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PAUSE

Take a moment to reflect on how scary and unnerving it can be to share your faith with others.

READ

Acts 4:1-4: 1 While they were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple police, and the Sadducees confronted them, 2 because they were annoyed that they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. 3 So they seized them and took them into custody until the next day since it was already evening. 4 But many of those who heard the message believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

BEHIND THE STORY

The Sadducees were a group of well-educated, well-respected priests who believed only in the authority of the Pentateuch or the first five books of the modern Bible. They were rigidly fixed to its teachings, feeling those books were the only divinely recorded word of God. Peter and John's preaching the resurrection of Christ would have been seen as a direct threat to their beliefs.

RESPOND

Peter and John were two men—not formally educated—preaching the gospel. Yet many people including priests, the captain of the temple police, and Sadducees approached them. **What does this tell you about the level of the religious leaders' fear about what was being preached?**

What specifically did the group of religious leaders find objectionable about what Peter and John were speaking to the crowds?

What was the response of the crowd to the gospel message after Peter and John were arrested? What does this say about the power of the good news of Jesus?





DAY 1: Obstacles

While we don't live in a society where we could be arrested for speaking out about our faith, obstacles to sharing our faith still exist, including our own fear and anxiety. List some others here:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

With how many people have you shared your faith in Jesus?

- A. None
- B. 1-5
- C. 5-10
- D. More than 10

How can you overcome obstacles and share Jesus with people you know who do not have Jesus in their lives? Prayerfully develop a plan to be more vocal about your faith within your friend group. Write it out below.

MEMORY VERSE

"So they seized them and took them into custody until the next day since it was already evening" (Acts 4:3).

Write each word of Acts 4:31 on an index card. Shuffle the cards, and then try to place them in the correct order. Repeat several times.





PAUSE

Take a minute to think on God's purpose for believers. Ask Him to open your eyes to see clearly His plan for you today.

READ

1 Corinthians 15:58: Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Circle the words "steadfast" and "immovable." Define these terms in your own words.

Steadfast =

Immovable =

Why is it important to stand strong in your faith?

According to Ecclesiastes 1:2-3, there is no gain for work that men do. The writer even called the work "futile" (Eccl. 1:2). However, Paul said the work we do for the Lord is not without purpose. How should this encourage and motivate believers?

Now, read 1 Corinthians 10:31: So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

Paul taught believers not to act in ways that caused others to struggle. How does the previous verse's admonition about "always excelling" (1 Cor. 15:58) when doing God's work help you understand what Paul meant by instructing them to "do everything for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31)?

The reality of the future, of eternity, shouldn't free us from our responsibility to be agents of change in the world—it should drive us to passionately proclaim the gospel message.



BEHIND THE STORY

The Corinthians previously asked Paul if they could eat food offered to idols (1 Cor. 8:1). Paul answered that it wasn't necessarily sinful to eat food offered to idols; however, he cautioned the believers to consider how their actions might affect believers who previously practiced idolatry. He even considered this act a sin against those who struggle because it could defile "their conscience" (1 Cor. 8:7) if they were to engage in the same practice.

RESPOND

The gospel must be lived in the way we talk and act, but we must also share Christ's message verbally. Our purpose in this world is to see people repent and believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In what ways do you believe that the way you speak and act today could affect eternity?

How would your life look different this week if you really did believe that? Jot your thoughts below.

Sometimes Christians live like we don't believe in the spiritual and physical realities of heaven and hell. Pray, asking God to help you live with eternity in mind.

MEMORY VERSE

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).

Write the verse on a sheet of paper. Read the verse numerous times, each time marking through a word so you cannot see it until you get to the point of all words marked out.

PAUSE

Dwell on the fact that God declares you righteous on the basis of Jesus' completed work on your behalf. Pray that you would have eyes to see all that belongs to you through faith in Jesus.

READ

Acts 24:22-27: 22 Since Felix was well informed about the Way, he adjourned the hearing, saying, "When Lysias the commander comes down, I will decide your case." 23 He ordered that the centurion keep Paul under guard, though he could have some freedom, and that he should not prevent any of his friends from meeting his needs. 24 Several days later, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and listened to him on the subject of faith in Christ Jesus. 25 Now as he spoke about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix became afraid and replied, "Leave for now, but when I have an opportunity I'll call for you." 26 At the same time he was also hoping that Paul would offer him money. So he sent for him quite often and conversed with him. 27 After two years had passed, Porcius Festus succeeded Felix, and because Felix wanted to do the Jews a favor, he left Paul in prison.

Take a moment to skim the first 21 verses of chapter 24.

How did Felix respond after Tertullus' accusations and Paul's defense?

What evidence of God's sovereignty do you see in Paul's imprisonment? How was God using Paul to accomplish His purpose?

Why do you think Felix left Paul in prison even though he appeared to be innocent?

Paul held strong to his faith in Christ, even in hard times, and he continued to share about Jesus. Like Paul, we are always to show Christ through our actions and our words.



DAY 3: Always

BEHIND THE STORY

Paul's appeal sums up the totality of our salvation—past, present, and future. Paul addressed receiving righteousness from God (past tense), having self-control over temptation (present tense), and escaping the judgment to come (future tense).

RESPOND

Have you ever seen God use a bad circumstance to bring about an opportunity to share the gospel or minister to someone? Describe that situation below.

Think about Paul's situation. How would you share the gospel in unjust or difficult circumstances? Write what you would say.

MEMORY VERSE

"I have a hope in God, which these men themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection, both of the righteous and the unrighteous" (Acts 24:15).

Repeat the verse in a whisper. Then, say it again in a normal voice. Lastly, shout it.





PAUSE

Think deeply on the reality that God's love for you is unstoppable and unchangeable. You can't make Him love you any more or any less. Rest in His love today.

READ

Romans 8:31-39: 31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He did not even spare his own Son but offered him up for us all. How will he not also with him grant us everything? 33 Who can bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies. 34 Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is the one who died, but even more, has been raised; he also is at the right hand of God and intercedes for us. 35 Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: Because of you we are being put to death all day long; we are counted as sheep to be slaughtered. 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Circle the word "who" every time it occurs in this passage. How did Paul answer all these "who" questions in verse 37?

What examples did Paul use to illustrate how nothing can separate us from God's love?

Paul said he was "persuaded" (v. 38) about all the things that cannot separate us from the love of God. This is much bigger than just a feeling—Paul was absolutely, one hundred percent convinced of this fact.



BEHIND THE STORY

Our culture typically defines love as a feeling, but God's love is best understood as an action for the good of people. God's love was expressed in its highest form when He sent Jesus to die in the place of unworthy people (including us). This action God took is what Paul described at the end of Romans 8 as something that can never be taken away.

RESPOND

In your Bible, underline key phrases from Romans 8:31-39 that encourage you to see how God has given you victory, and write the word "victory" near these verses.

Ask yourself: Why did I choose those phrases? Then, reflect on ways your life could be different if you always lived in the reality of these verses.

Nothing can separate us from God's love; it is unchangeable. How does that truth make you feel? How does it motivate you to live your life?

MEMORY VERSE

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38-39).

Choose key words and make up motions for them. As you repeat the verse numerous times, make the motions as you do.



PAUSE

Do you have peace or are you often restless and worried? Take a second to make a list of things that are robbing you of peace and ask God to help you focus on Him.

READ

John 20:19: When it was evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were gathered together with the doors locked because they feared the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you."

The disciples had good reason to be afraid for their safety. Jesus had been found in the garden, arrested, and crucified. The disciples must have wondered when the Jews would send someone to arrest them too.

How might Jesus' appearance, in the flesh, bring them peace after His death and resurrection?

Jesus' appearance after His resurrection gave the disciples peace of mind. Christ conquered sin and secured their salvation.

How does the peace of God protect us from the traps of fear and worry?





BEHIND THE STORY

The Jewish community was divided over Jesus because many believed the Messiah would come to bring peace as the King of a physical kingdom on Earth. However, the peace Jesus brought was peace between God and people through forgiveness of sins; a peace that passes all understanding and guards the hearts and minds of Christ-followers (Phil. 4:7).

RESPOND

Think of a time when you have experienced the overwhelming peace of God. Was it in the midst of a difficult situation? Write about that time below.

Look back at the list of things that may be robbing you of peace. Ask God to take that burden from you and help you rest in His peace.

MEMORY VERSE

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I also send you'" (John 20:21).

Write the memory verse on a sheet of paper. Read it at least three times in a row. Cut the paper into puzzle pieces. Now, work to put together the puzzle. Cover the completed puzzle and recite the verse from memory.



PAUSE

If you are experiencing a need, God already knows and cares about what you're going through. Take a moment and thank Him for meeting you where you are.

READ

John 20:26-27: 26 A week later his disciples were indoors again, and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Don't be faithless, but believe."

Why do you think Jesus directly addressed Thomas when He appeared to the disciples this time?

What actions did Jesus encourage Thomas to take?

Thomas had been one of Jesus' loyal followers. Explain what Jesus meant when He told Thomas to believe.

How does Jesus' interaction with Thomas show us how to respond to doubters and unbelievers?



DAY 6: Evidence

BEHIND THE STORY

In this passage, Jesus demonstrates an understanding in His willingness to address Thomas' doubts in the ways Thomas requested. He invited Thomas to examine the physical evidence, and with a mild rebuke, encouraged him to believe in the resurrected King. Despite doubts and questions, Jesus welcomes believers to come to Him.

RESPOND

There is plenty of evidence to support Christ's story, but ultimately we must place our trust in His power to save. Once we belong to Him, He continues to provide evidence that He is at work around us.

Describe some doubts and questions you may have concerning your faith.

How does Jesus' challenge to Thomas challenge your doubts?

Prayerfully consider taking the list you made and meeting with your pastor or youth pastor to discuss any doubts or questions you may have.

MEMORY VERSE

"Then He said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and look at my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Don't be faithless, but believe'" (John 20:27).

Using the words of the key verse, create a rap or cheer or put the words to a television theme song.





PAUSE

How do you normally view God? As a loving Father? An authoritative Ruler? A distant Deity? Quiet your heart today and ask God to reveal Himself to you as a friend.

READ

John 15:12-15: 12 "This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants anymore, because a servant doesn't know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from my Father."

By looking at verses 12-13, what do you think it looks like to love as Jesus loved?

Jesus was about to give Himself up for death because of His great love for us in our sinful state. Think about the enormity of Christ's love. What did this mean for the disciples? What does it mean for believers today?

In foreshadowing His death to the disciples, Jesus removed Himself from a "Master" level and instead reminded the disciples they were His friends.

How does Jesus being your friend change or reinforce your perception of His love for you?

How can you actively pursue God as a friend?





BEHIND THE STORY

The very beginning of the passage commands us to love others the same way Christ has loved us. Christ loved us more than He loved Himself and was able to give up everything freely for us. Loving with that kind of abandonment and commitment is hard, but true. Christ-like love is deep and requires us to be willing to give up everything—even our lives (v. 13).

RESPOND

List all the roles that you traditionally think of God holding—even the negative ones.

Circle the ones that are positive, and then take the negative perceptions you have to Him in prayer. Bringing your fears and misconceptions before Him will allow you to experience peace in your confusion.

Ask God to help you embrace what it means to be His friend, and how to model your friendships based on His example.

MEMORY VERSE

“I do not call you slaves anymore, because a slave doesn’t know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from my Father” (John 15:15).

What do you think of when you read this verse? Make a drawing of that image and write the verse on it. Recite it several times and then say it from memory.





DAY 8: The Way

PAUSE

Pray for the Lord to reveal to you how His truth can transform your life.

Ever tried to go somewhere—a new restaurant, city, or classroom—but didn't know the way? How did you feel? Did anyone serve as your guide? Describe or illustrate your experience.

What do people use today in order to get directions to a location to which they have never been?

Sometimes, we need someone to show us the way. Jesus does just that.

READ

John 14:1-6: 1 "Don't let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if not, I would have told you. I am going away to prepare a place for you. 3 If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also. 4 You know the way to where I am going." 5 "Lord," Thomas said, "we don't know where you're going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

How would you rephrase Jesus' answer to Thomas in verse 6 in your own words?

As the "way," Jesus opens the door so we can have a relationship with the Father. Jesus is the path. As the truth, He is the reality of God's promises. He is "the life" because it is through Him—and only Him—that we have new, eternal life.

How have you found this to be true? Explain.

Scripture tells us that Jesus is the only way to the Father, the only way to be saved. What are some other ways you see people trying to find salvation or God?





BEHIND THE STORY

In John 14:6, we see the sixth “I am” statement from Jesus in the Gospel of John. (To read them all, check out John 6:35; 8:12; 10:7,9,11,14; 11:25; and 15:1,5.) Jesus’ “I Am” statements point to His divinity, relationship to God the Father, and His role in salvation.

RESPOND

Have you placed your faith in Christ and Christ alone for salvation?

Acts 4:12 and today’s verses attest that Jesus is the only way to God. He alone can provide us access to Him! Repent of your sins and place your trust in Him today.

If you are a Christian, recall the day you acknowledged Jesus as “the way, the truth, and the life.” Thank Jesus for His sacrifice and praise God for the amazing grace He continues to show you in Christ.

MEMORY VERSE

“Jesus told him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me’” (John 14:6).

Using a Bible app on your phone, play the audio of the key verse. Close your eyes and listen several times. Then, repeat the verse from memory.





PAUSE

If you are a believer, reflect on the new life you received because of Jesus' death and consider what your life might be without Him. If you are not a believer, turn your heart over to Him so you can become a new creation.

READ

John 11:17-27: 17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Bethany was near Jerusalem (less than two miles away). 19 Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. 20 As soon as Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, but Mary remained seated in the house. 21 Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died. 22 Yet even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." 23 "Your brother will rise again," Jesus told her. 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live. 26 Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who comes into the world."

What did Jesus find when He arrived in Bethany?

How does this make His delay surprising?

Martha knew that if Jesus had been there earlier, her brother could have been saved, but Jesus' plan was bigger than that.

How did Martha demonstrate her belief in Jesus' power (v. 22)?

What did Jesus mean when He said that He is "the resurrection and the life"?





How did Martha declare her faith to Jesus (v. 27)?

Jesus delayed coming to this family so He could display His power over death to the disciples and to Mary and Martha.

BEHIND THE STORY

The Bible gives more details into Mary and Martha's lives than that of their brother, Lazarus. Martha often is viewed more negatively than Mary, because she complained about her sister not helping with the tasks of hosting guests (Luke 10:38-42).

In today's passage, Martha greeted Jesus, trusted that He could have healed Lazarus, believed He could still do something, and declared her belief in Jesus as the Messiah.

RESPOND

Even though Mary and Martha had been hoping for a healing before their brother died, Jesus' delay allowed them to be a part of a bigger miracle.

Have you ever been praying for a miracle and God delayed? How did that play into His bigger picture for you or that situation?

How has God surprised you with something better than you expected?

Spend some time thanking God for the way He works in your life.





What are some steps you can take to develop a faith like Martha's?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

MEMORY VERSE

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live'" (John 11:25).

Recite the key verse several times. Then, rewrite it in your own words.





PAUSE

Grab your Bible, journal (sheet of paper or index card), and a pen. Write a prayer thanking God for His grace and mercy.

READ

Romans 8:33-34: 33 Who can bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies. 34 Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is the one who died, but even more, has been raised; he also is at the right hand of God and intercedes for us.

Who can accuse or condemn God's people?

Who justifies us?

Why is it important to see the connection between these truths?

Jesus intercedes for us. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus, the Son of God and the One who died to justify us, is the one who defends you against Satan's accusations?

Read John 10:28: "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand."

How does this verse support what Paul said in Romans?

God sent Jesus to die for our sins. Through His righteousness, we are declared righteous. We are justified, meaning that God sees us as if we had never sinned in the first place.





BEHIND THE STORY

The phrase “even more” following the description of Jesus as the One who died in verse 34, demonstrates the importance of His resurrection. Jesus died to pay for our sins, but in His resurrection, He defeated death and is able to offer eternal life to those who trust in Him as Savior.

RESPOND

Write a definition for justification in your own words.

Journal what it means to you that God justified you despite your sinful nature.

Spend a couple of minutes thanking Him for the gift of justification.

How can our personal expectations and life experiences complicate how we understand justification and righteousness?

How does the legal analogy of being declared “not guilty” help you understand justification?

MEMORY VERSE

“I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me” (Gal. 2:20a).

Draw or build a cross out of craft sticks. Write the key verse on it. Repeat the verse several times. Consider giving the cross to someone who does not know Christ and share about Him and what He has done in your life.

