

Reaching Out

Why Is Sharing My Faith Important?

I. Introduction

- A. I do believe all of us can _____ in this and really _____ how to share our faith better, regardless of our background, our personality, or our temperament!
- B. We can _____ share our faith, and do it _____, if we just understand a few things.

II. Why Is Sharing My Faith So Important?

- A. Because _____ loves _____ people!
 1. John 3:16 (NAS) *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."*
- B. Because of God's _____ in _____ life.
 1. II Kings 6:24-29 (NLT) *"Some time later, however, King Ben-hadad of Aram mustered his entire army and besieged Samaria. As a result, there was a great famine in the city. The siege lasted so long that a donkey's head sold for eighty pieces of silver, and a cup of dove's dung sold for five pieces of silver. One day as the king of Israel was walking along the wall of the city, a woman called to him, 'Please help me, my lord the king!'"* *"He answered, 'If the LORD doesn't help you, what can I do? I have neither food from the threshing floor nor wine from the press to give you.'"* *But then the king asked, 'What is the matter?'"* *She replied, 'This woman said to me: 'Come on, let's eat your son today, then we will eat my son tomorrow.'"* *So we cooked my son and ate him. Then the next day I said to her, 'Kill your son so we can eat him,' but she has hidden her son."*
 2. II Kings 7:3-10 (NLT) *"Now there were four men with leprosy sitting at the entrance of the city gates. 'Why should we sit here waiting to die?' they asked each other. 'We will starve if we stay here, but with the famine in the city, we will starve if we go back there. So we might as well go out and surrender to the Aramean army. If they let us live, so much the better. But if they kill us, we would have died anyway.'"* *So at twilight they set out for the camp of the Arameans. But when they came to the edge of the camp, no one was there!* *For the Lord had caused the Aramean army to hear the clatter of speeding chariots and the galloping of horses and the sounds of a great army approaching. 'The king of Israel has hired the Hittites and Egyptians to attack us!'"* *they cried to one another. So they panicked and ran into the night, abandoning their*

tents, horses, donkeys, and everything else, as they fled for their lives. ⁸When the lepers arrived at the edge of the camp, they went into one tent after another, eating and drinking wine; and they carried off silver and gold and clothing and hid it. ⁹Finally, they said to each other, "This is not right. This is a day of good news, and we aren't sharing it with anyone! If we wait until morning, some calamity will certainly fall upon us. Come on, let's go back and tell the people at the palace." ¹⁰So they went back to the city and told the gatekeepers what had happened. "We went out to the Aramean camp," they said, "and no one was there! The horses and donkeys were tethered and the tents were all in order, but there wasn't a single person around!"

3. _____ was an unthinkable _____ at this point for these guys!
4. One of the most effective ways to always be ready to share your faith is by managing your _____ in such a way that you always stay mindful of your _____ in Christ!
5. Don't forget that Satan will do everything in his power to convince you -- as a follower of Jesus -- that you are a "_____."
6. Two matters of self-management.
 - a. _____ God regularly.
 - b. _____ what God says about _____ in His Word.
- C. Because it's an _____ to be _____ by God.
 1. Acts 1:8 (NAS) *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."*
 2. _____ are part of God's plan to reach a lost world, with your personality, your gifts, talents, vocation, etc.
 3. I've found my effectiveness as an "agent of God" is almost always dependent on my _____ to God _____!
- D. Because of the reality of _____.
 1. Jesus knew where people were going if they didn't surrender their life to Him! And that _____ Him!
 2. Christianity is the greatest way to _____, and the _____ way to _____!
 3. We can never forget that the stakes are _____ when we're talking about the souls of men and women!
- E. Because of the _____ of leading somebody to Christ!

III. Conclusion