

Going While Growing
Overcoming Our Hesitations to Share the Gospel
(Selected Scriptures)

I think we all agree that we should fulfill The Great Commission. True believers in Jesus Christ know that we must reach out to the entire world with the saving message of the gospel. A person who has truly been redeemed fully agrees that gospel that we believe and have staked our eternity on should be shared with every human being. We also know that we are individually responsible for getting that good news out to the World. It is not just the job of the clergy or church leadership. Every believer should be sharing the gospel. So, why isn't it happening more frequently? Or, more personally, why am I not sharing the gospel regularly? There can be any number of answers to this question. However, most true believers confess that they are held back by a sense of inadequacy when it comes to communicating God's truth to nonbelievers. It really boils down to a lack of confidence in ourselves to express the gospel in a persuasive enough manner so as to convince someone to follow Jesus.

This sense of inability is completely accurate! We are not capable of turning anyone's heart to Jesus. Thankfully, that's not our job. This study is designed to teach us that sharing the good news is not reserved for a time when we are fully knowledgeable or completely versed in all of the nuanced aspects of God's truth. We do not wait until we know it all or feel fully prepared. Christ sends us out as His representatives while we are still growing so that we are unwaveringly dependent on the power of the Holy Spirit in our evangelistic efforts. Furthermore, sharing the gospel is one of the principle means of developing our understanding of the gospel. We grow as we go. We don't need to have the answer to every question. We must simply share what we know and watch God work.

- I. Our Confidence Rests in _____. I _____ Share the Gospel.
- a. I am called by _____.
 - b. I am being taught by _____.
 - c. I am sent by _____.
 - d. I am being made like _____.
- II. Our Confidence Rests in the _____. I _____ Share the Gospel.
- a. The omnipotent _____ in me.
 - b. The omnipotent _____ me.
 - i. I have _____.
 - ii. I have _____.
 - c. The _____ is responsible for _____, not me.
- III. Our Confidence Rests in the _____. I _____ Share the Gospel.
- a. God knows _____.
 - b. God knows the _____.
 - c. God knows the _____.