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*“Witnessing”*

*Recapturing the Evangelistic Impulse of the Church*

Introduction:

**We may need to go into places others won’t, to reach people others don’t, because they’re valuable to God and his mission.”**

Question#1 Why are so many in the Canadian Church paralyzed when it comes to sharing their personal experience with Christ?

Question#2 Why does witnessing cause us so much anxiety?

Bible: Please turn to the book of John 4:1-30

**Part I: The Why**

**Why pass through Samaria?**

(Jesus) left Judea, and departed into Galilee.
He **had to go** through Samaria.”
(John 4:3-4)

***Jesus is less about comfort and more about Kingdom.***

**What was so important in Samaria?**

“So he came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar,
near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son, Joseph.”
(John 4:5)

That was his mission **– to reconcile the world to God. (2 Corinthians 5:19)**

**Personal story- King Street Chaos**

**Jesus not only sets the example of the Why we are to witness (Reconciliation) but also shows us How to over come our fear (Empowerment/Method).**

**Part II The HOW**

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” **8**(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

(John 4:7)

**Witnessing tip#1: Witnessing begins with asking genuine questions that will lead to other opportunities to share the gospel.**

Application: Can you identify your Samaritan people? Make a list of all the places you visit each week.

* Where you buy your gas
* Where you shop for groceries
* Where you get your hair cut
* Where you get your car fixed

**Witnessing Tip #2: Be ready to share your testimony and answer any questions through the scriptures not through personal experience. Make sure to point people to Jesus. He saves, not us.**

**Witnessing tip #3: Don’t be afraid to talk about sin but it’s imperative you provide the hope for overcoming that sin.**

**Witnessing tip #4: Introduce people to the Living God- Share the gospel.**

**Witnessing tip #5: Don’t be afraid to use your own struggles as examples of God’s great mercy and grace.**

**So what is the take away?**

**We are not alone**

**We are called to go to Samaria, everyday**

**Alistair Begg shares** “ The Grace of God does not relieve me of my responsibility to be obedient; the grace of God makes Possible my obedience.**”**

**Don’t fear witnessing. “**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and **Samaria**, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8