

THE WORDS OF GOSPEL (adapted from Joe Aldrich, Lifestyle Evangelism, p 82)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conviction of the Spirit Encouragement of the Christian 	PERSUASION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decide to trust Jesus Baptized Enfolded into a church
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible reading Literature Mass Media Sermon Personal sharing Home Bible study 	PROCLAMATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People hear the message Begin to understand the implications Become positive to the gospel- want more See a personal need
THE LIFE OF THE GOSPEL		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Love, unity, acceptance Service, help Good works, integrity Understanding Hope, purpose, faith 	PRESENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People are helped/loved People see integrity/love People join in a cause People join a group- life group, Alpha, etc.
MEANS OF EVANGELISM	STEPS OF EVANGELISM	RESULTS OF EVANGELISM

WAS JESUS' PUBLIC MINISTRY NON-RELATIONAL? (all words, no love & service?)

1. He felt c_____ on the crowds- Mt 9
2. Wanted to go to every s_____ village- Mk 1
3. Told the 12 & 70 to stay at _____ house- Mt 10, Lk 10
4. Healed usually people i_____
5. Jesus listened, ate, served and loved in both his public and private ministry – He B.L.E.S.S.ed

❖ **WHAT'S GOD SAYING TO YOU?** – write it down, pray it back, share it with others!

Heavenly Father, I see it. This is a lifestyle of blessing- praying, listening eating, serving and sharing my story. I'm scared, but help me take baby steps. Give me some no-brainer opportunities. I especially feel You saying to me...

B.L.E.S.S.- SHARE YOUR STORY

4/10/22, Jn 9

5 EVERYDAY WAYS TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR & CHANGE THE WORLD!

- **B-** Begin with Prayer – 5 Friends
- **L-** Listen
- **E-** Eat
- **S-** Serve
- **S-** Share your Story

Pray for your friends for Easter- 4/17!

GETTING OUR FEET WET

- What is the best car ever?
- How would you answer that question?

• **The Point- we have the WHAT – JESUS - now the HOW!**

1. The best advertisement is a s_____ c_____
2. ...Because people are looking for s_____ c_____
3. Spiritually- 79% of the unchurched said they would listen to their friend's story if...
 - They would first listen to them without judgment- 2/3s have no friends who do that
 - They would let them make their own conclusions- nobody likes high pressure
 - Their friend would share their story with genuine sincerity, not c_____

DIVING INTO SCRIPTURE – 3 people who just told their story

Mark 5¹⁵ When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ¹⁶ Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. ¹⁷ Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region. ¹⁸ As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹ Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” ²⁰ So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

John 4²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” ³⁰ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.”

John 9²⁴ A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God by telling the truth,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.” ²⁵ He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”

SHARING OUR STORY- 3 STEPS

- PART 1 - MY LIFE BEFORE I MET JESUS- what were you like? What did you struggle with? If you grew up in church, what was your life like before you got serious about following Him?
- PART 2- HOW I MET JESUS? How did you become a Christ follower? A crisis? A friend?
- PART 3 MY LIFE SINCE I MET JESUS- How has following Jesus changed you? Helped you in the good and hard times? How do you still fail or struggle? How are you still growing?

TURNING 6 STUMBLING BLOCKS INTO 6 STEPPING STONES

1. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY

- Share your story
- Simple verses – John 3:16- “For God so loved the world..., Rom 6:23- “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- Simple stories- Thief on the cross, Lk 23:39-43, Sinful woman anointing Jesus Lk 7:36-50
- Simple Tools- 3 Circles, The Invitation (CD), Evangecube, 4 Spiritual Laws, Website, Right Now Media, (careful on the “Canned”, use these as supplements, adapt, personalize)
- Set up a time- “Sometime I’d like to talk to you about my own spiritual journey.”
- Invite to church, special event, small group- “Come & see” – Jn 2:46

2. WHAT IF THEY ASK ME A HARD QUESTION?

- “That’s a good question. Let me get back to you.” Or- “What do you think?”
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you- Mt 10:19-20
- People usually care more about your h_____ and love than your logic.

3. I DON'T WANT TO IMPOSE MY BELIEFS ON MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY

- It’s not our job to save anybody just to tell the t_____. Ezek 33
- If you don’t tell them who will? “How can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?” (Rom 10:14, NLT)
- Your own story is compelling but NOT imposing.
- “Sharing Jesus is one beggar telling another where he found bread”
- 79% of the unchurched are open to hear your story- if you first listen, don’t pass judgment and share with genuine love and confidence.

4. SHARING MY STORY MAKES ME FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE

- Sure, it does! Was it comfortable the first time you tried to ride a bike? Drive a car?
- The only way to get comfortable is to do the uncomfortable
- Write it out- 2-4 minutes
- Practice- by yourself, in front of a mirror, with a friend, a small Christian group...
- Ask God to give you some no-b_____ opportunities

5. BUT I FEEL SO ALONE

- Use the power of p_____ (Acts 2)
 - Jesus promised to be with you and give you the Holy Spirit
 - You are joining the conversation Jesus has already started
 - Pray and keep praying to feel His presence as you share
- Use the power of fellow C_____ (Acts 2)
 - It takes an average of 5 Christian friends and 2.5 years to lead someone to Christ
 - If the person goes to church or joins a Christian group, it takes usually ___ weeks.
- Use the power of BLESS- don’t let your story stand alone-(Acts 2)
 - Shore up your story with the rest of the BLESS- pray, listen, eat, serve.

6. BUT I AM NOT GIFTED- I’m not an evangelist or pastor

- 70-90% come to faith in Jesus through _____
- Change your paradigm on evangelism- satisfied customers, “One beggar telling another where to find bread.”
- Look at how Jesus himself did evangelism

	STREET EVANGELISM	B.L.E.S.S. EVANGELISM	FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM
Relationship	Stranger	Friend/Stranger	Friend
Character Strength	Boldness, faith	Love, bold, faith, wisdom	Love
Opportunity	Make it happen	Wait & Make It Happen	Wait for it to happen
Emphasis	Content- Gospel	Relationship & Gospel	Relationship
Timing	Point in time	Process & Point in Time	Process
Biblical Model	Mt 28- Go make disciples of all nations- Jesus’, Peter’s Paul’s <u>public</u> ministry	Mt 28- In your going make disciples-Jesus’, Peter’s, Paul’s <u>private</u> ministry	I Pet 3-give an answer to everyone who asks you