

...And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.—Acts 2:47 ESV



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   Warren...a way of life!

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Because the impact of the early church was first in the neighborhood and then the nations of the world.

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts...

—Acts 2:46 ESV

And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

—Acts 5:42 ESV

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But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

—Acts 8:3 ESV

<sup>30</sup>Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. —Acts 16:30-32 ESV

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...<sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Acts 20:20-21 ESV



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<sup>25</sup>And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" <sup>27</sup>And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

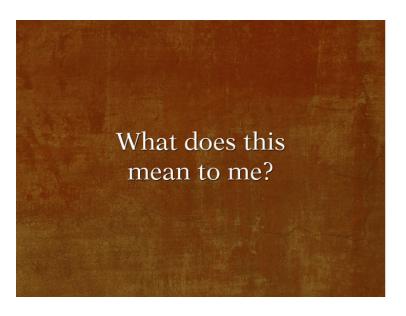
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<sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

—Acts 10:25-29 ESV

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. —Luke 19:10 ESV

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personal witness





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- personal witness
- practical witness

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"When evangelism is attempted, it rarely begins with 'in their shoes' empathy. If Christians really understood the spiritually lost people around them, they would talk about faith more naturally. Evangelism would be more of a conversation and less of a high-pressure sales pitch."

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"Unfortunately, most Christians do not understand non-Christians. We do not know what they think or how they feel, so we do not know how to help them even though we know what they need—a personal relationship with Jesus—we cannot get the conversation started. So often, we say nothing." —John Kramp, Out of Their Faces and Into Their Shoes

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And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

—Acts 2:47 ESV

Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.

—Acts 5:41 ESV

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- powerful witness

"Witnessing is sharing Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God." —Bill Bright

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People in your neighborhood and mine need a...

- personal witness
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- positive witness
- powerful witness
- pointed witness

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.

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<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

—1 Corinthians 15:1-5 ESV

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## Start with God

- God is the ultimate reality. Genesis 1:1
- God created us to know Him. Ecclesiastes 3:11
- God loves us and cares about each one.

## Talk About Us

- We are wanderers.
- We are lost—don't know it!
- We all fall short.
- We are sinners by nature and choice.
- Sin is headline news!

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## Emphasize Jesus...He is our only hope!

- Jesus came to pay the debt of sin.
- Jesus came to restore broken relationships.
- Jesus does what we cannot do— He is the Savior and we need to be saved!

## Pray and Speak

- Trust God's Spirit when you speak.
- Trust God's Word when you witness.
- Trust God's promise to all who believe.

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