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As we share the gospel, do we convey the compassionate heart of God for sinners? Do we do so through tear-dimmed eyes? We could simply give the objective facts of the gospel: “My friend, if you believe in Christ crucified and risen for you, you will have eternal life. If you reject Him you will perish.” This is very true, but where is the imploring? Where is the urging? Where is the pleading? “My friend, I urge you to trust Christ and be saved. Your eternal destiny is at stake. I plead with you that you might come to Christ. He is your only hope.”

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