

Learning How to Share Your Faith

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Scripture Text: II Corinthians 5:17-21 NLT **17** *This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*

18 *And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 19* *For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 20* *So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 21* *For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

God has given each person a history that depicts your life experiences whether it was positive or negative. It is our history and how we have come to this place and time in our lives to share our story. Your story is unique and you will have the greatest impact on people as you share from your heart. People may have had similar experiences that relate to you in a way that no written script could. There is hope for the hungry soul because they can feel the sincerity of your heart as you share how God has blessed you. They may not respond immediately to your testimony {Story} but you gave them something to think about. Galatians 6:8 NLT *Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.*

In all our daily choices, we either "sow to the flesh" or "sow to the Spirit" With our actions and thoughts. We Plant Seeds that affect the type of person we're becoming and the level of impact our lives will have for God.

VERSE 17 *This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*

Institutions can change a person's habits but only Christ can change a person's character. Some of us including myself have been a part of Christian Institutions that caused us to develop unhealthy habits just to be accepted. When we fully surrender our hearts to Jesus Christ, He creates within us a desire to please God (not man kind) in everything that we say and do.

We no longer depend on our thinking, "If it feels good, do it and as long as you're not hurting anyone it's okay. Before Christ, our hearts and desires would pull us in all different directions to please ourselves in the world. We thank God for Jesus the great physician who gives each of us a heart transplant that enables us to look for ways to glorify Father God.

Psalms 9:1 NLT *"I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done."*

VERSE 18 *And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.*

God never gives up on you. For He longs for you to come to Him and be free from the slavery of sin and condemnation in the world. God wants you to know that you are His Best work and He loves you with all of your imperfections. He knew the cost needed to bring you back to Him as His best work. The world in all of it's beauty does not compare to you because you were created in His image and likeness. In your redeemed state you clearly reflect His glory in the earth! Don't withhold your story of how the Lord has brought you into a relationship with Him through His Son. It matters to God and it should matter to you that people are leaving this life without the gift of eternal life in Christ.

People living in darkness are looking for a light to shine so they may come to it and be saved. You and I may be the only light that gives people a way out of the darkness.

VERSE 19 *For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.*

When you love someone, you freely share how your life has been impacted by that person. You are so elated over your life and what that person means to you, without hesitation or embarrassment you share your life. I must ask, Do You Love Him? If you do your life will surely show it!

God sent Christ into this world with full knowledge that some would fall in love with Him while others would despise Him. He has given us a message of forgiveness and redemption for all people. He really cares about you and what you have to deal with in this condemned world. It's sad that people continue to choose to reject the gift of Eternal Life in Christ, in spite of God's mercy and undeserving grace. Romans 8:1-2 NKJV *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

VERSE 20 *So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"*

God uses the things that happen to you and me as a representation of His grace that we in turn will bring Him Glory. He is glorified when we accept Christ as our personal Savior and live for Him. When other people observe your life they know that you are different because of how you respond to on going challenges. [Pray and ask God to give you a word to share with others about how much God loves and cares for them.](#) Realize that without the Holy Spirit and His anointing in our lives, we have nothing to say that can help change a life.

VERSE 21 *For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

It took the most pure person to cover the stain of sin in our selfish and sinful lives. There is no other person born in earth to cover my sins and your sins for all eternity. *People, it has never been about religion; it's about relationship!* Do you have a relationship with Christ? When you are born in sin the only way out is through the blood of Jesus, who died, who was buried and who rose from the grave offering us eternal life.

You don't have to miss out on Heaven. You just have to repent and be born again of the spirit. Why be ruled by the pride of life, when God has made a way to fulfill your life. How long will it



take and how many near death experiences do you need to convince you that God desires a better life for you here, now and eternally.

John 3:16-17 NIV *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.* 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

APPLICATIONS:

Share your faith like you would share your story about the person you have come to love.

Resist the feelings of not being worthy to tell your story. Just speak from your heart and God will use it.

Ask God to give you a word and opportunities to share it with someone and He will.