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A Story to Tell Acts 8

When you make your l_____, your m_____ and your m_____ is all about Jesus -- when you know him personally and he becomes the very center of who you are and what you do -- and when you discover that he is the one who really makes life worth living, then it's only natural that you want to share this joyful truth with others.

Five things we need to keep in mind whenever we share the gospel.

1. Listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Vs. 29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

This is where sharing your f_____ begins. The S_____ leads you into it. He'll gently speak to you and draw something to your attention.

2. Look for the open door.

Vs. 31 So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

Your daily witness, how you live your l_____, how you l_____ and s_____ others gains respect and make the soil fertile for planting.

When you share your faith, look for the open door. Try to make sure that the soil is fertile before you plant the seed.

3. Begin where they are.

Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. (Acts 8:35)

It's tempting to get into an argument or debate, but arguments and debates are never won. So the goal in sharing your faith is to try to have a give-and-take conversation with him that begins with them where they are.

4. Tell them about Jesus.

That's where our conversation needs to go. It's all about Jesus. It's not about church or politics and following a bunch of rules and regulations. It's all about Jesus, how he lived and died and rose again, and all who put their trust in him experience a new life in him, because he is the Lord of all creation and he wants to be the Lord of your life.

Our goal is to show a lost and dying world how they can experience life in a one-on-one relationship with Jesus Christ. When you share your faith, share Jesus.

5. Leave the decision to them.

Vs. 33 -37 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot.

Do you know what would be a better way to describe evangelism? You're not God's sales person, you're his reporter.

It's your job to tell the story. To report what God has done through Jesus Christ and what he has done in your life. Tell his story, and tell your story.