

ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 10, HOW COMFORTABLE DO YOU FEEL SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH OTHERS?



WHY?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT EVANGELISM AND OUR ROLE IN IT?

- 1 PETER 3:14-15
- MATTHEW 28:18-20
- ACTS 1:8
- ROMANS 10:11-17
- LUKE 12:8
- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20
- MARK 16:15
- PSALM 145

"One night I had a dream. A woman clutched a little girl, struggling to hold her child's head about the water. Nearby, a wave plunged a man into its salty depths. He choked for air as he thrashed his arms against a ceiling of water. All around, the ocean churned with drowning people, gasping for air and desperately trying to push their heads above the surface. The roar of the relentless waves doused their dreams. Their cries caught the wind, but only in vain. They were alone in their terror, with no help in sight. Then a huge rock appeared, and a voice called into the darkness. People began crawling up the rock's craggy sides to safety. But when they got to safety, something happened that drove me almost goofy. The people who emerged from the waves got busy. They got involved in building rock garden, rock lives, rock jobs, listening to their rock music, and going to rock meetings where they talked about the people who were still drowning in the ocean. But nobody went back to the waters edge to help.

"Have you ever tried to run or yell in a dream? In my dreams I can do neither. Yet I tried to run; I tried to yell at the top of my lungs, 'How could you have forgotten you were once in the sea?' As I watched the 'saved' scurry about their rockwork and as I listened to their rock talk, I realized that the rock was the cross of Calvary. The voice they heard was Jesus, calling by the power of the Holy Spirit, inviting them to come join Him. He's never high up on the rock where it's safe; He's calling from the ocean's edge, where the dead, the diseased, and the lost are found, and as you might recall, that's where He found you."

"Did you know that as few as 10% of the people in an average church have shared their faith in the past year? That means 90% of us have chosen to be silent. Just like in my dream, those who were drowning have gotten so busy and involved with the safety of 'The Rock' they've forgotten to reach out to those who are still drowning."

• FROM SHARE JESUS WITHOUT FEAR BY WILLIAM FAY

WE ARE NOT CALLED TO BE SILENT. WHY DOES IT MATTER?

- ROMANS 3:23
- ECCLESIASTES 7:20
- ISAIAH 64:6
- ROMANS 3:10
- JAMES 2:10
- 1 JOHN 1:8

WE HAVE BEEN _____ TO BE A _____

- MARK 16:15
- 1 CORINTHIANS 9:22

SO HOW DO YOU SHARE THE GOOD NEWS?

ESTABLISH

Establish a relationship. In some cases, this may mean 30 years. In others, it may mean 30 minutes.

TURN

When the opportunity presents itself, turn the conversation to spiritual matters.

ASK

Ask if you may discuss with them what you believe. "May I talk to you about what I believe?"

TELL

Tell them what Jesus has done for YOU!