

DAY 29:

AN URGENT PASSION

The apostle Paul had something essential for effective evangelism: a passion to reach those who did not know Christ. In this case, it was a passion to reach his own people, the Jews. He cared deeply about them.

I remember several years ago losing my daughter in a large department store. She was walking with me as I shopped for clothes and in a split second she was gone. Lost! I was frantic and couldn't find her anywhere. There was an urgency because I knew what might happen if I didn't find her. My heart was hurting, and I would have done anything to find my lost daughter. The store clerk issued a "Code Adam," and everyone worked together to finally locate her. She had been quietly playing in the middle of a large rack of clothing.

Paul makes an amazing statement in Romans 9 when he says something like, "If it were possible, I'd give up my salvation in a minute to see them come to faith in Christ." That's a pretty dramatic statement!

We too must demonstrate that same urgency, passion, and willingness to go to great lengths to share the gospel with the lost.

Lord, remind me daily how urgent it is that I go looking for the lost. Give me a passion to do everything possible to share You with others. They may not be coming to me, so Lord, stir me to go to them. In Jesus' name, amen.

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"I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience testifies to me through the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the benefit of my brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood."

Romans 9:1-3

