

Introduction to Personal Evangelism: Can I get a witness?

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- **PP:** Whenever God supplies your needs, the way to demonstrate your gratitude to God is to seek to help meet the needs of others.

Matthew 25:34-40 KJV - *[34] Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35] For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36] Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37] Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38] When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39] Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40] And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*

- **PP:** Just going to church cannot be and must not be the priority going forward.

I. The post pandemic Pentecostal paradigm

- **Mark 16:15-18,20 KJV** - *[15] And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

A: World = Kosmos =

1: The inhabitants of the earth, mankind, the human family

- **John 3:16-17 KJV** - *[16] For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17] For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

- **PP:** The gospel message must be presented with an abundance of POSITIVITY with an intentional emphasis on OPPORTUNITY and DESTINY.

2: Kosmos = The ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ.

B: Preach = kērýssō

- 1: To proclaim after the manner of a herald
- 2: To speak with gravity and an authority which must be listened to and obeyed
- 3: To publish, proclaim openly: something which has been done

C. Gospel = euangélion

- 1: The glad tidings of salvation through Christ
- 2: The proclamation of the grace of God manifest and promised in Christ
- 3: The glad tidings of the kingdom of God soon to be set up, and subsequently also of Jesus the Messiah, the founder of this kingdom. After the death of Christ, the term [preach] comprises also the preaching of Jesus Christ as having suffered death on the cross to procure eternal salvation for mankind, but as restored to life and exalted to the right hand of God in heaven, soon to return in majesty to consummate the kingdom of God.
- 4: The preaching of the The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the RESTORATION of mankind back to his original state of fellowship with God and dominion over the earth.

- **PP:** Because God so loved the world that he gave us Jesus to die for all of our sins, EVERY HUMAN BEING deserves to be told that Christ died for their sins and that their soul can be saved.
- **PP:** Too many people are dying, not because they want to die, but because they do not know that LIVING is an option.

Acts 8:26-28,30-31 KJV - [26] *And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. 27] And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the*

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charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, 28] Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. 29] Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.30] And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? 31] And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

- **PP:** You are someone's guide to God! If you don't tell them, they won't know. If you don't show them, they won't know where to go.
- **PP:** In this post pandemic Pentecostal paradigm, we will no longer wait for people to come where we are. {To the church} Instead, we will proactively and intentionally go meet them where they are, **WHEREVER THEY ARE.**

Luke 14:23 KJV - *[23] And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.*

Mark 16:16-20 - *He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. [17] And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;*

- **PP:** It shall no longer be enough for you to have the Holy Ghost within you; The criticality of this hour now requires that **EVERY BELIEVER** now have signs **FOLLOWING YOU!**

Mark 16:16-20 - *18] They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 20] And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*

Personal Evangelism; Can I get a witness? (Lesson 2)

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- **PowerPoint:** *There is no more important news in the world than the good news that Jesus Saves!*

Romans 10:15 KJV - [15] *And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*

People are desperate for some good news in these bad news times; and those of us who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ have the news the world needs to hear.

Romans 10:14 KJV - [14] *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*

It is dangerous to assume that just because there is a church on every corner and religious programming on internet television 24 hours a day that everyone knows who Jesus is and what he can do for them. One of the mistakes those of us who grew up in and around church make is presuming that everyone knows the basic truths of the Bible like we were taught them; But the truth is we are now living in a majority biblically illiterate society in the United States, by institutional intentionality. We are also now dealing with the SECOND majority unchurched generation of youth since the United States was founded.

Mark 7:6-9,13 KJV-[6] *He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. [7] Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. 8] For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. 9] And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. 13] Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.*

- **PowerPoint:** *Anytime man made traditions take precedent over the commandments of God, our worship is in vain.*

Salvation IS NOT OF WORKS, lest any man should boast. That's why our praise should literally be endless, because his mercy endureth FOREVER! There is a GREAT NEED for every believer to be THE WITNESSES that Jesus commanded us to be, before he ascended back to heaven after the resurrection.

Acts 1:8 KJV-[8] *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

- **PowerPoint:** Witnesses = Martyrs
 - 1: Witness in a legal sense
 - 2: Witness in a historical sense
 - 3: One who is a spectator of anything
 - 4: In an ethical sense a witness are those who after his example have proved the strength and genuineness of their faith in Christ by undergoing a violent death
- **PowerPoint:** In laymen's terms, Jesus is saying he is depending on us whom he has filled with his power, to tell others who he is, why he came, and what he can do for them, based upon your personal experience.

B: Seven reasons YOU must be a witness for Jesus:

1: Because no one can tell your story like you can tell it!

John 9:13-21 KJV -[13] *They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. 14] And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. 15] Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. 16] Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. 17] They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet. 18] But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. 19] And they asked them, saying, Is*

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this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? [20] His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: [21] But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.

- **PowerPoint:** Others can praise God with you, but NO ONE can praise God for you! You've got to tell your own story!!

2: Every ear cannot hear every voice. There are people to whom YOUR VOICE is assigned and if you do not speak to them, they cannot hear it from anyone else because their ear is sovereignly tuned to your voice.

Acts 9:3-17 KJV-*[3] And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: 4] And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 5] And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. [6] And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. 7] And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. 8] And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. 9] And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. [10] And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. 11] And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, [12] And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. 13] Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: 14] And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. 15] But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: 16] For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. 17] And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.*

3: Your personal experiences in life and with God make you authentic to people who may not initially be able to relate to church...but they can relate TO YOU.

2 Corinthians 3:1-6 KJV-[1] *Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you? 2] Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: [3] Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. 4] And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: 5] Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; 6] Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*

Xenophobia is derived from the Greek word 'Xenos' meaning “foreigner or stranger” and Phobos which means 'morbid fear'.

Xenophobia is the irrational sensation of fear experienced about a person or a group of persons as well as situations that are perceived as strange or foreign.

Personal Evangelism; Can I get a witness? (Lesson 3)

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- **PowerPoint:** We will not proceed with the false assumption that just because there is a church on every corner and religious programming on internet television 24 hours a day that everyone knows who Jesus is and what he can do for them.
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- **PowerPoint:** We are also now dealing with the SECOND majority unchurched generation of children since the United States was founded.
- **PowerPoint:** We are also faced with the challenge of deprogramming and reprogramming people who THINK THEY KNOW JESUS, after they have been indoctrinated with the philosophies and traditions of men.
- **PowerPoint:** Anytime man made traditions take precedent over the commandments of God, our worship is in vain.

II. The urgent need for Witnesses

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4: The magnitude of Gods mercy toward us REQUIRES (not requests) REQUIRES that we tell others of the goodness of God.

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Luke 12:48 KJV - [48] *For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.*

Psalms 107:2 KJV - [2] *Let the redeemed of the Lord (SAY SO) whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;*

- **PowerPoint:** Someone's soul is your (SAY SO) away from being saved.
- **PowerPoint:** Silent saints are the secondary reason there are so many suffering sinners.
- **PowerPoint:** The problem is not that the church lacks power. The problem is we are loud and proud as long as we are in the church, but we suddenly go deaf and mute when we are outside of the church.
- **PowerPoint:** Satan and sin are the primary reasons for so much suffering in the world. But when saints are silent about the good news, (the gospel) we become accomplices to Satans murderous agenda.
- **PowerPoint:** We will be held responsible for knowing the Christ but not caring enough about other people's souls to share the cure.

Matthew 7:21-23 KJV-[21] *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22] Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23] And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

- **PowerPoint:** In soul winning specifically and in ministry in general, our motives are just as important as our mission.

Matthew 6:1-2,5-6 KJV-[1] *Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.*

- **PowerPoint:** Alms = eleēmosynē
 - Compassionateness, i.e. (as exercised towards the poor)
 - Beneficence, or (concretely) a benefaction: alms(-deeds)

Matthew 6:1-2,5-6 KJV-[2] *Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 5] And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. [6] But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.*

- **PowerPoint:** If we do the right things for the wrong reasons when we are finished tallying up all the souls Jesus saved, (that we thought we saved) Jesus is going to tell us, I never knew you. And when we ask him how is that possible, he's going to reply, because you NEVER knew me.
- **PowerPoint:** The depth of our true knowledge of God is not known by how we handle the scriptures, it is known by how we handle PEOPLE.

John 8:37-47 KJV -[37] *I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. 38] I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. 39] They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. 40] But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. 41] Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. 42] Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. 43] Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. 44] Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. [45] And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. 46] Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? 47] He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.*

- **PowerPoint:** The depth of our true knowledge of God is not known by how we handle the scriptures, it is known by how we handle PEOPLE.
- **PowerPoint:** In this post pandemic Pentecost, we must stop trying to scare people with the threat of hell and intrigue them with the possibilities of heaven.

Romans 2:1-4 KJV - [1] *Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. 2] But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. 3] And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? 4] Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?*

- **PowerPoint:** We must teach potential converts that heaven is the most beautiful place on earth!

Ephesians 1:3-4 KJV-[3] *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: [4] According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

Psalms 143:7-8 KJV-[7] *Hear me speedily, O Lord : my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. 8] Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.*

Personal Evangelism.

Lesson 4

Sub Topic: BE BOLD!!

- **PowerPoint:** Defining Bold
 - 1: Not hesitating or fearful in the face of actual or possible danger or rebuff;
 - 2: Courageous and daring:
 - 3: Not hesitating to break the rules of propriety; forward; impudent:

Matthew 5:13 *Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.14. Ye are the light of he world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.15. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.*

- **PowerPoint:** Every where you go as a saint of God instantaneous effervescent light should be introduced into the environment.

Matthew 5:16 - *Let your light so shine before men, that they may SEE your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

- **PowerPoint:** In soul winning, what people SEE opens their heart ❤️ to what we have to say. If what they are SEEING is not lining up with what we are SAYING, we may lose that soul forever.

Acts 4:1 KJV. -*And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees, came upon them.*

- **PowerPoint:** When your order does not line up with Gods order, I dont care what your title is....you are OUT OF ORDER!
- **PowerPoint:** True Revival always disturbs the status quo.

Acts 4:2. - *Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.*

- **PowerPoint:** The more UN-informed you can keep people, the more control you can exercise over them.
- **PowerPoint:** A bible teaching Pastor is one of the greatest gifts 🎁 one can receive in this life.

The reality of Jesus resurrection created FEAR in the hearts of the religious establishment because if the people knew and believed Christ rose from the dead physically, it would incite a spiritual insurrection that would inspire the people to seek after the power of the holy ghost and rise from the dead spiritually!

Acts 4:3-4 KJV- *And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide. 4. Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. Not including women and children.*

- **PowerPoint:** The origin of your power is not in your hands. The point of origin from which the power over death and life, poverty and sickness, lack and distress, is in YOUR MOUTH.

II Timothy 2:9 - *Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.*

Acts 4:5 -7 KJV- *And it came to pass on the morrow.....that their rulers, and elder, and scribes 6: And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priets, were gathered together at Jerusalem. 7: And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?*

The Witness has five directives from Jesus concerning the manifestation of that power.

- 1: In my name shall they cast out devils
- 2: In my name they shall speak with new tongues
- 3: In my name shall they take up serpents;
- 4: In my name no deadly substance shall harm them.
- 5: In my name they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover!

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Acts 4:8-10 KJV - *Then Peter filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people and elders of Israel, 9. If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; 10: Be it known unto you ALL and to ALL the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by HIM doth this man stand here before you whole.*

- **PowerPoint:** At some point the good you do will be placed on trial. When Satan cannot deny the power of the name, he will question the integrity of your faith.

I Peter 1:7 KJV - *That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ*

Acts 4:11 KJV: *This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.12: Neither is their salvation in any other: For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we MUST (not may) but MUST be saved!*

Acts 2:38 KJV-[38] *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

Matthew 1:21 *Thou shalt call his name JESUS, for he shall save his people from their sins.*

Acts 4:13 KJV: *Now when they saw the BOLDNESS of Peter and John and perceived they were unlearned:*

- **PowerPoint:** Unlearned Agrammatoi=uninstructed in the Rabbinical law,
- **PowerPoint:** and ignorant men=iddiootai=of the common sort,

Acts 4:13 KJV - *continued: then they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.*

- **PowerPoint:** When you have been with Jesus, people won't see you, they will see HIM!



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Acts 4:14 KJV- *And beholding the man which was healed STANDING with them, the could say nothing against him.*

- **PowerPoint:** *Soul winners are in the pick em up business! Not the push em down business!*

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Ephesians 3:11 KJV- *According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: 12. In whom we have BOLDNESS and access with confidence by the faith of HIM!!*

Personal Evangelism Lesson 5

Sub-Topic: Can I get a witness?

[6] When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? [7] And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. [8] But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:6-8 KJV

- **PowerPoint:** *The devil is making too much noise in the world for the saints to sit silent in the church.*

Matthew 3:1-3 KJV-*[1] In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, 2] And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. 3] For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, THE VOICE of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.*

- **PowerPoint:** *Your voice is the key to someone else's victory.*

1: Fear in various forms

2 Timothy 1:6-8 KJV - *[6] Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. 7] For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. 8] Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;*

- **PowerPoint:** *It is possible to have a passion for souls but still feel apprehensive about the verbal aspect of witnessing.*

Challenges to overcome in witnessing:

1: Social phobia, also known as social anxiety, is the third most common mental disorder in the United States.

- **PowerPoint:** Social phobia is when you may feel overwhelmed by thoughts that someone doesn't like you or will think what you say is stupid, unintelligent, or unpleasant.

Tips to overcome witness anxiety:

1: Always be cordial and approachable.

- **PowerPoint:** *Your witness first begins with your actions. So if it becomes necessary to use words, people will see you as a winner and not a weirdo.*

1 Peter 2:9 KJV-[9] *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

- **PowerPoint:** *The word peculiar is from the Greek word peripoíēsis = purchased or acquired;*

Proverbs 11:30 KJV - [30] *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.*

2: Be willing to participate in conversations and activities other than religious or spiritual

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 KJV- [19] *For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. 20] And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; 21] To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. 22] To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. 23] And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.*

3: Have a general knowledge of the key doctrinal principles of the major world religions, but immerse yourself in the study of the Bible.

2 Timothy 2:15-16 KJV-*[15] Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. [16] But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.*

4: Pray for the expansion of your understanding of the scriptures so that you may share not only their spiritual relevance, but their social and political relevance as well.

Deuteronomy 4:5-6 KJV-*[5] Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. 6] Keep therefore and do them ; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.*