

Church Family,

This week we have been challenged to FOCUS on telling the good news of Christ during our time of consecration (and beyond.) During this week as I have focused, I have become more aware of circumstances and situations around me where I have had the opportunity to share my faith with others. Once I started looking, I realized how many lost chances I did not take in the past. God is always working around us and presenting opportunities for us; but sometimes in the "busy-ness" of our day, we fail to recognize them and take advantage of them.

So, as I was thinking about sharing my faith and taking advantage of the opportunities, I felt a little inadequate. Does that ever happen to you? Sometimes we tend to shy away from sharing our testimonies because we get nervous or even scared. We may question ourselves and even tell ourselves that our testimonies are not good enough. We may be uneasy because we feel we may not be able to answer questions or quote scripture correctly. I fell for those lies more than I can count, and I want to encourage you to not fall for those lies. That is a scheme of the enemy and as believers, we need to be confident in whatever God called us to do; He will supply all we need to accomplish it! He has gifted us all with talents and gifts that will enable us to successfully do what He has created us for and that is telling others about Jesus!

The bible is clear that we need to be prepared to share the Gospel whenever we get a chance. We should always be ready and willing to share with others the hope we have in Christ. *2Tim. 4:2-5 says, "Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke and exhort with complete patience and teaching. For a time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itchy ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." (ESV)*

Let me encourage you as you look for opportunities to share the good news, be confident and share your story, ignore the lies from Satan and share the most wonderful gift ever given to mankind~ JESUS!

Praying for you every day!  
Love you all!

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