



SEVEN DAYS^{TO}
Sharing^{YOUR} Faith

SHARING YOUR FAITH

No matter how generous we are, how active we are in church, or how eloquently we preach, there is no substitute for sharing our faith with other people.

Every believer is called, ordained, equipped, and given opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every Christian is called to be an evangelist. If you are not witnessing, you are disobeying God.

"A light that does not shine, a spring that does not flow, a seed that does not grow is no more strange than a life in Christ that does not witness."

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Over the next week, we want to encourage you as you learn to share your faith. You will be learning about the mission, motives, methods, and mindset for sharing the Gospel. You will also learn how to make conversation and how to make evangelism count. Before we begin this study, watch the video below.

[Watch the video here.](#)

Greg and Karla Eilert had a story to tell through Karla's struggle with ALS. Using only her eyes, Karla wrote a letter sharing the Gospel with her friends and loved ones. For a more complete story from the Eilerts, a picture of the real Karla, and a copy of her letter, [click here.](#)

Look for more faith-sharing encouragement in your inbox for the next six days.

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THE MISSION

Why should I tell others about Jesus?

You should tell others about Jesus because you have been commanded to do so by Jesus.

Jesus said in Matthew 28:19-20,

“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, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.”

Sharing the Gospel is not optional. It is commanded. We call this command from Jesus ‘The Great Commission.’ It is Jesus’ command to be on mission.

“If we are not obedient to the Great Commission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we are guilty of high treason against Heaven’s King.”

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So, what is this mission we are commanded to complete?

Our mission is three-fold. We are to:

- 1. Magnify Jesus through worship and the Word of God**
- 2. Move believers in Jesus toward maturity in ministry**
- 3. Make Jesus known to our neighbors and the nations**

These three steps can be practiced individually, but they work best in concert with one another. When we are truly glorifying Jesus, we will want to worship Him in Truth and know His Word. When we spend time in worship and in God’s Word, we will be maturing in our faith and preparing ourselves to help others mature. When we are worshiping, growing in His Word, and encouraging others, we will grow our desire to share the Gospel. We will make Him known to our neighbors and to the nations through our words and through our actions.

It’s not enough to try to live a good life and then hope that others will desire to be saved simply by seeing the good life that we live. People are not saved by our lives; they’re saved by Jesus’ death.

Tomorrow, we will look at how we can truly resonate with the mission Jesus has given us.

[Download this free booklet to learn more about how to share your faith.](#)





THE MOTIVE

How do I get motivated to share the Gospel?

In all of God's goodness to us, He requires of us obedience. He has commanded us to be witnesses unto Him throughout the world. If He has commanded it, and requires our obedience, then we can assume He has equipped us to complete the mission. But how do we do that? We must live supernaturally, not superficially.

Acts 1:8 says, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the Earth."

We are not witnessing from our own strength. We are witnessing from the power of the Holy Spirit in us and Jesus' presence with us. The first step to making Jesus known is **recognizing His presence in us.**

We need to recognize Jesus' presence in us.

We are the visible part of the invisible Jesus. We are not merely imitating Jesus. Jesus Christ lives within us. So, we should let Him live through us. We need to stop doing things for Jesus and start letting Him work through us. If you are doing things for Jesus, that's superficial. If Jesus is doing things through you, that's supernatural.

"If you are saved, you will have a desire to be holy, a hunger for the Word, the inner witness of the Spirit, and a desire to share Jesus. These are the birthmarks of the believer."

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We need to rely on Jesus' promise to us.

Remember, in Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus says, "I am with you always." Jesus promises to be with us as we are completing this mission! He also says in Acts 1:8 that we will receive power from the Holy Spirit. So, not only do we have Jesus' presence with us, but we have the power of the Holy Spirit within us. What does this mean for us? We don't have to have special jobs, gifts, or talents to bring people to Christ. We don't have to be intellectual or elite Bible scholars to bring people to Christ. We also don't have to argue a case or convince others to believe our side of a story. Lawyers argue their reasoning. As witnesses, we are simply telling others what we've seen and heard.

When Jesus Christ is real to us, it will be natural to witness to others about Him.

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“What a privilege God has given to us—one that angels don’t have, one that we will not have in the world to come—to bring souls to Jesus Christ.”

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We need to respond to Jesus’ program through us.

Do your neighbors, friends, and family know that you’re saved? Does your life look any different than the lives of those around you who don’t know Jesus? Before we can go out to the ends of the Earth, we need to look at how we are ministering to those in our own communities.

Once you are saved, evangelism is not automatic. Living for Christ is a matter of surrender and discipline. Obedience comes from the heart. The closer our hearts grow to God, the more we will want to know Him, show Him, and grow with Him. When you learn the heart of God for lost souls, you will be motivated to share; to refuse to do so is out of character for a heart that belongs to Christ.

“A Christian who doesn’t witness is a contradiction in terms.”

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So how do we prepare for sharing the Gospel? How do we start a Gospel conversation? We’ll learn more about that tomorrow.

To learn more about the birthmarks of a true believer, [read this article based on a message by Adrian Rogers.](#)

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MAKING CONVERSATION

How do I start a conversation about Jesus?

We know that we need to share the Gospel, but it can be tricky to figure out how to dive into that kind of conversation, whether with a friend or with a stranger. There are a couple of conversation starters you can use.

Use an open-ended question to assess where people are spiritually.

Some questions are listed below, but there are endless options you can use. By asking these questions, you can gauge where people are spiritually or what seems to be important to them.

1. Do you ever think about spiritual things?
2. Do you believe there's an afterlife?
3. Do you know for sure that you are going to Heaven, or is that something that you would say you're still working on?
4. If you were to stand before God today and He asked you, 'Why should I let you into My Heaven?', what would you say?

If you want more question ideas, [visit our Spiritual Conversation Starters page.](#)

Use your testimony.

When we live our lives filled with the Holy Spirit, God will make sure that there will be people around us who will notice and start asking questions about our peace, patience, kindness, and other observable changes in our lives. As we remember that God's assignment for us is to be witnesses, not lawyers, our testimonies become a natural way to tell others what we have personally "seen and heard." No one can tell you that your experience is false because it is YOUR experience. You are a witness to your own life change!

"A Christian with a testimony is never at the mercy of an unbeliever with an argument."

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MAKING CONVERSATION

Here are some tips for sharing your story.

1. **Write your testimony in a way that is natural for you. Review it often. That will make it much easier to share when the doors of opportunity open.**
2. **Practice a one-minute testimony and a longer testimony. You never know how much time you will have to share.**
3. **Look for openings in relationships to naturally share what God has done for you.**
4. **Be courageous and trust the Holy Spirit to do His work. We don't save anyone. God does the saving. We just tell what He has done for us.**

"The best argument for Christianity and the best argument against Christianity is the life of a Christian. Not only are we to be His witnesses; we ought to be part of the evidence."

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Two truths to remember as you prepare to share the Gospel.

1. **Who can be saved? ANYONE!**
2. **Who can save? ONLY ONE – JESUS!**

Let's look at how to break down the Gospel for someone tomorrow.

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THE METHODS

How do I break down the Gospel for someone?

We're going to use John 3:16 to share the Gospel. It reads,

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Simply stated, this verse tells us four things:

God loved. God gave. We believe. We live.

You'll want to walk through each step with the person you share with.

God loved.

God's creation was perfect until Adam and Eve disobeyed God and introduced sin into the world. Their sin resulted in their immediate separation from God. And because we are all descended from Adam, we each inherit his sin nature when we are born. This means we also are separated from God. Even though we did not choose this condition, it exists nonetheless—just like everything else we inherit from our parents. But despite our sin nature, God still loves each of us and wants to remove that separation. John 3:16 tells us both the depth of God's love and His provision for our sin.

God gave.

The penalty for sin is death. [Romans 6:23](#) reads, "The wages of sin is death [eternal separation from the love and mercy of God]." That is why there were so many sacrifices required in the Old Testament of the Bible.

But God gave His only begotten Son, Jesus, as the ultimate sacrifice to pay the penalty of sin, once for all, on our behalf. Jesus' death on the cross was the payment for the sin debt we each owe.

We all need to understand that we cannot do good works to earn God's love and make it to Heaven. If we could save ourselves, Jesus' death on the cross would have been unnecessary! The Bible says it is "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His [God's] mercy, He saved us" ([Titus 3:5](#)).

Salvation is by God's grace (a gift), not through our works. ([See Ephesians 2:8-9](#).)

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THE METHODS

We believe.

What is our response? We can ignore God's love, or we can believe it. We can reject God's gift, or we can receive it. If we choose to believe Jesus is the Son of the living God who died on our behalf and was raised again, and if we surrender our lives to Him, according to John 3:16, we can live.

What we could not do for ourselves, Jesus has done for us! "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). This is the story of Jesus. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on the cross for us, was buried, and then was raised from the dead on the third day to prove that His payment was acceptable to God. [\(See 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.\)](#) Jesus then ascended into Heaven, and He is alive today to have a relationship with you!

All that remains is our acceptance of God's payment and forgiveness. He will not force it on us. And this is a decision each person needs to make personally: No one else can do it for you. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" [\(Acts 16:31\)](#).

We live.

When we make our decision to trust God, His Holy Spirit immediately starts to live in our lives. Our sin nature is replaced with a new nature. The Holy Spirit provides strength, peace, and guidance in our daily lives. And we receive God's promise of life forever in Heaven after we die. This is called "salvation" in the Bible.

Salvation is God's gift to you, and you receive this gift through faith in Jesus. "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

At this final moment, you can ask your friend if he or she would like to be led in a prayer like the prayer below. Remind the person that it's not the words that save, but the heart behind the words:

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I know You love me and want to save me. Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God, who died on the cross to pay for my sins. I believe God raised You from the dead. I now turn from my sin and, by faith, receive You into my life as my personal Lord and Savior. Come into my heart, forgive my sins, and save me, Lord Jesus. In Your name, I pray, Amen."

"We tell people to keep the faith; not only should you keep it, but you ought also to give it away."

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If you ever need to reference this material or find other resources, [visit our Discover Jesus page.](#)
[Click here for some additional ways to share the Gospel.](#)





THE MINDSET

How do I prepare my mind for sharing the Gospel?

One way we can know that our relationship with Jesus is real is that we have a desire to share our faith with others. If Jesus is a Love worth finding, He should be a Love worth sharing. If we're not endeavoring to share our faith, then we're not right with God.

Be committed to sharing your faith.

Mark 16:15 says, "And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.'"

In the Greek, this action verb means "as you go." In other words, as you go into all the world, preach the Gospel to every creature. It's not a suggestion. It's a command. And we must be committed to obeying that command.

It will be easier not to share than to share. We must be intentional about sharing our faith. Remember, it's not enough to try to live a good life and then hope that others will desire to be saved simply by seeing the good life that we live. People are not saved by our lives; they're saved by Jesus' death.

There is not a Scripture in the Bible that tells the unsaved to go to church. But there is Scripture after Scripture telling the Church to go to the unsaved.

Anything good about us is because of Jesus Christ in us. That's what we need to share with others.

Be concerned while sharing your faith.

Do the things that break the heart of Jesus break your heart?

Jesus had compassion for the lost.

Matthew 9:36 says, "But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd."

We should be brokenhearted over the lost, just as Jesus is. That should motivate us to share our faith. We need to see every person as a potential brother or sister in Christ. We need to see every person emotionally, not just theologically. Every family member or friend you know that does not know Jesus is currently headed for Hell. Is your heart broken by that tragedy? What are you willing to do about it?

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THE MINDSET

Be consistent in sharing your faith.

Everywhere we go, we should seek to share our faith. Picture yourself with a handful of seeds, tossing them on the roadside as you walk.

We need to be consistent because the seed—the Word of God—is powerful and can crack open the hardest heart. (See [1 Peter 1:23](#) and [Hebrews 4:12](#).) We need to know it in our heads, stow it in our hearts, and sow it in the world.

Be confident when sharing your faith.

Sow the Word of God as you go, and God will manage the harvest. He will use His Word to move in the hearts of the lost. It is not our job to save, but it is our job to share. We should do so consistently and confidently.

We don't know when someone will be saved or who will be saved. Therefore, we need to keep sharing our faith, scattering the seed. What we have confidence in the power of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit to change lives. We have the most powerful message to share, and God is equipping us to share it. Go into the world confidently, trusting God to bring the increase. ([See Mark 4:3-20.](#))

As you share your faith, be committed, concerned, consistent, and confident.

Every one of us will be known for something when we are gone. Do you know what I want them to think of when they think about me? The Gospel of Christ. I want them to say, "That man's life was centered in the only message that really matters."

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Want to learn how to be a better witness for Christ? Love Worth Finding partnered with Evangelism Explosion to create an online training course for evangelism. Interested in this free course? [Visit lwf.org/ee](http://lwf.org/ee) to learn more!

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MAKING IT COUNT

How can I be intentional when sharing the Gospel?

Sharing your faith is not casual. You won't ever share if you are waiting for opportunities to find you. Instead, you share your faith as you seek out those opportunities. This means you are intentionally building relationships with, and putting yourself in environments with, people who may not know Jesus. Just as our relationship with God was not a one-time interaction with no follow-up, our Gospel conversations with others are not to be transactional, but intentional and relational. We want people to know we care about them and their souls, not just that we care whether they make the decision to follow Christ. Do not treat each person won to Christ as just another name on a checklist. As much as you are able, seek to build a growing relationship with them and find a way to follow up with them beyond the initial Gospel conversation.

Does it matter whether you share the Gospel?

Yes, it matters. The responsibility to live for Jesus and to share Jesus with others is an assignment to all of us and to each of us, not just to some of us.

It is a matter of personal discipleship that is true for all followers of Jesus. [Luke 14:27-35](#) speaks of the cost of true discipleship. This passage tells us that a committed disciple of Jesus will be completely devoted to Him in all areas of life.

What is your responsibility to those you lead to Jesus?

Your responsibility to those you lead to Jesus is plain and simple: you are not supposed to leave them to figure things out on their own. You are not supposed to abandon them as orphans in the family of God. Jesus' last command to His disciples was to "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" ([Matthew 28:19](#)). We are to disciple others, just as our Savior—our Lord, Jesus Christ—made disciples of others.

To disciple is to teach or train. When Jesus was doing His ministry on Earth, He taught His disciples as they lived life together. He demonstrated how to think, speak, act, and live. We are to do the same thing with those we lead to Jesus. The difference is that we are teaching them to look and live more like Jesus, not to look or live more like us.

"There is no greater joy than bringing a soul to Jesus Christ."

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We'd love to offer you a choice of mentoring tools to use with those you disciple. [Click here to see these resources.](#)





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