

## D E V O T I O N

# Tell *All* the World!

*"And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."*

Mark 16:15 NIV

Is witnessing for Christ a hard thing for you to do?

That may seem like a strange question to ask a born-again believer. But the truth is, many Christians find it difficult to tell others about the saving grace they have come to know through accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Why is that?

Perhaps it's because they're afraid they might be rejected, or worse, laughed at or scorned. Possibly, they are a young Christian and don't feel they're ready to talk intelligently about Him with others. Or maybe they just don't feel comfortable sharing something so personal.

While you might think these are all good reasons to keep silent and not let others know about the Lord, they are not reasons enough to withhold the Good News that Jesus died for every man's sin and that He stands ready to forgive that sin and give new life.

Moses was concerned when the Lord told him to carry a stern message to Pharaoh to "let my people go." He said to God: "O Lord, I'm not very good with words. I never have been, and I'm not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled" (Exodus 4:10).

But God encouraged Moses and assured him that he wasn't about to tackle such a major task by himself. He said to Moses: "Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say" (verses 11 and 12).

Whether you are a new believer, or you have been a Christian for some time, the command God gave in Mark 16:15 to "preach the Good News to everyone" is as much for you as the next Christian. It's your duty to share the good news. The good thing is you don't have to do it by yourself. You can be confident that God is with you at all times. His promise is to always be with us, and to never leave us alone. His Spirit on the inside of you stands ready to be your mouthpiece. All you need to do is trust Him.

The Lord has chosen you as His spokesperson. When you are without words to speak, or when you're feeling hesitant to speak because of fear of rejection, just remember He has just the right words and He will speak them through you. He knows what to say, even when you do not.

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