

ECHO CHURCH
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Share Your Faith

Allowing what you believe about God to do something for somebody who is not you

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THE QUESTION BEHIND TODAY

Who is benefiting from the fact that I believe God?

WHERE WE ARE GOING TODAY

We have been taught to share the Gospel. We have been taught to share our testimony. We invite people to church. But do we know how to share our faith? Somewhere along the way, we shrank the word share down to the size of a sentence. We reduced faith to something you announce, something you explain, something you defend in a conversation. So when the church says share your faith, most people hear start a religious discussion. And because most people are not comfortable starting religious discussions, most people believe they are failing at something Jesus never actually asked them to do.

So here is a working definition. Here is what it means to share your faith.

Sharing your faith is allowing what you believe about God to do something for somebody who is not you.

Read that again. Not to somebody. For somebody. Sharing your faith is not primarily verbal, it is beneficial. It is faith that produces a benefit somebody else gets to receive. It is the difference between telling a hungry man about bread and handing him a loaf. Evangelism tells people about your faith. Shared faith allows people to experience what your faith produces.

Which means sharing your faith is bigger than most of us were trained to believe.

- Sometimes sharing your faith means believing when they cannot.
- Sometimes it means carrying somebody who cannot carry themselves.
- Sometimes it means obeying God in a way that creates provision for somebody else's life.
- Sometimes it means worshiping in your prison loudly enough for another prisoner to hear hope.
- And sometimes it means pushing somebody toward purpose who never even asked you to help them.

If sharing your faith were only about words, then the quiet believer, the introvert, the one who freezes up in conversation would have no way to obey. But God did not build faith so that only the talkers could share it. He built faith so that anyone who genuinely believes has something the world around them can receive. That is the question this puts in front of us. Not am I saying the right things, but is

anybody being helped by the fact that I actually believe God?

ONE: YOUR FAITH CAN CHANGE THE ATMOSPHERE AROUND YOU

Acts 16:25 through 34 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... And he brought them out and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? So they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Paul and Silas are imprisoned, beaten, chained, and placed in the inner prison. Yet at midnight they are praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners are listening. They were not simply having a private devotional moment. Their faith was being demonstrated in public suffering. They had no idea that somebody else's life was connected to how they handled their prison.

Then an earthquake comes. The doors open. The chains fall. But the miracle was not limited to Paul and Silas. Every prisoner's chains were loosed. Those prisoners never asked for it. They never prayed a special prayer. They never gave a special offering. They were just present. Guilty of a crime. Yet they became free because of someone else's faith. The worship happened in one cell, but the impact reached everybody's chains.

Sometimes God develops your faith because somebody else's freedom is connected to how you respond to your situation. Instead of asking God, why am I going through this, ask God, who is watching me go through this?

Their faith eventually reaches the jailer. He asks, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? Salvation happens because of their faith. They never beat anyone over the head. They never force anyone. They never give a guilt trip. They worship. Their circumstances never change the character of God. Paul was not preaching a sermon when this began. He was simply demonstrating faith under pressure.

What if the unbeliever does not need another argument about Christianity, but needs to see what faith looks like when life goes wrong? Your faith becomes evangelistic when people see that your circumstances do not have complete authority over your confidence in God. Some people will hear your Gospel because they first watched your faith.

- Your peace can share your faith.
 - Your endurance can share your faith.
 - Your generosity can share your faith.
 - Your forgiveness can share your faith.
 - Your worship can share your faith.
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TWO: YOUR FAITH CAN CREATE POSSIBILITY FOR SOMEBODY ELSE

1 Kings 17:8 through 16 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 is preparing what she believes is her final meal. Her confession is basically, I have enough for one more meal, then my son and I will die. Elijah arrives carrying a completely different expectation. Two realities meet at the same house. Her reality says this is the end. Elijah's faith says God is not finished.

This is where shared faith gets uncomfortable, because Elijah asks her to act according to something she cannot yet see. He tells her, do not fear. Then he gives her the word of the Lord concerning the flour and oil. Elijah becomes the person standing in front of someone whose imagination has been reduced by survival. Sometimes that is what another person's faith does for us. It allows us to see beyond what pain has convinced us is possible.

Sometimes sharing your faith means lending somebody your expectation until they can develop their own. There are seasons where people do not need your judgment because their faith is weak. They need your faith to help them see again. Their loss may have damaged their imagination. Their disappointment may have reduced their expectations. Their trauma may have taught them not to hope. God sends somebody into their life saying, I know what you are seeing, but I also know what God said. That is shared faith.

And notice: Elijah's faith does not remove the widow's participation. She still has to make the cake. Shared faith does not create dependency. Healthy shared faith helps somebody participate in what God is doing. Biblical faith does not make people dependent on you. It helps people become responsive to God. Elijah does not become her source. God remains the source. Elijah simply becomes a conduit.

THREE: SOMETIMES YOUR FAITH HAS TO CARRY SOMEBODY

Mark 2:1 through 12 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... When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, Son, your sins are forgiven you."

A paralyzed man has four friends. We do not know whether the paralyzed man asked them to bring him. We do not hear him speak. We do not hear him make a confession of faith. We do not hear him say, take me to Jesus. But his friends make a decision. We are getting you to Jesus. They carry him. They encounter a crowd. They cannot get through the door. And instead of interpreting resistance as rejection, their faith gets creative. They climb the roof. They open it. They lower their friend into the room.

Then Scripture says, when Jesus saw their faith. Not just his faith. Their faith. Jesus sees the faith of the people carrying him. There are moments in life when someone is spiritually, emotionally, mentally, or circumstantially unable to move themselves. And God places people around them whose faith says, until you can walk again, we are going to carry you.

Faith is not always about getting something from God. Sometimes faith is using what you believe about God to push somebody else toward their purpose. And they do it without being asked. That is mature faith. Immature faith asks, what can faith get me? Mature faith eventually asks, who can my faith help?

My Faith becomes Our Faith becomes Their Future.

My faith starts as confidence in God. Our faith creates community. And that community can help somebody reach a future they could not reach alone. Do you have people around you who will carry you when you cannot carry yourself? And here is the harder question: whose mat are you carrying? Everybody wants four friends when they are paralyzed, but mature believers must also ask, am I one of the four? Everybody wants friends with faith when they are on the mat. The question is whether you have enough faith to grab somebody else's corner.

The friends do not heal him. They cannot. Their responsibility is simply to get him in the presence of Jesus. Shared faith does not mean becoming somebody's Savior.

- You cannot heal everybody.
- You cannot fix everybody.
- You cannot deliver everybody.
- But you can help carry somebody toward the One who can.

Your assignment is not always to change their condition. Sometimes your assignment is simply to help get them closer to Jesus.

BRINGING IT TOGETHER

Paul and Silas show us that your faith can affect people who are watching. Elijah shows us that your faith can awaken possibility in somebody who has stopped expecting. The four friends show us that your faith can carry somebody who currently cannot move themselves.

- Demonstrated Faith. Watch how I trust God.
- Encouraging Faith. Let me help you believe again.
- Carrying Faith. Until you can move, I will help get you there.

We sometimes assume unbelievers first need faith. But Romans 10 says, how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? Meaning there is a stage before their faith develops where our faith introduces them to the God they have not yet learned to trust. Evangelism begins with proclamation, but our lives give credibility to the proclamation. The unbeliever may not have faith in God yet, but they should be able to encounter the fruit of your faith in God.

They encounter your patience. Your kindness. Your generosity. Your integrity. Your hope. Your compassion. Your confidence. Your willingness to serve. And eventually they ask the same kind of question the jailer asked: what do you know that I do not know? That is when sharing your faith becomes more than quoting Scripture. Your life has made them curious about your God.

We tell people come to my church, watch my pastor, listen to this sermon, come to this event. Those things are good. But what if God is asking, when are they going to experience your faith? Not merely your church's faith. Not merely your pastor's faith. Not merely the worship team's faith. Yours. Because discipleship eventually has to move from invitation to participation. If the only way someone can experience Christianity through you is by coming to your church, we may be sharing our church more than we are sharing our faith.

Faith is not merely confidence that God will do something for me. Mature faith becomes confidence in God that allows me to become useful in what He wants to do for somebody else.

CARRY IT HOME THIS WEEK

Who is watching my faith? Somebody may be learning how to trust God by watching how you handle adversity.

Who needs to borrow my faith? Someone around you may currently be too disappointed to see possibility.

Whose mat am I carrying? Someone may need your prayer, encouragement, resources, connections, presence, or persistence.

Who am I helping get closer to Jesus? Because ultimately shared faith should never make us the destination. It should point people toward Christ.

God may have given you faith for more than your miracle. Your faith may be the bridge somebody else walks across to meet Jesus.

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