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Part 2: The greatest deterrent- fear!

1. Jitters on the battlefield

- Reminder, our silence is Satan's goal & his favorite tool. He may have lost the war for your soul, but he wants to keep you silent & self-absorbed.
- Evangelism is a threat to him. His destination is hell, and he wants as many men & women as he can find to go there with him.
- Are you an introvert, naturally?
- Are you shy & not very sure of yourself?
- The enemy wishes to exploit these natural tendencies to keep us quiet.
- 2 Cor. 12:9-10: *"But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about My weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."*
- God's grace is enough to overcome our weakness.
- Fear does not come from the Lord, but it is another tool of the enemy.

2. A spiritual discipline?

- What if I told you that sharing your faith is a spiritual discipline akin to prayer, studying the Word, fasting, church attendance, etc.?
- When we practice these disciplines, we grow and mature in our faith and relationship with Christ. They help us become more like Christ.

- "Practice perfect!" Consider the sports training of an athlete.
- Therefore, it's easy to see why we're uneasy with sharing the Gospel, because we don't practice this discipline regularly. The more we do, the easier it is.
- Turn to Acts 4, and let's understand a Gospel presentation that ensues after a miraculous healing.
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3. The doctrine of exclusivity

- No better verse that makes this doctrine apparent than John 14:6; "*I am THE way, and THE truth, and THE life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*"
- Jesus isn't A way, or A truth, or A life, He is THE ONLY WAY, TRUTH, & LIFE.
- One pathway is hard for humanity to accept in a world filled with voices and choices. People are pluralists; we like choice. People are also inclusivists if they are in the club. People are universalists when it benefits them.
- Many see this as old-fashioned and narrow-minded, meant to exclude people or to make them feel guilty.
- Yet, without Jesus, there is no death on the cross and no Resurrection.
- With no perfect shed blood, no atoning sacrifice, no imputation of righteousness, and no forgiveness of sins, we can't enter heaven, into the eternal presence of a holy God.
- Consider this when you speak to those who doubt Jesus' exclusive claims:
 - No one else lived a perfect life.
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4. Someone else is better!

- Turn to Exodus 3 & 4. This is the calling of Moses as the deliverer and mediator of Israel. God was going to use Moses amazingly.

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