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# Openings



So how am I to respond? I've decided that I really don't care about their motives, whether mixed, bad, or indifferent. Every time one of them opens his mouth, Christ is proclaimed, so I just cheer them on! And I'm going to keep that celebration going because I know how it's going to turn out.

Through your faithful prayers and the generous response of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, everything he wants to do in and through me will be done. I can hardly wait to continue on my course. I don't expect to be embarrassed in the least. On the contrary, everything happening to me in this jail only serves to make Christ more accurately known, regardless of whether I live or die. They didn't shut me up; they gave me a platform! Alive, I'm Christ's messenger; dead, I'm his prize. Life versus even more life! I can't lose.

Philippians 1:18-21 (MSG)



# Evangelism Explosion

- Question #1: if you died tonight do you know if you would go to heaven?
- Question #2: if you stoop at the gates of heaven and God said to you, Why should I let you into my heaven? What would you say?




## Roman Road 3,5,6,10

- Romans 3 – Everyone has sin
- Romans 5 – Sin leads to death
- Romans 6 – The free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus
- Romans 10 – if you confess & believe you will be saved

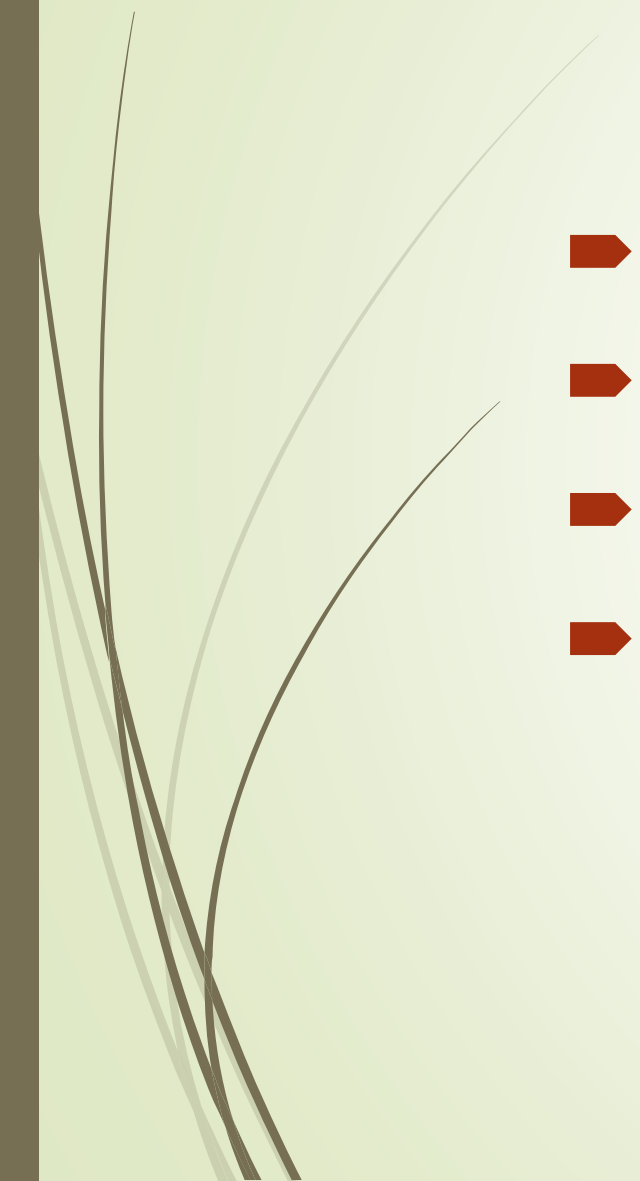


# Four Spiritual Laws

- God Loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life
  - Sin separates you from that plan
  - Jesus restores you
  - This happens with a process of Salvation
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# Real Conversations

- Be Kind
  - Be Present
  - Be Brave
  - Be Jesus
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# 42 Seconds



**That's the average length of Jesus' recorded conversations. Jesus changed the world, person by person, 42 seconds at a time, and so can we.**

What if followers of Jesus were better equipped to live like Jesus, embracing, authentically, every interaction?

*42 Seconds* helps you to live and speak like Jesus in every conversation throughout your day – at the mailbox, over the fence, and in the grocery store.

Taking cues from Jesus' example, and his own stories, Carl Medearis emboldens you with these simple Kingdom truths so you can share your life in Jesus with others in the most natural ways.





# Be Kind

- ▶ Say hi
- ▶ Be nice, friendly,
- ▶ Look them in the eye, Acknowledge as human
- ▶ Acknowledge the people who inhabit the background:
  - ▶ Beggars, servants, machine people
- ▶ Do something small for them
- ▶ Ask a question, ask another question
- ▶ Ask a question about who they are
- ▶ Do not ask a question that is trying to make a point
- ▶ Laugh with a child





# Be Present

- ▶ See the person, look at them, really listen to them
  - ▶ Hear their story
- ▶ Hagar and the Angel of the Lord, Genesis 16:8-
  - ▶ Sarah treated her harshly and she fled
  - ▶ Where did you come from?
  - ▶ Where are you going?
  - ▶ You are the “God who see me!”



# Be Present

- Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person
  - be quick to listen,
  - slow to speak,
  - slow to anger;

James 1:19



# Be Present - listen

- Rich young ruler : Good Teacher,
  - “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”



## Be Present - listen

- **Real conversation** (not pre-scripted pitches) involves really listening to the person and the Holy Spirit
- Avoid agendas, formulas, scripted pitches
  - If there's anything that will kill a healthy lively conversation, it's a pre-conceived agenda



# Be Present: authentic

- Requires humility:
  - meaning see yourself as God sees you
    - not better, not worse
- Jesus sermon on the Bread of Life – John 6
- Temptation from the Temple - Luke 4



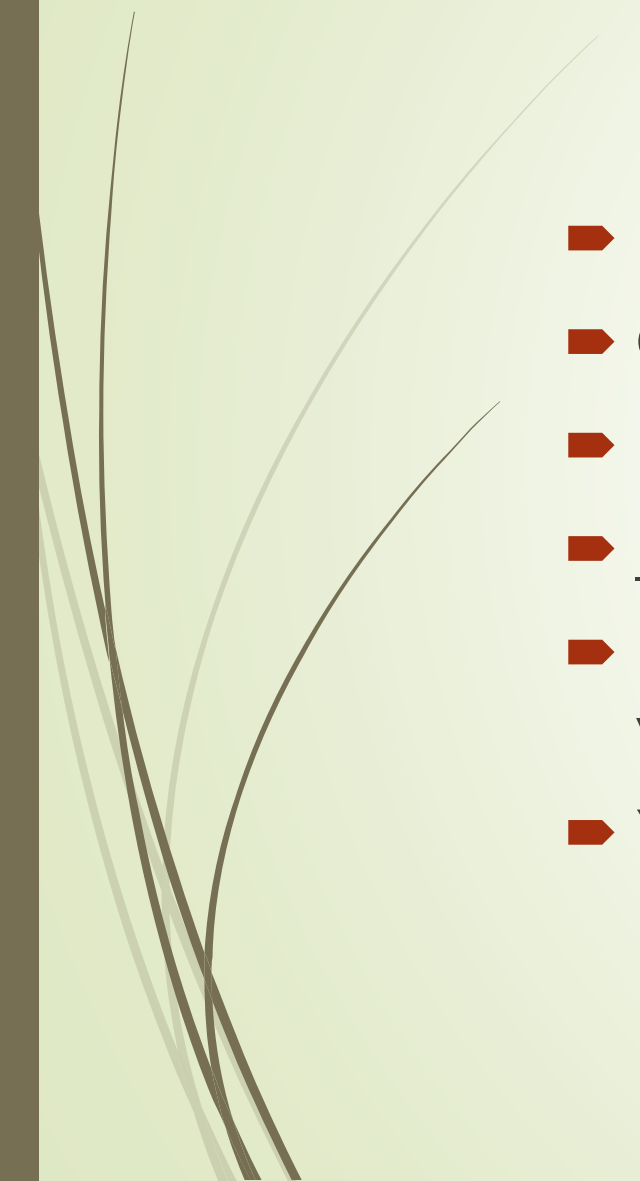
# Be Present: authentic

- Be vulnerable
- Jesus in the Synagogue - Luke 4 reading Isaiah 61
  - Vs 22: all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words
  - Vs 28: When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.





# Consider the way of Jesus:

- ▶ Put away your strategy.
  - ▶ Choose authenticity.
  - ▶ Be engaged with what's really happening.
  - ▶ Enjoy each person you meet.
  - ▶ Show the person in front of you that they mean more to you than your plans.
  - ▶ You never know what might happen next.
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