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MESSAGE NOTES





Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. 1 Peter 3:15

Day 1

I know God wants us to tell others about Christ, but I'm a shy person and it's not really my gift. Isn't evangelism the job of more gregarious people?

You're not alone in thinking that. It's also partially true. The problem is in not knowing the difference between evangelism and giving a witness. Ephesians 4:11 describes the gift of evangelism as one of many jobs in the church--it's the job of telling lost people about the Good News of Christ. **Read Ephesians 4.**

It's one of many jobs that God does in fact make it easier for some personalities and individuals to perform than others. But telling others about what God has specifically done in your own life is what the Bible calls a testimony. Simply put, Jesus commands each of us to tell that story. He called it being a "witness" and like any witness in a trial, we are called to tell others what we have seen, and what He has done. **Read Acts 1:8**

Day 2

What if I'm not a good talker?

You're in good company, so was Moses. **Read Exodus 4:10-16.**

Pray for God to you what to teach you what to say like He did for Moses!

Challenge: Start writing down at least 10 things you are thankful to God for in your life. These can be people, places, things, circumstances, occurrences, big things and the small every day things. You can include how He came into your life and how he has transformed your life.

Continue adding to the "Blessings" list every day this week. See how many you can come up with by the end of the week.

HOPE FLOW

LETTING GOD'S LOVE FLOW THROUGH US EVERY DAY!

Day 3

Won't God just use someone else?

God doesn't want to use someone else. He wants to use you. **Read Romans 10:14-15**

I have revealed and saved and proclaimed—I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "that I am God. Isaiah 43:12

Day 4

How will I know what to say and do?

Jesus trained the disciples in how to share before they went. **Read Matthew 10.**

We too need to remind ourselves it takes training, practice.

Challenge: Share your personal testimony from the "Blessings" list you created on Day 2, with one person who you feel safe in telling.

Day 5

A lot's at stake and God's power does it for us.

The voices in the world are getting louder and we can no longer be just "silent witnesses" we need to open our mouths and be heard. One of the most powerful ways for sharing your faith is your own personal story of how Jesus Christ gave you eternal life and how He has enriched and transformed your life.

Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel^a for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. Ephesians 6: 19-20

Challenge: Who in your walk of life (family, friends, children, co-workers, neighbors) that needs to hear the Good News about Jesus Christ. Pray the above prayer in Ephesians 6 and ask God to teach you what to say like He did for Moses and help you to share your testimony at least once every day with someone.