



## Share Your Faith with Others



**Ask God to show you how to reach out to the people you come in contact with everyday.**

**Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you develop your Jesus story to share with others.**

**Ask the Lord how you can reach out in a way that will touch their lives.**

**Ask him to give you opportunities to be a rescuer.**

God is calling us all to be rescuers. Just as He called Moses to rescue the Israelites from bondage, he is calling us to reach out and rescue those that are lost and without hope, to reach those that don't know Jesus Christ as their savior. Just like Moses we often don't think we have the ability to reach out to others. *Exodus 4: but Moses pleaded with the Lord, O Lord, I'm just not a good speaker. I never have been, and I'm not now, even after you have spoken to me. I'm clumsy with words.* Just like Moses we have excuses. . But the Lord asked him: *"Who makes people so they can speak or not speak, hear or not hear, see or not see? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go and do as I have told you. I will help you speak well, and I will tell you what to say."* Exodus 4: 11-12

His Word is promising us that He will tell us what to say in a way that will bring Glory to the Kingdom of God. If we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit will guide our words as we share the good news of eternal life.

One way to reach out to others is to share your testimony or your Jesus story. Ask God to help you write out your testimony and keep it in your heart so that you will be able to share it at the appropriate time.

### **A few hints for writing your testimony:**

✠ **Pray and ask God to give you guidance as you write.**

*I will help you speak well, and I will tell you what to say." Exodus 4:12*

✠ **Keep it to about three minutes.**

Adjust your testimony to fit the circumstances. Your story would be different if you gave it in church or at work.

✠ **Make sure Christ is the center of your testimony and not yourself.**

Tell about your life before you were saved. Don't begin talking about God right away, but always make sure that God is honored in your Jesus story. *"The person who wishes to boast should boast only of what the Lord has done."* 2 Cor 10:27

‡ **Don't use Christian jargon such as; born again, convicted, converted, burden, repent, Holy Spirit, saved, sinner, the gospel, etc.**

Unchurched people don't always understand "church" words. They may be confused and intimidated if you use words they don't understand. These words make them feel like an outsider. Remember you are trying to sell them Jesus, not a church.

‡ **Don't preach, share yourself.**

Tell a story don't preach a sermon.

‡ **Be positive, don't tear down or criticize anyone or any church.**

Never use this time to tell about negative things that have happened to you in church or put down other churches.

‡ **Look for opportunities to share your story with others.**

Almost everyday there is an opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ. Let someone go in front of you at Wal-Mart, don't shake your fist when someone cuts you off, start a conversation in line at the grocery store, look for openings in your conversations at work or school to share your Jesus story, speak kindly to check out clerks, waiters, etc. The way you act is a testimony in itself, make sure it is the one that you want people to see.

*Colossians 4:5-6 Live wisely among those who are not Christians, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and effective so that you will have the right answer for everyone.*



## **Divide your testimony into three parts:**

1. Your life before Jesus.
2. How you came to know Jesus.
3. How Jesus has changed your life.

Begin by asking the Lord for guidance and then write whatever comes to your mind without editing it. When you are through then you can go back and write it so that it will be appealing to others. You can have a written testimony, a short testimony to share with non-Christians and a longer one to share in a church or group setting.

**Would you like to share your testimony with me? I would love to hear what God has done in YOUR life. [jackieosmith@cox.net](mailto:jackieosmith@cox.net)**

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Cor. 13:13*

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