



MOVING
T O W A R D
MATURITY



HEBREWS 6:1A NIV

¹Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity.





REASONS WHY WE DON'T SHARE OUR FAITH

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- **AWKWARD**
- Scared what people will think
- I'm an introvert
- I don't know enough about the **BIBLE**
- I don't have any opportunities to share
- It's not my gifting
- I don't have enough time
- I don't know any **UNBELIEVERS**
- My life is currently not perfect



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WHAT **JESUS** SHOWS US ABOUT WITNESSING AND EVANGELISM

MATTHEW 4:18-20 ESV

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him.



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Where the
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Jesus invites us
to an IDENTITY

MARK 5:1-2 NLT

¹So they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes. ²When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from the tombs to meet him.



MARK 4:35 NLT

³⁵As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake."



We need to understand
that we need to MOVE so
we can PURSUE.



MARK 5:3-5 NLT

³This man lived in the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain. ⁴Whenever he was put into chains and shackles—as he often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones.





They were trying to solve a SPIRITUAL problem with a PHYSICAL solution.

We need to understand
that when we share
our faith, it is a
SPIRITUAL BATTLE.



MARK 5:6-15A NLT

⁶When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him. ⁷With a shriek, he screamed, "Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don't torture me!" ⁸For Jesus had already said to the spirit, "Come out of the man, you evil spirit."



⁹Then Jesus demanded, "What is your name?"

And he replied, "My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man."

¹⁰Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place.

¹¹There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby. ¹²"Send us into those pigs," the spirits begged. "Let us enter them."



MARK 5:6-15A NLT

¹³So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd of about 2,000 pigs plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water.

¹⁴The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to



MARK 5:6-15A NLT

see what had happened. ¹⁵A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane,





We need to understand that the gospel is not just a ticket to heaven but is an invitation to **FREEDOM** and an **ENCOUNTER** with Jesus in the present tense.



MARK 5:15B-20 NLT

...and they were all afraid. ¹⁶Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs. ¹⁷And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone.



MARK 5:15B-20 NLT

¹⁸As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹But Jesus said, "No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been." ²⁰So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.



MARK 7:31-33A NLT

³¹Jesus left Tyre and went up to Sidon before going back to the Sea of Galilee and the region of the Ten Towns. ³²A deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to him, and the people begged Jesus to lay his hands on the man to heal him.

³³Jesus led him away from the crowd so they could be alone.



We need to understand that our job as a witness is to testify about what Jesus has DONE in our LIVES.



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A photograph of two men standing on a metal fence in a lush green field. The man on the left is wearing a light green shirt and a dark blue baseball cap. The man on the right is wearing a brown long-sleeved shirt and a dark baseball cap, and he is pointing his right arm towards the horizon. The background is a dense line of green trees.

WHAT ARE WE A WITNESS OF?



The gospel is the world changing good news that God has SAVED, is saving and will completely RESTORE the world through the power of Jesus Christ.



When you are sharing your faith, you are sharing the good news that because of Jesus a person can be free from whatever they are enslaved to.



ROMANS 6:6-7,11 NLT

⁶We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. ⁷For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.

¹¹So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.



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Be **OBEDIENT** when God taps you on the shoulder.

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