

DAY 4 - *Make It Personal*

Let's be honest, sharing your faith with others can be terrifying. It often takes us right out of our comfort zones and drops us in unfamiliar territory. What are we supposed to say? What if we don't know all the answers to questions they might ask us? What if they reject us altogether? Jesus didn't give the disciples all the answers before sending them out. He knew they would still have questions, and so will we. When God tells us to reach out to the lost, it's not because we have perfect biblical knowledge. It's because God equipped us in other, unique ways. He has provided you with the words, the relationship, the personal experience, and the other distinctive qualities that may be exactly what the other person needs to hear.

Who originally shared their faith with you? Your parents? A friend? A stranger? What did they say to you? Did they know all the answers? Many times, sharing the good news of Christ comes from our own experiences and personal faith stories.

Today we are going to brainstorm some of the influential times in your own life when people shared their faith with you. Take some time to answer and reflect on the questions below.

HAS A STRANGER EVER SHARED JESUS WITH YOU? WHAT DID THEY SHARE? HOW DID IT MAKE YOU FEEL?

DID THEY SHARE A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OR A BIBLICAL STORY?

DO YOU REMEMBER A TIME WHEN SOMEONE YOU KNEW WELL SHARED JESUS WITH YOU? WHAT DID THEY SHARE? HOW DID IT MAKE YOU FEEL?

HAVE YOU EVER HAD SOMEONE OFFER TO PRAY OVER YOU WHEN YOU DIDN'T ASK FOR IT? HOW DID THAT MAKE YOU FEEL?

HAS ANYONE EVER GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY TO SERVE YOU OR HELP YOU FOR NO REASON EXCEPT TO SHOW YOU CHRIST'S LOVE? WHAT WAS SIGNIFICANT ABOUT THAT EXPERIENCE?

HAS SOMEONE SHARED A PERSONAL STORY WITH YOU THAT HELPED YOU WHILE YOU WERE GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT SITUATION? IF SO, HOW DID THEIR STORY HELP YOU DEAL WITH THE SITUATION?