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Share Your Faith

A 6-Day Devotional on Letting What You Believe Do Something for Somebody Else

Week of Monday, September 14, 2026

This week we go past the sermon and into the mirror. Sunday we said sharing your faith is allowing what you believe about God to do something for somebody who is not you. Over the next six days we will take that one sentence and let it work on us. Each morning give it a few quiet minutes. Read the passage first, then the reflection, then answer honestly. The goal is not more information. The goal is a life somebody else can benefit from.

One question will follow us all week: Who is benefiting from the fact that I believe God?

DAY ONE | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Faith Was Never Meant to Stay Yours

The believing is for you. The benefit is for somebody else.

James 2:17 through 18 NKJV

"Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works."

We tend to treat faith like a private possession. Something between me and God, kept in the quiet of my own heart, measured by how strongly I feel it. But James refuses to let faith stay invisible. He does not ask you to describe your faith. He asks you to show it. And the only way faith becomes visible is when it does something somebody else can see and receive.

That is the whole idea we opened with on Sunday. Sharing your faith is not primarily verbal, it is beneficial. Faith that never leaves your chest is faith nobody else ever gets to eat from. James is not attacking belief. He is insisting that real belief always produces something. A faith that produces nothing for anyone is a faith James is willing to call dead, not because it was never sincere, but because it never went anywhere.

So begin the week here. Not with a plan to say more, but with a willingness to let your faith leave your hands. The question is not how much faith you have. The question is whether anyone around you has ever benefited from it.

A faith nobody can benefit from is a faith nobody can see.

REFLECT

Name one person this week who could actually benefit from what you believe about God. Not hear about it. Benefit from it.

When was the last time your faith cost you something on behalf of someone else?

PRAY

Father, I do not want a faith that only lives inside me. Show me how to let what I believe about You do something real for someone who is not me. Make my faith visible this week. Amen.

Somebody Is Listening in the Dark

Your worship under pressure preaches when your words are quiet.

Acts 16:25 through 26 NKJV

"But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed."

Paul and Silas did not schedule a service. They were beaten, chained, and thrown into the inner prison, and at the worst hour of the night they worshiped anyway. Luke slips in a detail we cannot rush past: the prisoners were listening. There was an audience they never recruited, learning something about God from how two men handled a night that had every right to break them.

This is the part of sharing your faith we least expect. Sometimes your faith preaches loudest when your circumstances are worst. Nobody is more convincing than a person who still trusts God when life has gone wrong. The unbeliever near you may not need another argument about Christianity. They may need to see what faith looks like when it hurts.

So change the question you ask in hard seasons. Instead of God, why am I going through this, try God, who is watching me go through this. Your peace can share your faith. Your endurance can share your faith. Your worship in the dark can loosen a chain you did not even know was on somebody nearby.

Instead of asking why am I going through this, ask who is watching me go through this.

REFLECT

Who is close enough to you right now to see how you handle a hard season?

Is your current response to pressure making God look trustworthy or making Him look absent?

PRAY

Lord, I did not choose this night, but I can choose how I carry it. Let my trust in You be loud enough that someone in the dark near me catches hope. Loosen chains through my worship. Amen.

Lend Them Your Expectation

Sometimes faith means seeing for someone whose vision pain has shrunk.

1 Kings 17:13 through 14 NKJV

"And Elijah said to her, Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD God of Israel: The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth."

The widow of Zarephath was gathering sticks for a last meal. Her math was final. Enough for one cake, then my son and I will die. Then Elijah walks up carrying a different expectation into her kitchen. Two realities meet at one door. Hers says this is the end. His says God is not finished.

Notice what Elijah does not do. He does not scold her for her small faith. He does not lecture her about hope. He simply stands in front of a woman whose imagination has been reduced by survival and lends her his expectation until she can build her own. That is one of the most tender forms of sharing your faith. There are people around you whose disappointment has taught them not to hope, and they do not need your judgment. They need your faith to help them see again.

But watch the balance. Elijah does not make the cake for her. She still participates. Shared faith does not create dependency, and it does not make you somebody's source. It helps a person become responsive to God again. Elijah stayed a conduit. God stayed the source.

Sometimes sharing your faith means lending somebody your expectation until they grow their own.

REFLECT

Who around you has stopped expecting good things? What would it look like to believe for them this week?

Are you helping people lean on God, or quietly training them to lean on you?

PRAY

God, there are people near me running the math of the last meal. Let me carry a bigger expectation into their lives without taking Your place in them. Use me as a conduit, never a crutch. Amen.

Grab a Corner of the Mat

Mature faith stops asking what it can get and starts asking who it can help.

Mark 2:3 through 5 NKJV

"Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, Son, your sins are forgiven you."

Four men carried a friend who could not carry himself. We never hear the paralyzed man ask for help. We never hear him confess a thing. But four people decided we are getting you to Jesus, and when the crowd blocked the door they refused to read resistance as rejection. They climbed. They dug. They lowered him in. And Scripture says Jesus saw their faith. Not only his. Theirs.

This is faith that has grown up. Immature faith asks what can faith get me. Mature faith eventually asks who can my faith help. There are seasons when someone near you is spiritually, emotionally, or circumstantially unable to move themselves, and God stations people around them whose faith says until you can walk, we will carry you.

So the honest question is not only do you have four friends. It is are you one of the four. Everybody wants people with faith when they are on the mat. Fewer of us are willing to grab a corner of somebody else's. And remember the limit: the friends did not heal him. They could not. Their whole job was to get him into the presence of Jesus. You are not anyone's Savior. But you can help carry somebody toward the One who is.

My Faith becomes Our Faith becomes Their Future.

REFLECT

Whose mat are you positioned to carry right now? Name the person and name the corner you can grab.

Where have you been waiting to be asked, when the four friends never waited for permission?

PRAY

Jesus, thank You for the people who once carried me toward You. Make me one of the four for somebody else. Give me the strength to grab a corner and the humility to remember I am not the healer. Amen.

They Should Taste It Before They Understand It

Your life gives credibility to the words before they ever ask a question.

Romans 10:14 and 17 NKJV

"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?... So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

We assume the unbeliever first needs faith. But Romans 10 exposes a stage that comes before their faith develops, a stage where our faith introduces them to a God they have not yet learned to trust. Proclamation still matters. But our lives are what give the proclamation credibility. The unbeliever may not believe yet, but they should already be able to encounter the fruit of your faith.

That is the quiet evangelism most of us overlook. People taste your patience. Your kindness. Your generosity. Your integrity. Your hope. Your willingness to serve when nothing is in it for you. And somewhere in that, they begin to ask the jailer's question in their own words: what do you know that I do not know? Your life made them curious about your God before you ever quoted a verse.

Here is the uncomfortable turn. We are quick to say come to my church, watch my pastor, hear this sermon. Those things are good. But God may be asking, when are they going to experience your faith. Not the worship team's. Not the pastor's. Yours. If the only way someone can experience Christ through you is by coming to your church, you may be sharing your church more than you are sharing your faith.

If they can only experience your faith at your church, you are sharing your church, not your faith.

REFLECT

What can someone taste of God in you on an ordinary Tuesday, away from any church building?

Have you been inviting people to your church as a substitute for letting them experience your faith?

PRAY

Father, let my ordinary life carry the flavor of knowing You. Before anyone hears my words, let them taste Your kindness in how I live. Make me curious to be around, for Your sake. Amen.

DAY SIX | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

You Are the Bridge, Not the Destination

God gave you faith for more than your own miracle.

Hebrews 10:23 through 24 NKJV

*"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.
And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works."*

We end the week where mature faith always lands. Faith is not merely confidence that God will do something for me. It grows into confidence in God that makes me useful in what He wants to do for somebody else. Hebrews says hold fast your own hope, and then in the very next breath, consider one another. Your steadiness is not only for your survival. It is fuel to stir somebody else toward love and good works.

Look back over the week. Paul and Silas showed us faith that affects the people watching. Elijah showed us faith that awakens possibility in someone who stopped expecting. The four friends showed us faith that carries the one who cannot move. Every one of them let what they believed spill onto somebody who was not them. Not one of them opened with an argument.

So carry this into tomorrow and beyond. Shared faith should never make you the destination. It should always point people to Christ. You are not the miracle. You are not the source. You are not the Savior. But God may have given you faith for more than your own breakthrough. Your faith may be the bridge somebody else walks across to meet Jesus.

God may have given you faith for more than your miracle.

REFLECT

Across this week, whose name kept coming up? That may be who your faith is for.

What is one concrete step you will take this week to let your faith benefit them, not just inform them?

PRAY

*Lord, I hold fast to the hope You have given me, and I offer it back to You for someone else.
Make me a bridge, not a destination. Let my faith help somebody cross over to You. Amen.*

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A CLOSING WORD

You have spent six days letting one sentence work on you. Sharing your faith is allowing what you believe about God to do something for somebody who is not you. It was never only about saying the right thing. It was about becoming a person whose faith produces a benefit the people around them get to receive. Keep asking the question. Let it change who you become.

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