

Thank You, God: Week 2
When Jesus said, "Don't follow me."
Luke 8.26-39

The Story of the Demon-Possessed Man

Try and sing in the night, Christian, for that is one of the best arguments in the entire world in favor of your religion ... I tell you, we may preach fifty thousand sermons to prove the gospel, but we will not prove it half as well as you will by singing in the night. — Charles Spurgeon

How do I show gratitude to God for what he's done for me?

A. Be prepared to **TELL YOUR STORY**.

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect... 1 Peter 3.15

1. What was your life like before you gave Christ control?
 - What was your life like that will relate most to a non-Christian?
 - What did your life revolve around the most? What did you get your security or happiness from?
 - How did those areas begin to let you down?

2. Don't leave out your **'BUT THEN'** moment.

- When was the first time you heard the gospel or was exposed to dynamic Christianity?
- What were your initial reactions?
- When did your attitude begin to turn around? Why?
- Why did you go ahead and give Christ control of your life?

3. How has your life changed since that decision? Why are you motivated differently?

When you tell your story **BE SPECIFIC!**

Most importantly, remember it's all **ABOUT CHRIST!**

So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him. Luke 8.39

For some good examples of how to tell your story check out Iamsecond.com

B. Look for the **PERSONS OF PEACE** with whom to share your story.

Jesus told his disciples to look for people who will:

WELCOME you Matthew 10.14

LISTEN to you Luke 10.16

SERVE or **SUPPORT** you Matthew 10.10

C. Tell your story with the **HOLY SPIRIT'S HELP**

Do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Matthew 10.19-20

What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?