**Seven Steps to Consistent Christian Living**

Step 4 Sharing Your Faith with Others

**Introduction**

Someone once said witnessing is like one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread. Upon reflection, this is a good example because as believers we bring nothing to the party and Christ provided everything we needed for salvation, even the faith to believe (For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast, Ephesians 2: 8-9).

Evangelism or to evangelize, simply means to tell others about the good news, the gospel. We often refer to this as witnessing or sharing a testimony. God uses our speaking, singing, actions and lifestyle to communicate this good news to others. It’s a wonderful experience to be used by God to lead someone to Christ, as we grow in our walk with the Lord we should pray to be used by God in this most blessed way.

Therefore, letting others know what God has done in our lives isn’t just an obligation but a great opportunity! We should share our faith with family and friends first, they are the ones closest to us and although it isn’t always easy to share with those who know us best, our confession of faith will strengthen us. If we are new in the faith, or new to talking to others about our faith the following, are a few guidelines to help us get started.

1. **Share your testimony**
	1. Everyone loves a good story and as believers, we have a great one to tell. Just begin with the basics, the events that led up to receiving Christ as Lord and Savior.
	2. Share how you received Christ, the prayer you prayed and at least one Scripture to affirm your salvation (Romans 10:9).
	3. Let them know that you have taken the first step on your spiritual journey and you’re happy that you did, because of faith in Jesus you have a new life, your sins are forgiven, and you now have eternal life with Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).
	4. If you are a member of a church or seeking to be, invite them to go to church with you.
2. **How Jesus shared the gospel with the woman at the well (John 4:1-30)**
	1. Jesus broke down barriers:
		1. Jesus broke tradition and barriers between Jews, Samarians, and Gentiles of various social classes who were touched by his words and miracles. He ministered to men, women, and children alike even though it wasn’t common for religious leaders to do so in his day. Christ’s ministry illustrated the nature of this great salvation, all are included, and none are excluded. Faith is the entry and the common denominator of all who believe (John 1:11-13; John 3:16; Ephesians 2:11-22).
	2. **Jesus Gave an invitation**
		1. Jesus offered the woman at the well living water or eternal life. He used the fact that she was weary from the drudgery of life and lifestyle to speak to her felt need. He told her that the water he would give her would quench her thirst, spiritual thirst for eternal life. Only Jesus can provide the world what it’s truly thirsty for through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit (vv.4:13-14).
	3. **Jesus Inspired worship**
		1. Jesus is the Messiah: Jesus reminds us that true worship is in the Spirit and not in forms or rituals. This worship only happens in those who know Jesus as Lord and Savior by faith and have given the control of their lives over to him. Jesus told the woman plainly that he was the promised Messiah who was speaking to her which inspired her both to worship and witness (vv. 24-26).
	4. **Jesus Inspired evangelism**
		1. The woman knew very little about the faith which Jesus introduced her to, but her excitement spilled over to others and lead to a great revival in her Samaritan village (vv.28-30; 39-42). Our knowledge of the faith doesn’t have to be great to bring others to Christ, learning basic scriptures on salvation, provided below, and sharing what the Lord has done for us is a wonderful beginning. Inviting others to church and Bible study is a very effective means of evangelism. As is praying for your unsaved family members and friends.

**Scriptures on Salvation (peacewithgod.net)**

**We were created to have peace and fellowship with God**

"We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
Romans 5:1

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."
John 3:16

"I [Jesus] have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."
John 10:10

**Sin separated us from God**

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
Romans 3:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 6:23

"There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death."
Proverbs 14:12

"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear."
Isaiah 59:2

**Only faith in Jesus can bring us back to fellowship with God**

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus."
1 Timothy 2:5

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."
1 Peter 3:18

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."
John 1:12

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
Romans 10:9