



People Reaching People

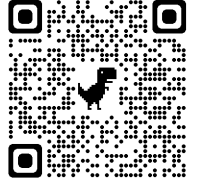
The Good News of Jesus, a story from over 2000 years ago, spread from a small country thousands of miles removed from us, because of people reaching people. Today we are encouraged to continue to carry the good news of Jesus to the precious people in our lives.

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today'steaching

You and I have a great privilege and responsibility to show others what God looks like. Rather than using dreams or angels to share the good news of Jesus with people, God chooses to use **People Reaching People**.

Sharing the Good News with Family & Friends

John 1:40-42 (CSB)

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed him. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated "the Christ"), and he brought Simon to Jesus...

John 1:45-46 (CSB)

Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the law (and so did the prophets): Jesus the son of Joseph, from Nazareth." "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathanael asked him. "Come and see," Philip answered.

Well after the first followers of Jesus, the following generations of Christians continued to recognize that they were tasked to tell others about Jesus and help them grow in Him.

Sharing the Good News with Different Ethnicities

Acts 10:28-29, 43-38 (CSB)

Peter said to them, "You know it's forbidden for a Jewish man to associate with or visit a foreigner, but God has shown me that I must not call any person impure or unclean. That's why I came without any objection when I was sent for..."

^[v43-48] All the prophets testify about Him that through His Name **everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.**" While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came down on all those who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed because **the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles.** For they heard them speaking in tongues and declaring the greatness of God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold water and prevent these people from being baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" **He commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.** Then they asked him to stay for a few days.

Cornelius gathered his family and friends to hear what Simon Peter share the good news (Acts 10:24) with people of a different ethnicity. This was an amazing moment as God gave them clear evidence that these non-Jews had been forgiven and transformed into followers of Jesus.

Sharing the Good News with Acquaintances

Acts 18:24-28 (CSB)

Now a Jew named Apollos, a native Alexandrian, an eloquent man who was competent in the use of the Scriptures, arrived in Ephesus. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately about Jesus, although he knew only John's baptism. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. After **Priscilla and Aquila** heard him, they took him aside and explained the way of God to him more accurately. When he wanted to cross over to Achaia, the brothers and sisters wrote to the disciples to welcome him. After he arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed. For he vigorously refuted the Jews in public, **demonstrating through the Scriptures that Jesus is the Messiah**.

So here we have a godly couple making time to talk with a new acquaintance. And, because of their obedience, these people who *were not* public speakers impacted one who *WAS* a public speaker, and Apollos began to impact others with the good news of Jesus. Later, Apollos becomes so well known to the Church in Corinth.

Be Part of the Plan

1 Corinthians 3:5-8 (CSB)

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? They are servants through whom you believed, and each has the role the Lord has given. **I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth**. So, then, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. Now **he who plants and he who waters are one**, and each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

The church in Corinth had actually picked favorites - some picked **Paul** and others picked **Apollos**. Paul won't have any of it because there's NO competition in the KINGdom! Paul doesn't change lives. Neither does Apollos. Neither do WE. God USES people as part of His plan to impact others for eternity.

The term "soul winners" is NEVER used in the New Testament. We can't win souls, only **God** can.

✓ Don't be discouraged as you **share your faith in Jesus with others**. Some people aren't 'closers', but they plant and water. LIVE your faith in Jesus and SHARE your faith in Jesus!

❓ Not sharing your faith in Jesus with others? Seek Jesus in the Scriptures and spend time around some Christians who LIVE and SHARE their faith. They can show you how.

Sharing the Good News Daily With Those in Our Homes

2 Timothy 1:5 (CSB)

I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and now, I am convinced, is in you also.

Here we see a family legacy, where a **grandmother** and **mother** no doubt train Timothy to follow Jesus. Sadly, there is no mention of his father's faith. Maybe you don't have a godly mother or father, or grandparent. Thankfully, even when and Mom or Dad aren't godly, God puts others in our lives to lead us to know Jesus.

🔍 Name the top 3-5 sermons that have impacted your life. He was silent. Then I asked him to...

✓ Name your top 5 people who have impacted your life.

❓ When others are asked that question, who would name YOU?

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› Turn from sin and follow Jesus. *What are you waiting on?*

› Make some time to THANK the 5 people who have impacted your spiritual life

› GROW in Jesus and take opportunities to SHARE Jesus with others.

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Have questions and need some help? ...real soon...how about now? Please **call** or **text** us soon!

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discussion questions

Take some time to discuss these questions with your family, friends, or group.

1. What challenged or encouraged you most from today's teaching or today's videos? Explain why.
2. Look back through the Biblical examples from today's teaching and share which passages most encourage you and why.
3. Which is easier and more difficult for you - to share the good news of Jesus with 1) family 2) friends 3) people of the same culture 4) people of a different culture?
4. Why is it easier to name 5 people who have impacted your spiritual life than it is to name 5 sermons that have impacted your spiritual life? Share how some of those people have impacted your life.
5. **Read 1 Cor 3:4-9.** Why does Paul need to correct these people? What is the difference between planting and watering? How does it encourage you to know that God - not you - is responsible for the spiritual growth of others?
6. Share prayer needs. Continue to pray for the Supreme Court decision that could overturn Roe v. Wade.
7. Make the time to THANK those people who have encouraged you and been examples in how to follow Jesus.