

**“The Normal Christian”**  
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*“Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” - Jesus*

Sharing one’s faith in Jesus is not for the extraverted, the bold or the gifted; sharing one’s faith is a part of the normal Christian life.

**Sharing is normal because...**

**1. Jesus commanded it.**

- Jesus invited the disciples to learn about sharing the faith at the beginning of His ministry.

*“The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Luke 4:18-19*

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- Jesus taught the disciples to share the faith throughout His ministry.

*“When Jesus has called the Twelve together, He gave them power and authority to drive out demons and to cure diseases, and He sent them out to preach the Kingdom of God...” Luke 9:1-2*

*“The Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10*

- Jesus commissioned the disciples to share the faith when He concluded His ministry.

*“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”  
Matt. 28:18-20*

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8*

**2. People are dying.**

*“All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.” Rom. 3:23*

*“For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.” Rom. 6:23*

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16*

**3. Love compels us.**

*“Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men...If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all and therefore all died.” 2 Cor. 5:11, 13-14*

The love of God that makes the difference; Our love for God and God’s love for people.

What can I do today?

- Ask God to give you His heart for people who don't know Jesus.
- Ask God to help you overcome any fears you have about sharing your faith.
- Ask God to help you see or create opportunities to share your faith.
- Your story is all you need to start sharing your faith now!

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