No Matter How It Is Said, God's Word Stands

Hebrews 1:1-4

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, ^[a] whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains ^[b] all things by his powerful word.

It isn't always "what" is said, but "how" it is conveyed that can make the difference in understanding. Sharing the Good News isn't any different.

Our Scripture today begins with the statement that the message had come from God in several different forms; "in visions, dreams and even face to face" (*The Living Bible*). We know from Scripture and our history books that God's message most often was rejected as the people wanted their own way with things.

In time, God sends His Son to bring the message. Same message, different delivery.

Many came to believe, yet many did not, either in that time or down through the ages, which brings us to today. God's message has never changed, but the messengers have. Isaiah 40:8 speaks of the flower that fades, "but the Word of our God will stand forever" (RSV).

God has not given up on mankind.

He keeps sending messengers with His Word. Each messenger has a unique way of putting across a thought. Just who are these messengers in today's world?

They are us. WE are the ones chosen to share the message of salvation through the gifts and graces He has embedded in each of us.

We who believe have the responsibility to proclaim peace through the salvation brought to us by Jesus Christ. Each of us who responds to the Gospel's call will use different words, or no words at all. Some will quote Scripture, others will act out the Love of God in some way.

Maybe something I say today, while being the same thing said before by another Believer but with different words, will be the very one that take hold in the heart of someone who says, "Why has no one ever told me this Good News before?"

We each can be the reflection of God's love in some small way and point the way to the narrow pathway that leads the way to Salvation for someone. We can do this today through Christ who gives us strength (Philippians 4:13).

Prayer: Lord God, Help me to hear the words you have for me to share. Show me the ones You would have me speak to; the words that will never fade away. in the name of Jesus, in His name I pray, Amen.

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