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1. HOW TO "BE" ✓ _____

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2. WHAT TO SAY ✓ _____

Matthew 5:16 — Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Acts 1:8 (NLT) — You will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere.

Colossians 4:6 — Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

3. WHAT TO DO ✓ _____

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (The Message) — ¹ You'll remember, friends, that when I first came to you to let you in on God's master stroke, I didn't try to impress you with polished speeches and the latest philosophy. ² I deliberately kept it plain and simple: first Jesus and who he is; then Jesus and what he did—Jesus crucified. ³ I was unsure of how to go about this, and felt totally inadequate—I was scared to death, if you want the truth of it—⁴ and so nothing I said could have impressed you or anyone else. But the Message came through anyway. God's Spirit and God's power did it, ⁵ which made it clear that your life of faith is a response to God's power, not to some fancy mental or emotional footwork by me or anyone else.

Common Obstacles

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Acts 17:27 (The Message) — He doesn't play hide-and-seek with us. He's not remote; he's near.

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Ephesians 2:8-9 — ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Romans 6:23 — For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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