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I am excited to talk with you about how you can turn your everyday conversations into gospel conversations. With everything our country is facing, we have more opportunities now than ever before. This is an unprecedented time in our country. We have Coronavirus, job loss, and national pain from the murder of Ahmaud Arberry, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd. Peaceful protests have been hijacked by rioters. Everywhere we turn things seem chaotic. In a world where there is no peace, we have the answer. My goal is to help you turn those everyday conversations you have in the grocery store, with your neighbors, in your gyms, and workplaces into gospel conversations. The Bible tells us in Matthew 28:16 to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY BELIEVER TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

One prayer that God wants to answer is: Lord, give me an opportunity to share the gospel. Today is all about preparation. To prepare you, I want to share the acronym A.C.T. to remind us of what God has commanded us to do.

A ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO GIVE AN ANSWER TO EVERYONE WHO ASKS YOU TO GIVE THE REASON FOR THE HOPE YOU HAVE. (1 PETER 3:15B)

Preparation begins by recognizing obstacles to sharing the gospel.

Believing God is the answer to our national health crisis, the racial divide facing our country, and financial instability all around us. Do we really believe God is enough to get us through these things? Many things can cause doubt. We might be disillusioned or disappointed with God because of unanswered prayers. You might have just experienced the death of a loved one or be struggling with a prodigal son or daughter. These things and many more may put out the fires of evangelism and steal your belief that God is the answer.

Another obstacle is fear. You might fear not having the answer to every question. You might fear being rejected or not remembering a Bible verse. Remember, God is the one who saves and not your perfect presentation of the gospel.

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C COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL

Preparation begins with knowing how to share the gospel.

There are multiple tools in sharing the gospel. The one we are going to talk about today is the Three Circles diagram, which is connected to Turning Everyday Conversations into gospel Conversations. You can download the App to your phone and share the gospel using your phone.

Three Circles training uses a key question to connect your conversations to the gospel. For example, if I were talking with someone who began to share how discouraged they are over the current world situation, I would use the transitional statement: "May I share with you how I deal with discouragement?" Then you would take the opportunity to share the gospel. If someone shares something you have not struggled with, you would transition to the gospel with: "I have not struggled with the same thing but something similar. May I share with you how I dealt with that?"

As you pray and ask God to give you opportunities to share the gospel, you look for opportunities in conversations with neighbors, store clerks, or people in the grocery store line. As you pray for the opportunity to share the gospel, you will begin to see people you encounter daily differently. You will look for ways to engage with your neighbors. The Lord will open a whole new world of evangelism through your everyday conversations. You may not always be able to share the whole gospel, but you may get your foot in the door. When you pray and God gives you the opportunity to share the gospel, your faith is renewed, and your passion is fueled to see a lost and dying world saved.

T TRANSFORMATION COMES THROUGH THE GOSPEL.

*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.
John 1:12*

» ***Watching God transform lives through the gospel is a constant reminder that we serve a powerful God who desires that his children be saved.***

When God gives you the opportunity to see a life changed through the gospel, it is a constant reminder of the power of the gospel to transform a life. The gospel is the power to save. Through the gospel, God takes those who were dead and makes them alive.

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» ***Watching gospel transformation fuels our passion for sharing the gospel.***

We prayed for our next store neighbor for 8 years. We watched him battle addiction for 7 of those years, and we shared the gospel with him many times. He repeatedly told us he was a believer. He hit rock bottom 6 months ago, and he could not get free from alcohol. One afternoon a few months ago he knocked on our door. My husband answered the door, and the first words out of my neighbor's mouth was, "You are right. I cannot do this without God." My husband shared the gospel with him, and he prayed to receive the Lord. He still has a long way to go, but we see changes in his life.

» ***Watching gospel transformation reminds us of God's love for a lost and dying world.***

For God has not destined us for wrath but to obtain salvation through our Lord Christ who died for us. (1 Thes. 5:9)

God desires to seek and to save the lost. As I have prayed for people over the years and watched God work in their hearts, I am reminded that we serve a God who comes after his people and opens our eyes so we can see him.

» ***Watching gospel transformation reminds us that God answers prayer.***

The Bible is clear that we are to pray. 1 Thes. 5: 17 tells us to pray continually. When we pray for lost people, we begin to see them as God sees them. We do not see them through the lens of their sin. We see them as sinners God wants to save. I love the Bless Every Home program because it gives you all the tools you need to pray for 5 of your neighbors daily. Through the last 7 weeks of being at home, God has given me multiple opportunities to engage my neighbors with gospel conversations. We have witnessed the gospel transformation of one neighbor, and through prayer I am convinced we will see others come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. You can begin to pray for your lost neighbors today by signing up at www.blesseveryhome.org.

THIS IS MY CHALLENGE TO EACH ONE OF YOU WATCHING THIS TODAY: GOD WANTS TO USE YOU TO SEE A LOST AND DYING WORLD COME TO KNOW HIS SON JESUS. REMEMBER, YOU HAVE THE ANSWER. YOU KNOW WHAT CAN HELP PEOPLE THROUGH THE MOST DIFFICULT TIMES IN THEIR LIVES. WILL YOU TAKE THE CHALLENGE?