"

Seven steps to serve “one-point” message

1. Understand passage within whole biblical context and systematic theology
2. Make structure of message and establish relationship in it
3. Make core question in each stage of I.B.
4. Set key verse and one point
5. Make introduction
6. Inset testimonies, parables, and illustrations
7. Rehearse



3. Importance of *Delivering a* Message

- Well-written literature v. delivering message
- Dynamic between messenger and congregation
- Center of dynamic: **Holy Spirit**
- Be sensitive to the work of the Holy spirit
- Be always prepared to respond “

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Of course you can, but you will not be able to transcribe all the thunder and the lightning.”

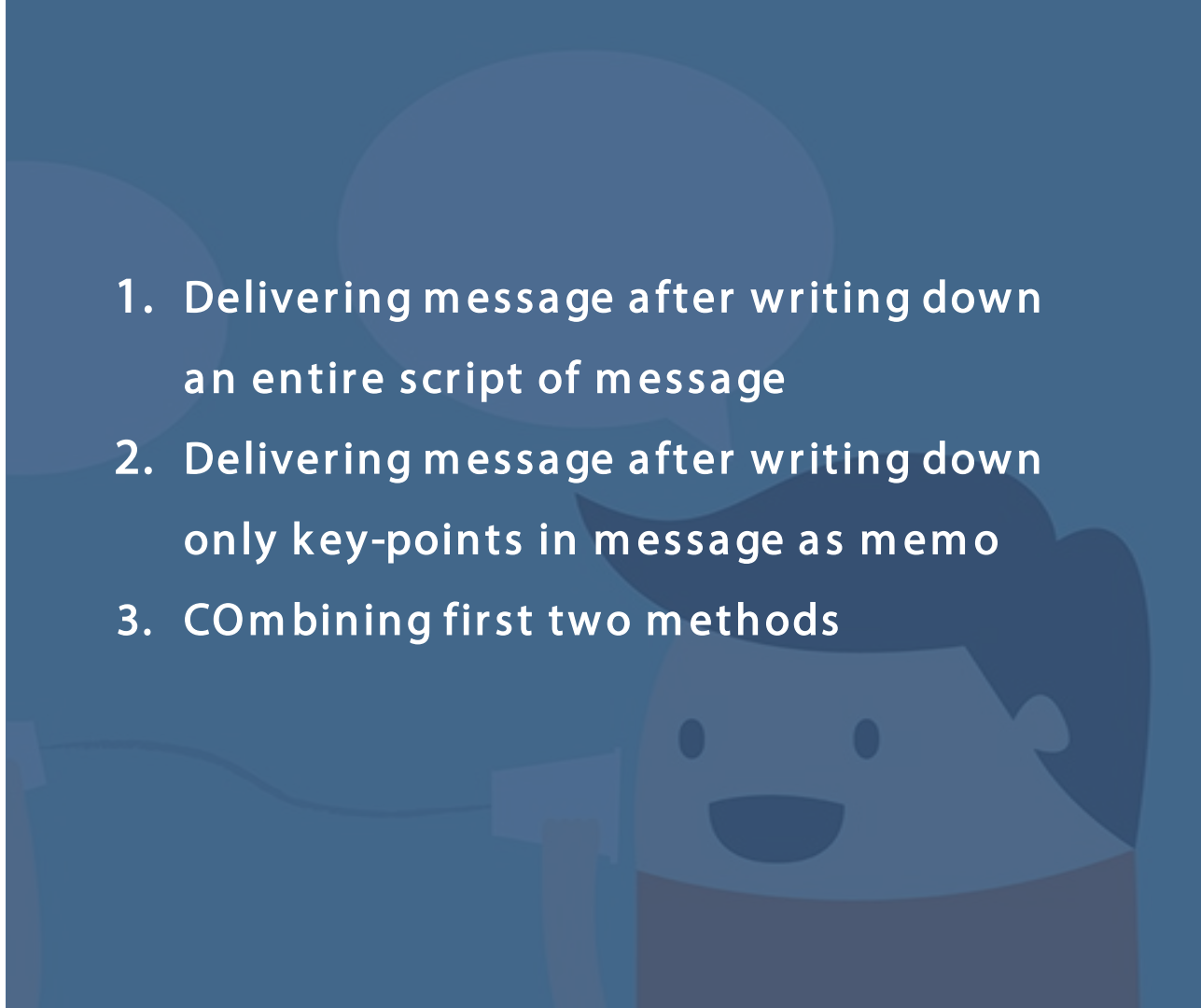
- George Whitefield

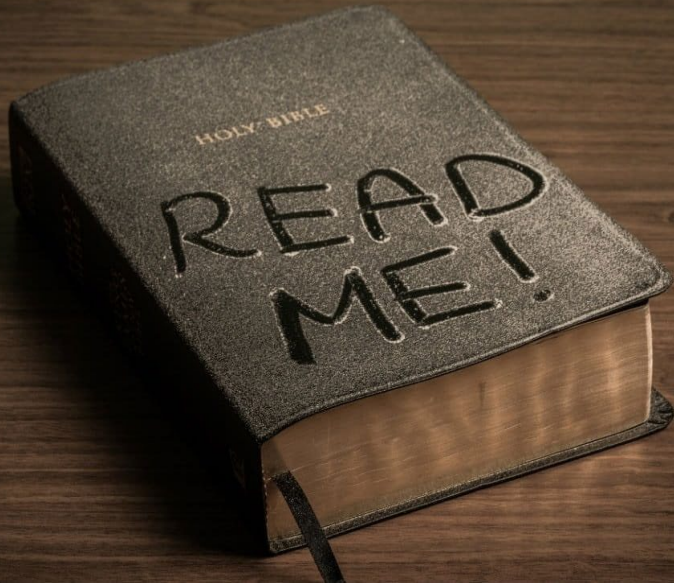
Effectively delivering a message

- Example, Dr. Kim Chang Ok
- Effective use of facial expression, humor, pitch of voice, eye contact, etc.
- Content of lecture is simple but easily synchronize his thoughts and emotions in deeper level
- This can be more severe with missionaries in different culture and language



Three Methods of Delivering Message

1. Delivering message after writing down an entire script of message
 2. Delivering message after writing down only key-points in message as memo
 3. COmbining first two methods
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Personal Experience

- How I overcame language problem: write down only key-points for testimony parts and background of passages as memo
- God trained me as servant of His Word in Bolivia
- Focus of training: not in *skills* but in *attitude towards God's Word*

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Jesus in Mark

- Four different parables in Mark
- Jesus teaches disciples about attitude towards the word of God
- *"Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear"*
- Disciples asked Jesus to explain these to them
- Disciples had ears to hear



Consider carefully what you hear,” he continued. “With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.”

Mark 4:23-25



Different 'measure' of 'ears to hear'

- Whoever has will be given more
- Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them
- To become true servant of the Word we *need* to increase our own measure of ears to hear
- Transform non-evangelical patten thinking into evangelical pattern of thinking

A dark and fateful
thinking into bright
and providential
thinking

- South/ Central Latin America: statutes were introduced before God's word
- Statue of Jesus was a tragic character who died on the cross
- Dark fateful pattern is deeply rooted in Latin American people's consciousness.
- One sister's catholic friends said to her "*look at the tree. A leaf does not fall without the will of God*" commenting on her pregnancy out of sin
- This is not strong faith but it is putting blame on God for the misfortune
- It is saying she needs to accept her unfortunate situation as it was God's will

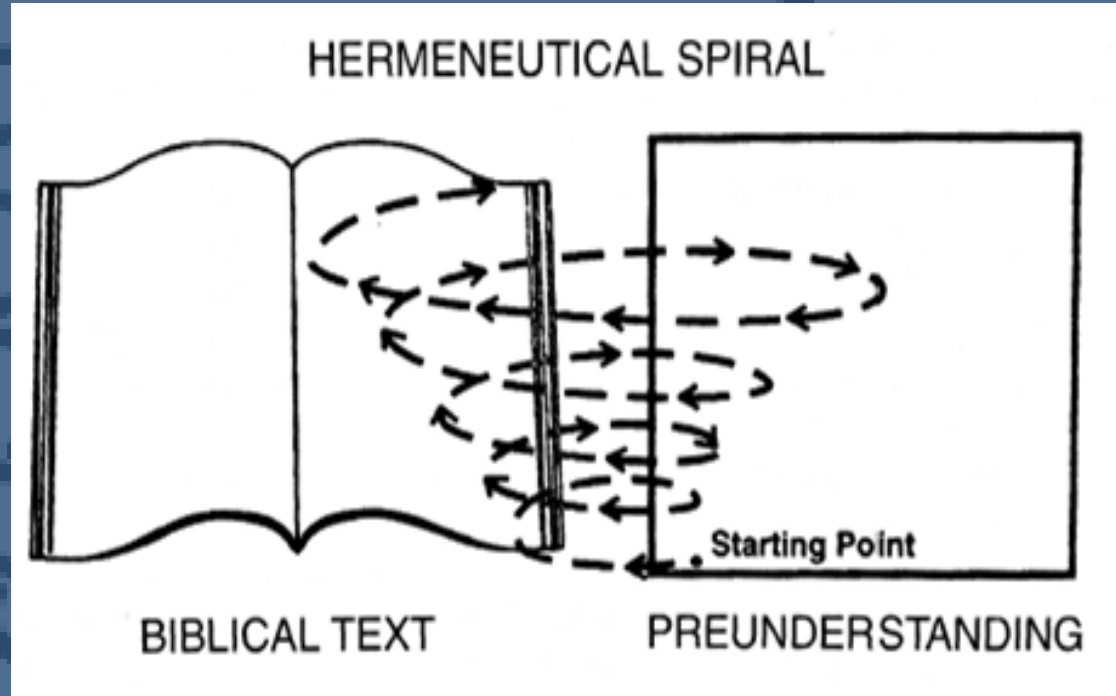
Legalistic thinking into grace- based thinking

- When asking people in Campus in Bolivia: “how do you think you will be saved?” 90% answer: “by keeping the Ten Commandments”
- Q: “Can you keep the Ten Commandments?”
- A: “i cannot”
- Although they cannot keep them, they think it is inevitable to try
- This becomes legalism
- Legalism should be turned into grace-based thinking by the Word of God

Linear thinking into Spiral of Dynamic Interactive

- Linear thinking: ideology that is not flexible and interactive.
- Spiral of dynamic interactive thinking; nature of God's Word and the reader collide into each other
- Result into mutual exchange
- Repeating the process of observation, interpretation, application and revise, supplement and unify its original definition

Linear thinking into
Spiral of Dynamic
Interactive

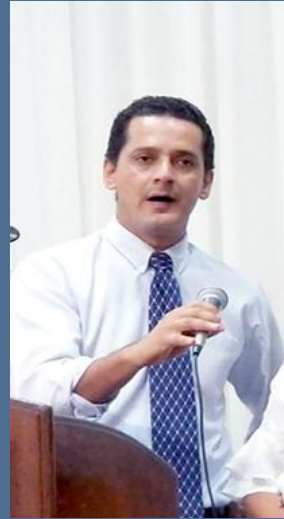




THE LESSON I LEARNED FROM TRAINING MESSENGERS

Three Different Sunday Messengers

- Sh. Mateo Carmelo (serve independently)
- Sh. Abraham Erick (serve independently)
- Sh. Lorenzo Arebalo



Five Young Shepherds Serving Friday Message

- Javier
- Emanuel
- Daniel Escalante
- Alberto
- Moises



Ears to Hear

1. Attitude of Messengers towards Bible Study changed from passive to active
2. Messengers read and study the Bible even more. Meditate on the Bible with more responsibility and critical mind

Messenger training is a step- by- step process

- Not expect messenger to deliver independent and creative message from beginning. Help them start by learning to deliver imitative message
- Writing imitative message is *not a passive process*. This is great tool for those who need more training and changing their pattern of thinking



It is a Training to Experience God's Holiness and Realize One's own sinfulness

- Ex. One messenger who was eloquent speaker could not serve Sunday's message because it was really 'difficult' for him.
- This was because he was not *living his life according to God's Word.*
- If he did not have serve the Word, he would have not realize he was living a sinful life



Accepting limitations of lay-shepherds

- Advantage of lay-shepherds/ missionaries: finding common point with congregation is relatively easy.
- Weakness: limited time and concentration to prepare
- Accept limitations and lay down greed to serve excellent sounding message
- Humbly and truthfully present message that we received



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Thank You

Any questions?

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