

HOPE



A REASON FOR THE HOPE

Our World desperately
needs hope...

And we have it...

His name is Jesus



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1 PET 3:15-16

¹⁵ But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,



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¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.



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God has placed you where
you are so that you can
spread the hope that
you have with those in
your circle of influence



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EVANGELISM IS...

1. Relational

- Our greatest tool in sharing our faith is our relationships with non-Christians
- Relationships are fueled by love
- Love compels us to share the hope we have



JOHN 4... JESUS & THE
WOMAN AT THE WELL
2 COR 5:14-15... CHRIST'S
LOVE COMPELS US

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EVANGELISM IS...

2. Overflow

- Evangelism is the overflow of a transformed heart
- Overflow of a heart conviction – belief
- We can never hope to share what we do not possess



LUKE 6:45... OUT OF THE
OVERFLOW OF THE HEART
THE MOUTH SPEAKS
2 COR 3:17-18... REFLECT
GOD'S GLORY

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EVANGELISM IS...

3. Word & Deed

- Evangelism involves both proclamation of the message of the cross and radical commitment to *holy living* (discipleship)

2 TIMOTHY 1:6-10... TESTIFY
AND LIVE HOLY LIFE



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SHARING MY FAITH...

1. Pray

- We need to pray for our lost friends
- Pray that their eyes and minds would be opened so that they can see Jesus and understand the gospel



2 CORINTHIANS 4:4... THE
DEVIL HAS BLINDED
UNBELIEVERS

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2. Be Available

- Dangerous prayer, but you must be willing for God to use you to share the good news with people you love



ISAIAH 6:8... HERE I AM,
SEND ME!

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SHARING MY FAITH...

3. Be Courageous

- Sharing your faith takes courage
- The enemy is not happy about you spreading hope!
- Expect opposition
- Our courage comes from the Bible



JOHN 17:20... THEY WILL
PERSECUTE YOU ALSO
ACTS 4:12-13... TOOK NOTE
THEY HAD SPENT TIME
WITH JESUS

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4. Rely on the Holy Spirit

- Discernment...
When?
- This is where you need to know God's story and your story
- Resources available...
App "Faith Explored"



ACTS 1:8... YOU WILL
RECEIVE POWER & BE
WITNESSES

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But will we tell them?

