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"let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins." james 5:20

i can already hear some saying, "i just wasn't called to be a preacher, or i am just not a elegant speaker." we all try to make excuses for something we are hesitant to do; even mooses did so. "then mooses said to the Lord, "o my Lord, i am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but i am slow of speech and slow of tongue." exo 4:10

making excuses didn't do him anymore good than it will do us. he was called to lead his people out of bondage and we are all called to do so as well. "go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." matt 28:19 we are now His disciples if we have believed. the apostle paul said, "for if i preach the gospel, i have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if i do not preach the gospel!" 12 cor 9:16

here is a little poem revealing the results of not doing what we are called to do.

my friend, i stand in judgment now
and feel that you are to blame somehow
on earth i walked with you day by day
and never did you point the way

you knew the Lord in truth and glory

but never did you tell me the story
my knowledge then was dim
you could have led me straight to Him

though we lived together on earth
you never told me of the second birth
and now i stand condemn this day
because of what you failed to say

you taught me many things, that's true
i called you friend and trusted you
now, i learn and it's too late
but you could have saved me from this fate

we walked by day and talked by night
and yet you showed me not the light
you let me live and die
though you knew i had never live on high

yes, i called you friend in life
and laughed with you through joy and strife
and yet on coming to the end
i cannot call you my friend!

many of us walk day by day, fellowshiping with those
we know aren't true believers. they may confess a
casual agreement with the fact there is a God, but
their actions don't reflect someone who knows Him. it
is the Holy Spirit's job to convict and convince, but
it is our job to plant that seed of life. and if we
don't, will we expect to hear, "well done, good and
faithful servant... enter into the joy of your Lord."
matt 25:21 or perhaps something else.