

THE *Big 3*

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If you're like most people I know, you probably don't share your faith all that often. It can feel creepy or just plain awkward, and there's always that fear of rejection. But wait!

Romans 10:14 says: How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? **But what does that really sound like in everyday life?**

Here are three key things to believe and consider when sharing your faith with others...

1. **Everyone is created in the image of God.** No matter how broken, filthy, addicted, violent, or confused someone may seem—God's image is never completely marred or removed from them. (Nor from you, for that matter.) They have great value and God is looking to restore their lives to the fullness of his glory—the way he originally created them to be.
2. **God is not keeping track of “evangelism points” in your life.** Regardless of how effective you think you are at “evangelism”, you're loved just the same amount by God. You no longer need to fear what he thinks of you in this area of your life and witness AND you no longer need to be locked up by fear of what others will think of you as you live out and share your life and message of the gospel. ...if you remember:
3. **Lose the bumper!** Don't start off a conversation about religion and Christianity by beginning with what you *don't* believe in common with another person. Don't dive into a debate with them, or go after some specific sin you believe you've observed in their life. (Like you're their judge or something!) Pointing out how they show what God is like in some small area of their life will be truly good news to them. And it builds a bridge to further conversations. Remember that we stand in need of grace exactly in the same way everyone else does—and it's available to us all. Because of Jesus. That is really good news!

Talking about spiritual things can become a very natural part of conversation with your friends and family. It doesn't have to become wrestling match or spill out as a rehearsed speech. Ask the Holy Spirit to point out bits and pieces of God's image in everyone you know.

Thanks for listening...we'll see you in the next episode!

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