

# **Tell Your Story**

## **Acts 17:1-5**

### **Introduction**

Sharing your faith and telling your story about how Christ has made a difference in your life should be a very natural thing to do.

1. There was a great deal of \_\_\_\_\_ towards the followers of Christ, and for many, their commitment level was severely challenged.
2. They learned to rely upon their \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ to help them deal with the many challenges they faced.
3. It's tempting to put your faith in programming and \_\_\_\_\_ that becomes an end in itself.
4. We need is a strategic plan that connects not only people to people but people to \_\_\_\_\_.
5. God is devoted to developing our \_\_\_\_\_ to be like His, but we must be dedicated to allowing him to do it!
6. We must learn how to communicate our faith in Christ to others \_\_\_\_\_.
7. To be an effective witness for Christ, we must be willing to tell others about God's \_\_\_\_\_.
8. God wants his disciples in every age to effectively reach their world with the \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Christ expects us to effectively share the message of \_\_\_\_\_ faith.

10. From reading Paul's letter to the \_\_\_\_\_, it seems he must have settled in there for a while and found work.
11. Paul congratulates the church on their "work of faith, labor of love and steadfastness of \_\_\_\_\_."

## **I. A Personal Discipline**

12. The first thing that leaps out at you in verse two is Paul's personal \_\_\_\_\_.
13. As was his \_\_\_\_\_, Paul went into the synagogue and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures.
14. An effective witness requires discipline and \_\_\_\_\_.
15. It is our \_\_\_\_\_ as a believer to develop good habits and Christian values that back up our witness.
16. Paul had established a regular \_\_\_\_\_ of sharing his faith in Christ.
17. Paul carefully thought through his faith and established good \_\_\_\_\_ and personal discipline for his ministry.
18. You can do that by establishing some good habits that you can model before others:
- Read something from your bible every day. (A Psalm or a few verses from the Proverbs is a good place to start)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ every day. (One or two sentence prayers to start – and just talk to God)

- Get a devotional guide and use it each day. (Just three minutes a day for devotions would revolutionize your life.)

## II. Communicate the Right Message

19. The second important ingredient is to understand and effectively communicate the right \_\_\_\_\_.

20. The right message can be summed up in three simple statements:

- Jesus is God's Messiah (or the Savior)
- Jesus was crucified for our \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus did rise from the dead giving us eternal life.

21. Sin has marred us all in some way and we all need God's help and \_\_\_\_\_.

22. Jesus was totally man but He was also totally \_\_\_\_\_.

23. Because of His Son, God has made us sons and daughters and we have been \_\_\_\_\_ into the family of God.

24. That is the gospel message. It is a simple message of good news that Jesus came and died and rose again so that each of us could be \_\_\_\_\_ in fellowship with the Eternal God who created us.

## III. An Effective Plan

25. The Apostle Paul had a plan that was effective in getting a \_\_\_\_\_ from his listeners.

26. Notice that he reasoned with them. He didn't argue with them. Arguing alienates people. \_\_\_\_\_ disarms people.

27. Paul also used \_\_\_\_\_.

28. Jesus' plan includes \_\_\_\_\_!

29. We must step out in faith and decide upon a plan that we can use to effectively communicate our love and \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.

30. Ask the Holy Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_ you and give you boldness to witness your faith with authority and confidence.

## Conclusion

Some people are just too passive or too afraid to take the risk. They don't want to be embarrassed or have to do something outside of their comfort zone. But what if someone's life is hanging in the balance and you're only one who can reach them. Whenever you take the risk to share your faith one of two things will happen.

People will either accept your witness or reject it. When Paul preached, some believed and others didn't.

## ANSWERS

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|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. Hostility      | 14. Determination  | 27. Persuasion |
| 2. Faith          | 15. Responsibility | 28. Everyone   |
| 3. Methodology    | 16. Pattern        | 29. Empower    |
| 4. God            | 17. Habits         |                |
| 5. Character      | 18. Pray           |                |
| 6. Verbally       | 19. Message        |                |
| 7. Love           | 20. Sins           |                |
| 8. Gospel         | 21. Salvation      |                |
| 9. Saving         | 22. God            |                |
| 10. Thessalonians | 23. Adopted        |                |
| 11. Hope          | 24. Reunited       |                |
| 12. Discipline    | 25. Response       |                |
| 13. Custom        | 26. Reasoning      |                |