



**COURAGE
TO SHARE
YOUR FAITH**

1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-22

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16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

18 What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

19 For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

1 Corinthians 9:16-22 - continued

20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.

22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

Introduction

A. All Christians know we ought to share our faith

1. The last words of our risen Savior according to Matthew

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

2. They are known as “The Great Commission”

Introduction

B. Personal evangelism is the greatest lack in most churches

Revelation 2:4

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

I. Compassion

“I am made all things to all men”

A. He would never have spoken these words as Saul

B. When Paul met Christ, he was changed forever

1. He became filled with compassion for the lost

Romans 10:1

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

2. The former persecutor turned formidable preacher

Galatians 1:13

But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.

I. Compassion

C. Jesus was the supreme example of compassion

Matthew 9:36-37

36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

D. If you care enough, you will share your faith

Jude 22

And of some have compassion, making a difference:

II. Communication

“... by all means”

A. Courage grows with a sanctified strategy

Acts 28:15

And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

II. Communication

**B. Pray for an approach that enables you to communicate
Acts 16:13-14**

13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

II. Communication

C. Witnessing at some point, requires words

Romans 10:13-14

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

III. Confidence

“... that I might ... win some”

A. Paul expected results: he witnessed in faith

Matthew 21:22

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

B. Paul believed what God led him to write

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

III. Confidence

C. Expect God to use you to reach souls and He will

1. It is God's command

2. It should be our concern

Proverbs 11:30

**The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that
winneeth souls is wise**

3. It should be our commitment

1 Peter 3:15

**But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready
always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a
reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and
fear:**

Let's Reach Lost People We Meet Every Day