

Four Ways To Be Prepared To Share Your Faith

A. Your **Story**.

“He answered and said, “Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.”
John 9:25

B. Your **Good News**.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”
Romans 1:16

C. Your **Invitation**.

“And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”
John 1:46

D. Your **Generosity**.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
Matthew 6:21

Will You Use The Ordinary Action Of Your Readiness To Be A Difference Maker?

THE DIFFERENCE MAKER **Ordinary Actions For Eternal Impact** **My Readiness Can Make A Difference** **Pastor Steve Reynolds**

INTRODUCTION

A. Are you ready to be a Difference Maker? If you are like most people, there’s something about sharing your faith that makes you clam up. When you think about talking to the unbelievers in your life about God, you worry that you may say the wrong things or that they may think negatively of you. But those thoughts are whispers and lies from an enemy hoping to keep you trapped in a life of little impact. God has called you to be a difference maker by being a light for Him.

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.”
Matthew 5:14

B. God has uniquely positioned you to influence those around you for him. He wants to partner with you in changing people’s lives both now and for eternity. This teaching series will show you how you can begin using your everyday life to make a difference in the lives of those who don’t know Jesus.

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C. TEXT: Acts 8:26-38 (Pew Bible/Pg 1078/New Testament)

MY READINESS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Difference Maker Principle: God uses me when I am ready to be used.

I. BE **WHERE** GOD WANTS YOU TO BE (Physical Readiness)

“Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, “Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is desert.” Acts 8:26

“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” II Peter 3:9

“Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.” II Corinthians 5:20

II. BE **AWARE** OF WHO GOD WANTS YOU TO INVEST IN (Spiritual Readiness)

“27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,

28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.

29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go near and overtake this chariot.”

30 So Philip ran to him...” Acts 8:27-30a

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

People are most receptive to God when they face **tension**, **transition** and **trouble**.

III. BE **PREPARED** TO SHARE MY FAITH AT ANY TIME

“30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

31 And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.

32 The place in the Scripture which he read was this: “He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

33 In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.”

34 So the eunuch answered Philip and said, “I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?”

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?”

37 Then Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.” Acts 8:30-38

“5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”

Colossians 4:5-6

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,” I Peter 3:18

“Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.” Acts 2:41