

## The Great Commission (Part 2)

What makes people hesitate to share their faith? Could it be...??

- I am afraid that I might do more harm than good.
  - I don't know what to say.
- I may not be able to give snappy answers to tricky questions.
  - I may seem bigoted or intolerant.
  - I may invade someone's privacy.
  - I am afraid that I might fail.
  - I am afraid I might be a hypocrite.

But the most common fear is being rejected. A survey was given to those attending training for the Billy Graham crusade in Detroit. The question was asked. What is your greatest hindrance to witnessing? 51% said their biggest hindrance was the fear of how the other person would react.

That brings us to where we want to be today. We want to wrap our minds around the call of the Great Commission to see what we can really do to take this message out into the world.

John 20:21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.

1. When you witness you should have the peace of God.

- Where does this peace come from? Philippians 4:7 "And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

2. When you are witnessing you should remember that you have the call of God on you. Here are 10 words that should impact your life. "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

- We are to "GO" as Jesus went. Everything depends on our attitude. Lets look at Jesus' attitude. Philippians 2:5 "Your attitude should be the same as Christ Jesus. Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature as a servant, being made in human likeness. A being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on the cross.
- Mark 10:45 " If anyone would like to be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."
  - Jesus went as a servant. He was humble. Contrary to popular belief, humility is not a weakness. Paul tells us in Philippians 2:3 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourself."

3. When witnessing you should remember that your life is in God. This is the new life that come at the time accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Jesus has authority to breathe new life into unbelievers. Once you are born again your response should be a desire for others to receive what you have received.

- To truly see Jesus and his truth means more than observing what he did or said, it means a change of identity.
  - Are you willing to do something that Jesus saw as important?
  - Are you willing to share the love of Christ to a lost and dying world?
    - Jesus said "GO" ARE YOU READY?