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How To Share Your Faith

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INTRODUCTION

By diving into today's key Scripture passage, I want to describe how to share your faith. I want to equip you and give you a tool on how to engage other people in a conversation about Jesus. As I say this, you might be thinking, "I am not that kind of person. I am not someone who can engage with someone. That's not my personality. It's just not me. I would rather point them to a pamphlet or encourage them to go to church. I just have a hard time sharing." If that is you, I would urge you to shift your mindset on sharing your faith because we have a direct command from the Father to do so. You became a believer because someone else shared their faith with you. And that's how other people will become believers in Jesus, by hearing someone share their faith. Therefore, we need to take this responsibility of sharing our faith seriously.

KEY POINTS

1. The journey of sharing your faith always begins with obedience.

If a person is in full-blown rebellion against God, they will never be willing to share their faith. They just want to avoid it altogether because they think they have no right to share when they are not right on the inside. They are not ready to give up a certain sin that God's Holy Spirit has revealed to them. Therefore, they won't take the next step into obedience.

Unless you are being obedient and getting yourself aligned with the Father, you won't share your faith. You must allow the Spirit of God to bring conviction in your life, be willing to confess that sin, repent of that sin, and move toward the heart of God before you will share your faith.

Obedience is the first step toward sharing your faith. Maybe, this is the only point you need to hear today. If so, I'd encourage you to pray this prayer in your heart right now, "Holy Spirit, would you reveal to me anything and everything that is messing up the fellowship and the flow with the Father in my life right now?" If you will listen, He will reveal that.

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2. The journey of sharing your faith is launched from worship.

Worship is not just for you to feel good about the rhythm, the music, or even the lyrics. Worship is honoring Jesus above all things. The focus of your heart is on Him. It is important that you engage with the Lord and not simply go to a concert. When many of us worship, we are saying, “Thrill me, make me feel something with the music.” Worship is not something that is given to you; worship is something that you give to God.

When you put these two together, obedience and worship, that's when you are positioned to share your faith. If you are obedient and if you are having a worship heart experience with God, you will open your mouth to tell someone else about Jesus.

3. The journey of sharing your faith is rooted in authority.

Many of us are afraid to point people to Jesus because they have their church and the appearance of Christianity. I don't believe for a moment that every person who is a member of our church will go to heaven. Many people at one time joined a church, but they didn't join Jesus. They placed their name on the church roll to satisfy some sense of social need and to be connected, but they have never truly repented and experienced faith in Christ. Many people are church followers, rather than Jesus followers. And we need to be willing to share our faith with people so they can come to know what it means to truly follow Jesus and surrender their lives to Him.

If you have a personal relationship with Jesus, that is enough for you to begin to open your mouth and engage with other people. You have been authorized; never forget that. God will never take away that authorization from you. You are a following one, you are a disciple, and you speak from authority. Whether you have a theological degree or not, you are to speak with authority. Jesus gave you the authority and that is enough!

4. The journey of sharing your faith is to be a lifestyle.

You should not think you're just going to witness to one person and that will meet your quota of sharing your faith. Talking to other people about your relationship with Jesus should be a part of your lifestyle.

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There will be moments in your life when you will have a conversation with someone, and the Spirit of God will speak to your heart. Literally, He will say, "This person needs to know Jesus. Talk to them about Jesus." Have you ever felt the Spirit of God drawing you into a conversation? This is not just a one-time event, but an everyday experience. It is a command.

5. The journey of sharing your faith has multiple directives.

Scripture says there are four things we must do when it comes to sharing our faith:

- Make disciples
- Of all nations
- Baptizing
- Teaching

6. The journey of sharing your faith has a promise.

Here is the promise we can cling to when we share our faith, "I will be with you always to the very end of the age." When you share your faith, you are not going alone. In fact, you are never alone! Jesus is always with you. He is the One who has engaged you to talk to someone. He is also the One who says, "I will be with you." In fact, the Spirit of God will give you the words to say and provide insight and discernment on when to say it. He will say when to be quiet, and when to listen to the tug of the Spirit of God.

7. The journey of sharing your faith beings with practice.

You're not just going to wake up one day and become super comfortable and confident with sharing your faith. It's going to take practice before it comes easier to you to have faith-based conversations. So take the pressure off yourself and just start! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you along the way and to give you the opportunity and the words when the time comes to share your faith. He will be faithful to help you each time.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. When was the last time you shared your faith with someone?
2. What keeps you from sharing your faith or makes you nervous about having a faith-based conversation with someone?
3. Is there someone that God is placing on your heart to share your faith with? What is one step you can take this week towards having a conversation with this person about your relationship with Jesus?
