

## Day 40: Start Spreading the News!

Welcome to the 40<sup>th</sup> and final day of our 40—day series. We pray this has been beneficial to you. If you remember, the first few devotionals helped us understand the importance of Christianity and what it means when a person receives the gift of eternal life. It's not only good news, it's the best news, and with news this good, it is news that needs to be shared. That's what we do with good news, isn't it? We *need* to tell people: "I'm getting married!" "We are having a baby!" "I got the job!" "I just saved a bundle of money on my ---" "you get the point?"

Well, the Bible tells us that "*Beautiful on the mountain top are the feet of those who carry the good news*" (Isaiah 52:7, italics mine). Think about it this way. If someone gave you the cure for cancer, or Multiple Sclerosis, you might run to tell people and give them the cure. The gospel is the cure for mankind. It is the news that man can be reconciled to God by accepting Jesus. Sadly, statistics show that over 90 percent of Christians will never tell anyone about their faith. The reasons for this staggering statistic range from apathy to fear to feeling inadequate. What if they ask a question that we can't answer? What if they ask about the dinosaurs? What if they ask how Jonah survived for three days and nights in the belly of a big fish? How do I share this message with a world that needs it? Check out our application section today for a few easy steps to help you start spreading the news!

## **Application**

1. *Pray for God to open doors to tell family, friends, co-workers, strangers...anyone who will listen. Pray for openings and for God to give you the courage, and the words to share His truth.*
2. *After you pray, watch for Him to open doors. It's the old principle that encourages us to pray for rain, and then carry an umbrella. Here are some helpful points:*
  - *Use an ice breaker. Talk to them about your weekend. Tell them about something you did or have done at church. See if God would open an opportunity to ask them if they go to church anywhere.*
  - *If they do, talk to them about their church experience and ask what they believe about Heaven. If they do not, then ask them if they have any kind of a spiritual belief or background. Either way, listen to what they have to say and don't feel the need to interject.*
  - *From there, simply pray and ask, "Would you mind me telling you what I believe?" Usually, if you have listened to them they will listen to you. Maybe you start off with something like this, "At one point I didn't know what to believe...I thought all "good people" went to heaven but then one day someone asked, "How good do you have to be?"*

- *The crucial points are, 1) God's standard is perfection (Matthew 5:48), 2) all men are sinners and thus all fall short of the standard (Romans 3:23), and 3) God loved you so much that He sent His Son to die for your sins (John 3:16) that if you repent and invite Jesus into your heart, then you receive the gift of eternal life!*
  - *Always ask if they want to pray to receive Jesus; we are not promised tomorrow!*
3. *Check out the following websites to help equip you:*
- [www.wayofthemaster.com](http://www.wayofthemaster.com)
  - [www.christiananswers.net/evangelism/methods/home.html](http://www.christiananswers.net/evangelism/methods/home.html)
4. *Write your testimony in the space provided and always be ready to share your God's story!*