

You Can Share God's Truth Simply

God's Vision for Us - Part 2

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Pray Daily for your Five Friends Focus

Introduction

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV) And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

2 Timothy 4:7 (ESV) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Hebrews 12:1 (ESV) Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

1. We Are Empowered by the Spirit to Witness

Acts 1:8 (ESV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

John 14:26 (ESV) But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV) for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

2. We Share Truth Through Everyday Opportunities

Colossians 4:5–6 (ESV) Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

1 Peter 3:15 (ESV) but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

Matthew 5:16 (ESV) In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

3. We Trust God with the Results of Our Witness

1 Corinthians 3:6–7 (ESV) I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

Isaiah 55:11 (ESV) so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Galatians 6:9 (ESV) And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

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1. What does it mean for you to “pass the baton” of faith in your daily life?
2. How does it encourage you to know that Jesus is with you when you share your faith with others (Matthew 28:18–20)?
3. What helps you stay faithful to your part of God's mission, even when it's difficult (2 Timothy 4:7)?
4. Who in your life reminds you that you're not running the race of faith alone, and how does that motivate you (Hebrews 12:1)?

1. We Are Empowered by the Spirit to Witness

1. When have you experienced the Spirit giving you courage to speak when you felt unprepared (Acts 1:8)?
2. How have you sensed the Spirit reminding you of truth in a moment you needed it (John 14:26)?
3. In what ways have fear, love, or self-control shaped your willingness to share the Gospel (2 Timothy 1:7)?
4. Application: What specific step will you take this week to rely on the Holy Spirit instead of fear when an opportunity to witness arises?

2. We Share Truth Through Everyday Opportunities

1. How can you make the most of your everyday conversations to point others toward God (Colossians 4:5–6)?

2. How can you prepare to respond with gentleness and respect when someone questions your faith (1 Peter 3:15)?
3. In what ways do your actions reflect your faith to those around you (Matthew 5:16)?
4. Application: What's one ordinary setting—at work, online, or in your neighborhood—where you can intentionally let your light shine this week?

3. We Trust God with the Results of Our Witness

1. How does it change your perspective to remember that only God causes spiritual growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7)?
2. What gives you hope when it seems like your efforts to share God's Word haven't produced visible results (Isaiah 55:11)?
3. What encourages you to keep doing good when you feel like giving up (Galatians 6:9)?
4. Application: Who is one person you'll commit to praying for and inviting this week, trusting God with the outcome?

Conclusion

1. Who is God placing on your heart to pass the baton to this week, and how will you take that step?
2. What fear has been holding you back from sharing your faith, and how will you respond differently next time?
3. How can you build a regular habit of prayer and dependence on the Holy Spirit to help you share God's truth more naturally in your everyday life?