

“How To Share Your Faith... like Jesus!” Pt.2 - John 4:27-42

“And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?” The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” Then they went out of the city and came to Him. In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.” And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

There was once a farmer who wanted to be an evangelist. He was in his mid-life and he was going through his mid-life crisis and he thought he wanted to leave the farm and preach the gospel. And he was sitting under a tree one day, looking up at the sky in between chores, and he noticed what seemed to him like letters being formed by the clouds. And maybe he was reading into it, but he thought he saw two letters P C and he thought, huh, PC, what could that mean? Oh! He said, I get it! It's a sign from God. He wants me to preach Christ! He went off on that and sold his farm and started an evangelistic ministry. The only problem was the guy couldn't preach his way out of a bucket. He was just a poor speaker. And at one evening at a failed evangelistic event one of his dear neighbors, who was also a farmer, went up to the man and whispered in his ear, "Maybe God was simply trying to tell you plant corn." (We're all called to preach Christ, whether you see a sign or not, or whether you're a good speaker or not!)

- *In 1963, it took the world **2 hours** to hear about the death of John F. Kennedy when he was assassinated in Dallas.*
- *In 1999, it took the world **2 minutes** to hear of the death of JFK, Jr. when his plane went down in the Atlantic.*
- *2000 years ago Jesus died on a cross and rose from the dead. But even with all our modern technology and tools, most people around the world **haven't heard it**.*

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- **In regards to sharing our faith, Jesus says 2 important truths:**
 - **Peoplearn *READY!***
 - **Acts 8:29-35NLT** - “The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and walk along beside the carriage.” Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” The man replied, “How can I, unless someone instructs me?” And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him. The passage of Scripture he had been

reading was this: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter. And as a lamb is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth... The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?" So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus."

○ *My Personal Testimony... I was ready & searching!*

○ Rewards in **ETERNITY!!**

▪ **1 Cor 3:11-14NLT** - "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward."

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• As you walk the path of witnessing, as you go down the road of "sharing your faith", there are hundreds of **detours** that will threaten to take you **off course**:

- "Church hypocrisy"
- "Church errors"
- "Religious disagreements"
- Silly questions.
- Weird confusions.

• **GOLDEN RULE**: Always Bring it back to **JESUS!**

- Mormons need Jesus!
- Jehovah's Witnesses need Jesus!
- Atheists need Jesus!
- **EVERYONE** needs Jesus... so **always** bring it back to Jesus!
 - **Acts 8:35NLT** - "So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus."