

5 Steps to Start Sharing Your Faith With Confidence

I first came to know Jesus because God put faithful influencers in my path. These influencers didn't have millions of followers, massive businesses, or the most charismatic personalities. Instead, they knew an essential truth: everyone has influence. God used their influence to make an eternal difference in my life.

You have influence, and one of the best ways to use your influence is to introduce people to Jesus. Sharing your faith might feel intimidating, but trust me, it's worth it. You have no idea how one conversation, one word of encouragement, or one expression of love might change someone's life.

So let's pre-decide together: **I will be an influencer.**

I've created this simple guide to help you start sharing your faith with confidence. I hope this tool inspires you to take courageous action that impacts the people around you.

1. Reflect on your story.

Who were you before you met Jesus? Where did He find you? What negative habits, attitudes, and addictions did you experience? And what were your relationships like before Jesus?

These questions can help you remember what it felt like to be far from Jesus.

Every day, you have the chance to reach out to the people around you who don't know Jesus. They feel how you felt and don't know how to find relief. You get to show them the new life you've found and help them experience it for themselves.

2. Ask God to help you notice opportunities.

You have opportunities to share your faith every day.

People at work, school, or right next door need to know Jesus. So do the people you interact with over social media. But busyness and other distractions can cause us to miss opportunities.

So, let's ask God to help us see the opportunities He's given us to share our faith with others.

Start by praying a prayer like this:

Dear God, help me to notice the opportunities You've given me to share my faith. Don't let distractions or fear prevent me from making an eternal impact. In Jesus' name, amen.

What opportunities do you think God has already given you to influence others by sharing about Jesus with them?

3. Take a courageous step.

It's natural for people to seek comfort. We all do it. That's why we need to pre-decide: I will be an influencer. Being an influencer by sharing your faith can feel uncomfortable or scary. We ask questions like, *What if they make fun of me or ask a question I can't answer?* and *What if they say "no" to Jesus?*

No two people share the same story, questions, hurts, and doubts. There's no one-size-fits-all approach to sharing faith.

Instead, we can rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us as we listen, share, and courageously respond. Our only agenda is to love the person in front of us.

People might make fun of you. They might ask questions you can't answer. And they might decide they don't want to follow Jesus. That's okay. It's our job to be courageous influencers, but only God can change someone's heart.

What's getting in your way of sharing your faith with those around you? Brainstorm in the space below, then ask God to help you despite those fears or questions.

Don't give up.

You won't have a 100% success rate. That's okay. I've found that many people need to hear the good news of Jesus several times before they commit their lives to Him.

So if someone you share your faith with doesn't say yes to Jesus, it's not a failure. You may have even laid the foundation for another faithful influencer to help them come to know Jesus.

You never know what God will do with your faithful influence. So where is one area where you'd like to grow your influence? It could be at home, work, school, or on social media.

I'm so grateful for the courageous influencers who chose to share their faith with me. I hope that this guide propels you toward life-giving conversations that impact eternity.

For more on sharing your faith, check out this article from Life.Church: www.go2.lc/influence