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a monthly shot of encouragement and equipping for student leaders



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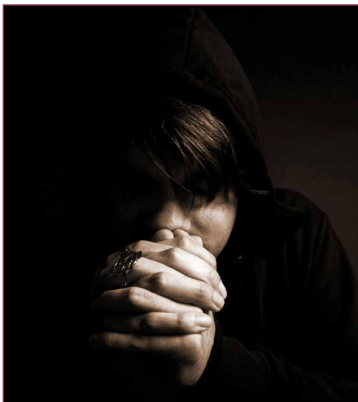
discovering your super powers (part 4): super witness

daily witness training from the Word

day 1: his words

Read Matthew 10:18–20

Take a moment with a sheet of paper and write down all of the reasons you don't share your faith (or sometimes don't share your faith). Are you afraid of rejection? Pushing people away? Not having the right words? Once you have all your fears written on paper, take that to God. Claim his promise that you don't have to worry about these things because he will give you the opportunity and the words, and thank him for that. Then throughout the day, as you interact with people, look for opportunities to step out in faith and share Christ, trusting God to provide you with what you lack.



day 2: pray for me

Read Ephesians 6:19–20

God has promised to be responsible to give us the right words to say when we're sharing Christ with our friends, but we still have responsibility. Perhaps the most important thing we're called to do is to pray—for ourselves and for each other. How else will we hear God's message and really make it a part of our lives so that it flows out from us when we communicate with others? Prayer is the quiet syncing of our hearts with God's. It puts his power and message at the core of our being. It's the most powerful thing we can do. When was the last time you prayed for fearlessness and clarity in communicating the cross to your friends? Spend some time today doing just that.

day 3: unashamed

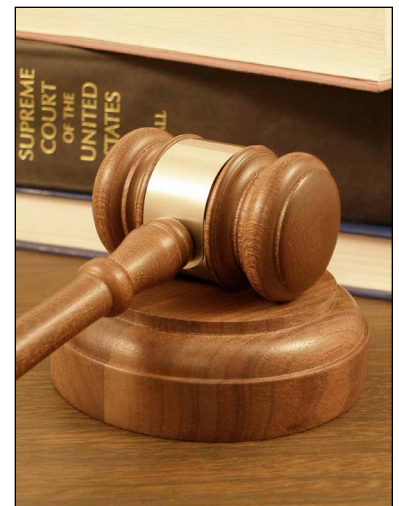
Read Romans 1:15–17

How do you act when you're ashamed of something? Hide it? Avoid talking about it? Apologize about it? Paul declares firmly that he is not ashamed of the gospel because, although it may be scoffed at by many, it has the power of God to save lives. And he showed this by unashamedly sharing the gospel with everyone he came into contact with. Does the way you act show that you are ashamed of the gospel, or that you gratefully celebrate it as the best thing that ever happened to you?

day 4: this is how they'll know

Read John 13:34–35

Words are an important part of communication, but they're not the only part. Our actions communicate just as loudly—sometimes more so. Jesus told his followers that they would show themselves to be his by the way they treated others. It's by loving the people around us—particularly those who are hard to love—that we communicate Jesus' love with the most clarity. Whom have you shown Jesus' love to lately?



day 5: overflow

Read Luke 6:45

This is perhaps one of the most profound statements in Scripture: out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. Though we can't see inside the heart like God can, we do hear what people say, and Jesus is saying that shows us pretty clearly what's in the heart. Using your words as a gauge, what things have the biggest hold on your heart? We can try to force ourselves to change our words, to be kind, to share the gospel with others, but it's tough. If, instead, we focus on making Jesus the love of our hearts, evangelism will simply be the overflow of our hearts. It's not only easier that way, but a whole lot more effective, too!



day 6: all that matters

Read Acts 20:20-27

Can you just feel the passion in Paul's words to the Ephesian church leaders? He was prepared to give up his life in order to preach the gospel. The threat of death, imprisonment, and persecution seemed to barely phase him. It didn't matter because to him, the only thing that made his life matter was spreading the good news of Jesus. Could you honestly say those words? If not, pray that God will help you rearrange the priorities of your heart so that his gospel has the biggest hold on your heart.



day 7: to the ends of the earth

Read Acts 1:8

God always calls us to something bigger than we would dream. He told his disciples that they would be his witnesses not only in Jerusalem (their home) but in Judea (the nearby area), Samaria (the neighboring country of their enemies) and to the ends of the earth. We're all included in this mission, too. How are you involved in this worldwide mission? Are you reaching your hometown? Are you thinking any bigger? Find some ways that you can be involved in taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. Maybe go to www.operationworld.org and pray for a different country every day.

Maybe start a pen-pal relationship with a missionary in another country and find out how you can pray for, encourage, and perhaps financially support their ministry. Get to know people in the US who are from other countries and share Christ with them as you have opportunity. Don't let your vision stay small when God has big things in mind!

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