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You were created to Go M.A.D. – to _____ a difference.

The biggest difference you can ever make is to take someone to _____ with you.

Successful evangelism is taking the initiative to share Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the _____ to God.

Luke 19:10; John 14:12

“...disciples of Jesus can’t help but make disciples of all nations. If we truly believe Jesus’ words and know Jesus’ worth, then we are compelled to be part of this task. Following Jesus necessitates believing Jesus, and believing Jesus leads to proclaiming Jesus. Consequently, a privatized faith in a resurrected Christ is practically inconceivable. Yet privatized Christianity is a curse across our culture and church today.”

“*Follow Me*” by David Platt

“Satan is always ready to rock the cradle of sleeping Christians.” – Pastor Skip Heitzig

A Biblical picture of how to make a difference...

Exodus 3:7-10

- God has seen all of the _____ people in your life.
- God is summoning you to join Him in a RESCUE MISSION to _____ their lives.

Everyday people become heroes when they become a _____.

Someone I really would like to have in heaven with me is _____

HOW TO RESCUE PEOPLE FOR ETERNITY

1. RECOGNIZE WHY YOU ARE _____ YOU ARE.

Esther 4:14b

- You are “Esther”, divinely positioned to _____ lives.
- God may even put a _____ on your front porch.
- Every person that you meet is _____ by God.
- The greatest title you’ll ever have - _____ for Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:20

An Ambassador is someone appointed by the highest authority there is to _____ Him in a specific place.

In his article, "Anatomy of a Sick Church – 10 Symptoms to Watch: Thom Rainer said, "one of the symptoms was "Little evangelistic fruit. As a general rule, a healthy church will reach at least one non-Christian for every 20 in worship attendance. A church with a worship attendance of 200, for example, should see at least ten new Christians a year.”

What is your connection to people?

Based on

- my interests
- my position in life
- and my background

Who are some of the kinds of people who might listen to someone like me?

_____ and _____

1 Corinthians 9:22

- Two assignments for spiritual rescuers...

1. _____
- Show people you are _____ because you follow Christ.

Biblically, if your faith hasn't _____ you, then your faith hasn't saved you.

"But followers of Christ are *new* creations, born from above and changed from within, with values and lifestyles that confront the world and clash with accepted morals. True believers don't blend in very well."

- Life Application Study Bible

1 Peter 4:2-4

- We are to be "_____" and "_____"

"If you are truly a disciple of Jesus, you will be supernaturally compelled to make disciples of Jesus. True followers of Jesus do not need to be convinced, cajoled, persuaded, or manipulated into making disciples of all nations. Everyone who follows Jesus Biblically will fish for men globally." *"Follow Me"* by David Platt

If your faith hasn't _____ you, your faith hasn't saved you.

"If Christians make no effort to affect the world around them, they are of little value to God. If we are too much like the world, we are worthless. Christians should not blend in with everyone else. Instead, we should affect others positively, just as seasoning brings out the flavor in food." - Life Application Study Bible on Matt 5:13

"An unexceptional, standard, run-of-the-mill life for someone who follows Jesus Christ is not acceptable to him, and should not be acceptable to who you see in the mirror each day." *"The Watchman"* by Mark Cahill

And.....2 - _____

Proverbs 24:11; Jude 1:23a

Penn of Penn and teller – "How much do you have to hate someone...?"

"It is the epitome of hate to not sacrifice your very life to spread the good news among every person you know and every people group on the planet." *"Follow Me"* by David Platt

2. EVERY DAY ASK JESUS TO BREAK YOUR HEART FOR THE _____.

I John 5:12

Daily application of God's Word has a purifying effect on our minds and hearts. Scripture:

- _____ out our sin
- _____ us to confess
- _____ our relationship with Christ
- _____ us back to the right path

"It is impossible to be neutral. Every person has a master – either God or sin...You are free to choose between two masters, but you are not free to adjust the consequences of your choice."
Rom 6:19-23 - Life Application Study Bible Commentary

When you see what Jesus sees, you'll see future _____ of Hell.

Jonathan Edwards on Hell – "...consider the torment of burning like a livid coal, not for an instant or a day, but for 'millions upon millions of ages', at the end of which they would know that their torment was no nearer to an end than ever before, and that they would never, never be delivered."

"Many books deny Hell. Some embrace universalism, the belief that all people will ultimately be saved. Some consider Hell to be the invention of some wild-eyed prophets obsessed with wrath. They argue that Christians should take the higher road of Christ's love. But this perspective overlooks a conspicuous reality: *In the Bible Jesus says more than anyone else about Hell.* (Matt 10:28; 13:40-42; Mark 9:43-44). He refers to it as a literal place and describes it in graphic terms – including - raging fires, and the worm that doesn't die. Christ says the unsaved 'will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and the gnashing of teeth' (Matt 8:12). In his story of the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus taught that in Hell, the wicked suffer terribly, are fully conscious, retain their desires and memories and reasoning, long for relief, cannot be comforted, cannot leave their torment, and are bereft of hope. (Luke 16:19-31). The Savior could not have painted a more bleak or graphic picture."
- "Heaven" by Randy Alcorn

Do we _____ God?

2 Cor 5:10-11

- Every person you care about is on one of two lists -

_____ or _____

3. CONQUER THE _____ THAT STOP YOU.

Acts 18:9-11; I Corinthians 2: 3-5

"How shall I feel at the judgment, if multitudes of missed opportunities pass before me in full review, and all of my excuses prove to be disguises of my cowardice and pride?" – Pastor W.E. Sangster

"We see opportunities to testify about Christ but we avoid them. We are more concerned about looking stupid (a fear of people) than we are about acting sinfully (a lack of fear of the Lord)."
When People are Big and God is Small – Edward T. Welch

Fear-Fighters for Spiritual Rescuers...

The Apostle Paul was afraid too!

Acts 18:9-11; 1 Corinthians 2:3-5

We need to remember who's in _____

Ezekiel 36:26-27; Philippians 2:13; 2 Timothy 1:7-8; Luke 12:11-12

You are just God's _____!

How do you know the Holy Spirit is prompting you?

- A _____ comes to mind – often out of nowhere
 - Do something _____ for someone
 - Pray _____ someone
 - Pray _____ someone
 - Share _____ with them
 - It won't go _____

“In order for us to be sensitive to the Spirit's leading, we must spend time getting to know His voice, because the more intimately we know Him, the easier it will be to hear His voice above all others.”
- David Jeremiah

“God always gives us the strength to do what he is commanded. This strength may not be evident, however, until we step out in faith and actually begin doing the task.” Life Application Study Bible

- How do you start?
 - Be _____

Total Fear		100%
Be prepared with a tool	-	_____%
Expect them to say “no”	-	10%
That leaves	=	10%

“In all four Gospels and in the book of Acts, more than 80% of the witnessing encounters occurred between total strangers.” “The Watchman” by Mark Cahill

For those you don't know...._____ be prepared with some Gospels of John or _____ Gospel tracts.

- Some recommended sources:
 - The Bridge Tract - www.majestic-media.com
 - Billy Graham's "Steps to Peace With God" - www.billygrahambookstore.org
 - Way of The Master - www.livingwaters.org
 - "One Second After You Die" Mark Cahill - www.markcahill.org
 - Pocket Testament League - www.ptl.org - **USE My Ref # 124064**
- Conversation Turners
 - What do you _____?
 - Has anyone _____ you one of these yet?
 - Can I _____ something with you?
 - Do you ever think about _____ things?
 - Do you go to _____ anywhere?
 - If you were to _____ suddenly today, where would you spend eternity?

For those you know...

- Make a _____ and pray for them every day by name.
- Consistently “show” them you’re different. Then _____ for opportunities to “tell” them why you’re different.

A _____ life convinces people of Jesus’ power.

Share Your Gospel Literature With Them

1. Can I share something with you that changed my life?
2. Would you read this and tell me what you think of it?
3. Could we get together next Tuesday and discuss your thoughts on it?

“Think about one of your friends who died without the Lord. Listen for a second. Can you hear them begging and screaming in Hell... ‘Please go and talk to my relatives about Jesus.’ Wrestle with that for a second.” - Mark Cahill

Colossians 4: 3-4

Pray the 3 - _____ Prayer - Ron Hutchcraft

1. Lord, open _____

- Natural opportunities arise from:
 - Something going on in _____
 - Something going on in _____
 - Something going on in _____

WHAT DO I DO WHEN I SEE THE DOOR OPEN?

1. Offer to pray for them _____!
2. Use their _____ in the prayer.

The KEY is to: _____ with them!

3 Open Prayer continued....

1. Lord, Open DOORS
2. Lord, Open _____
3. Lord, Open _____

“Imagine the impact our churches would have our communities if each Christian committed to sharing the gospel once a week with someone who expresses a need. – Chuck Swindoll

“If you think about it, there is no way you could ever fit into your church sanctuary all of the non-Christians with whom the members of your church are in contact weekly - no matter how big the sanctuary. The fact is, most people come to faith through the influence of family members, small group Bible studies, or a conversation with

a friend after a church service: Christians intentionally talking about the gospel.” - J. Mack Stiles - “Evangelism - How the Whole Church Speaks of Jesus”

Waitresses - “_____, *Thanks so much for the great service! This book will explain how to make THE most important decision of your life – where you’ll spend eternity. God bless you!” Sign your name.*

What’s at stake?

The greatest fear – not what will happen if I _____ try to rescue them, but what will happen if I don’t.

“Courage is not the absence of fear – it is the _____ of it.”

4. TELL THE _____ THAT CAN RESCUE THEM FOR ETERNITY
 - a. Your personal hope story in 3 parts – **BC – Conversion experience – AD**

Answer the big question: “What _____ does this make?”

John 9:25

“You don’t need to be a great speaker with a large vocabulary to share the good news effectively. The persuasive power is in the _____, not the story teller. - Life Application Study Bible.

Sharing Your Testimony by Charles R. Swindoll

[Acts 22:1-21](#)

A time-honored, effective method of evangelism is your personal testimony. Just telling about your spiritual pilgrimage. The skeptic may deny your doctrine or attack your church, but he cannot honestly ignore the fact that your life has been cleaned up and revolutionized.

Now I’m not talking about some stale, dragged-out verbal marathon. That kind of testimony never attracted anyone! I’m speaking of an effective, powerful missile launched from your lips to the ears of the unsaved. Consider these five suggestions:

1. *You want to be listened to, so be interesting.* It’s a contradiction to talk about how exciting Christ really is in an uninteresting way. Remember to guard against religious clichés, jargon, and hard-to-understand terminology. Theologians, beware!
2. *You want to be understood, so be logical.* Think of your salvation in three phases and construct your testimony accordingly: (a) before you were born again—the struggles within, the loneliness, lack of peace, absence of love, unrest, and fears; (b) the decision that revolutionized your life; and (c) the change—the difference it has made since you received Christ.
3. *You want the moment of your new birth to be clear, so be specific.* Don’t be vague. Speak of Christ, not the church. Emphasize faith more than feeling. Be simple and direct as you describe what you did or what you prayed or what you said. This is crucial!
4. *You want your testimony to be used, so be practical.* Be human and honest as you talk. Don’t promise, “All your problems will end if you will become a Christian,” for that isn’t true. Try to think as unbelievers think.

5. *You want your testimony to produce results, so be warm and genuine.* A smile breaks down more barriers than the hammer blows of cold, hard facts. Let your enthusiasm flow freely. It's hard to convince someone of the sheer joy and excitement of knowing Christ if you're wearing a face like a jail warden. Above all, be positive and courteous. Absolutely refuse to argue. Nobody I ever met was "arm wrestled" into the kingdom. Insults and put-downs turn people off.

Ask God to open your lips and honor your words . . . but be careful! Once your missile hits the target, you'll become totally dissatisfied with your former life as an earthbound, secret-service saint.

No persuasive technique will ever take the place of your personal testimony. If you have not discovered the value of telling others how God rearranged your life, you've missed a vital link in the chain of His plan for reaching the lost.

Tell the _____ story.

Say it in words they can _____.

Stick to _____.

1 Cor 2:2

Tell them about life's most important _____ . – Ron Hutchcraft

*** There's a relationship you were _____ to have.

Col 1:16c

*** It's a relationship you _____ have. I was created for Him, but I have lived for _____.

Isa 59:2a

You must deal with the _____ issue before presenting a solution.

If we are guilty of breaking _____ of His laws, we are guilty of breaking them all.

Are you REALLY good enough? Can we put you to the test? - Way of the Master

Let's look at a few of the 10 commandments to see if this is true:

- Have you ever told a lie? What does that make you?
 - A _____
- Have you ever stolen anything? What does that make you?
 - A _____
- Have you ever looked at another person with lust?
 - Jesus says that makes you an adulterer at _____.
- Have you ever taken God's name in vain? That make you a blasphemer
- So by your own admission, you're a _____, THIEVING, ADULTERER at HEART who BLASPHEMES God.
- So if He were to JUDGE you by just these 4 of the 10 Commandments, would you be INNOCENT or GUILTY?
- So would you go to HEAVEN or HELL?
- Does that concern you?

- Do you know what God did for you so you wouldn't have to go to Hell? Then explain the gospel.

Because of sin - _____ running your life instead of God running it.

Spiritual hijacking carries a _____ penalty.

Rom 6:23a

*** It's a relationship you _____ have.

I don't have it because of what I did. I can have it because of what _____ did.

John 3:16

Savior – Someone who _____ you from a deadly situation you can't rescue yourself from.

*** But you must _____ to have it.

- **Believe** – Jesus is who He said He was and that He paid your _____ in full.

John 14:6

Profession does not always equal _____.

- **Repent** – Admit you're a sinner, then turn from running your life your way to running it _____ way.

Acts 26:20b

True repentance - "Metanoia" – 4 parts – MUST get all 4! It's a change of one's:

_____, _____, _____, and _____.
Then forgiveness of sins is promised.

Luke 13:3; Colossians 2:6

"Paul wants to be clear that the repentance he's preaching isn't symbolic - it's a wholesale rearrangement of one's priorities that produces change." - Chuck Swindoll on Acts 26:20

"Surely none of us can *decide* to make Him Lord. Jesus is Lord regardless of what you or I decide.. The question is not whether we will make Jesus our Lord. The real question is whether you or I will submit to His Lordship, and this is the essence of salvation."

- "Follow Me" by David Platt

The "Lordship Question" – Have you _____ your life to the Lordship of Christ?

3 Kinds of Believers

1. _____ Believers
2. _____ Believers
3. _____ Believers

Which one are you?

- **Receive** – place your _____ and trust in Jesus Christ alone.

Romans 3:22; Eph 2:8-9; John 1:12

Discipleship

- What to tell those who have been rescued to begin the discipleship process
 - _____ every day
 - _____ God's Word every day and apply what you read
 - _____ a Bible believing church and get baptized
- For Lost Catholic Friends - YouTube - "A lost Catholic Woman Saved by Grace" - Jacquelyn's testimony
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cpmGVAEa2Jc>

Review of Important Points

HOW TO BECOME A SPIRITUAL RESCUER

1. Recognize why you are WHERE you are – a full time Ambassador for Jesus Christ
2. Every day ask Jesus to break your heart for the LOST. – They are future INHABITANTS of hell
3. Conquer the FEARS that stop you - Remember who's in CHARGE - You are God's GLOVE
4. Tell the story that can RESCUE them for all of eternity - BC – conversion – AD
 - Believe - Repent - Receive

PRAY THE 3 OPEN PRAYER EVERY DAY

1. Lord, open DOORS
2. Lord, open HEARTS
3. Lord, open MY MOUTH

2 ASSIGNMENTS FOR SPIRITUAL RESCUERS

1. SHOW

2. TELL

"If there are only two minutes left in a basketball game, and you are down eight points, what do you do? You pick up the pace. You press, you intentionally fouled to slow the clock down, and you shoot three-pointers. Time is running very, very short here on planet earth for so many souls. Pick up the pace while we still have time!" - Mark Cahill

"The Christian call to evangelism is a call not simply to persuade people to make decisions but rather to proclaim to them the good news of salvation in Christ, to call them to repentance, and to give God the glory for regeneration and conversion. We don't fail in our evangelism if we faithfully tell the gospel to someone who is not converted; we fail only if we don't faithfully tell the gospel at all. Evangelism itself isn't converting people; it's telling them that they need to be converted and telling them how they can be.

"The Gospel and Personal Evangelism" - Mark Dever