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Courage To Share My Faith

Have you ever been caught in the crossroads of knowing what you should do, say, or share, but lacking the courage to *actually* do it? It is one thing to know the right thing; it's another to have the bravery to face the unknown, uncomfortable, or scary. In Acts, we find Peter in the temple courtyard at this very crossroad. He is filled with fear and stepping into denial, something he once said he would never do. Similarly, we find ourselves in this. We know we are called to share our faith, but when the opportune moment comes, we can hesitate or fold.

But Peter's story does not end there. It goes from cowardice to courage. In Acts 4, Peter stands in the same place, before the same people, with a new boldness and courage. Because he was not alone, the Holy Spirit filled him. Courage is not something we have to muster on our own, it is something we receive from the Holy Spirit when we yield to Him.

Key Scripture | Acts 4:8-12

Then Peter, ***filled with the Holy Spirit***, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is 'the stone the builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Related Scriptures

— Matthew 26:69-75, Revelations 12:1, Acts 4:29-31

Icebreakers:

— Q: Talk about a moment in your life when you knew the right thing to do, but struggled to find the courage to actually do it?

Key Thoughts and Reflections: _____

I. Moments We Lack Courage – Just like Peter

Q: When you think about sharing your faith, what thoughts or emotions tend to stop you from stepping into that moment?

Q: Do you find yourself justifying moments you did not share your faith? What are some of those justifications?

Q: Is there a place or a moment you have been wanting to share your faith, but you haven't had the courage? If so, where?

II. From Cowardice to Courageous – The Holy Spirit Gives Courage

Q Have you tried to find courage in places other than God? Where and how?

Q: No matter what happened the last time you tried to share your faith, the Holy Spirit wants to give you courage for this next time. How does looking at Peter's transformation encourage you that God can change your fear into boldness?

Q: Just 100 days later, in the same place, Peter speaks like a different person. Is there an environment you want to find yourself speaking with new courage, where you were once quiet?

III. We Start the Conversation, God Holds the Outcome

Q: We often feel pressure to produce results or change in someone else. How does shifting from outcomes to obedience change the way you view sharing your faith?

Q: What would a 1-degree shift towards starting conversations about your faith look like for you in your day-to-day life?

Q: What do you pray God will do in the lives of those around you with your "yes" to sharing your faith?

Get Practical

God does not call us conjure up change in someone, He is just asking if we would be partnering with the Holy Spirit in sharing our faith. Here are four ways you can start practicing courage this week:

1. **Pray for Daily Gospel Opportunities.** Sometimes we miss what is right in front of us. Ask for God to open your eyes to the opportunities He has placed around you. This week, pay attention to one ordinary interaction and ask God, "Is this a moment for me to share about You?"
2. **Practice a 1-Degree Shift.** It might be rare to find spiritual conversations around you to naturally spring up. But what if we practice taking a 1-degree shift closer to nudging the spiritual in our ordinary day-to-day conversations? Think of a conversation you will have this week. How could you move it 1-degree toward discussing about your faith?
3. **Share Your Story.** The Bible talks about how sharing our story is strategy for evangelism. What part of your story could you share this week that might open a door for someone else to see Jesus?
4. **Invite to Church.** You won't have all the answers, but you can offer an invitation for someone to experience Jesus with others. Who in your life could you invite to church?