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Have you ever thought, "I wish I was brave enough to share the gospel with others, without fear or apology, in this intimidating culture?" If so, the following might be an important fear buster that dramatically changes your mindset about sharing your faith.

Here's Why

HAVE YOU EVER SAID ANY OF THESE THINGS?



- I don't know how to skilfully and intelligently defend the biblical narrative to my friends, family, and those in my work place ...
- I don't know where to find credible answers to difficult questions about the bible and my Christian faith ...
- I'm sick of feeling small, insignificant, and powerless in faith debates and discussions with others ...
- I wish I knew how to handle fierce objections to my faith with supernatural calm and poise, and not feel like I wish the ground would swallow me up ...

If you can relate to any of these, then the following secrets are for you!

WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO GET ...

In this short article the top 5 secrets to sharing your faith with unshakeable confidence will be revealed!

Before I unpack the specifics, I want you to consider for a moment, the results of doing nothing. We all know that ignoring a problem doesn't make it go away. It actually makes the problem worse!

How bad could it get? Well, if you ignore your inability to speak up on these important matters these are the long-term results you are very likely to get:

- You will increasingly lose your voice and your spiritual power
- You will become increasingly ineffective in sharing your faith with others and they will not hear the good news of God's delivering power
- You will increasingly doubt what you believe, become confused, and eventually be silenced by other intimidating voices
- You will start to believe that your God is not real or worthy of being proclaimed
- Ultimately, you could slip into unbelief and an eternity without the Living God



WHY SHOULD YOU LISTEN TO ME?



When I was young in the faith I was bombarded with all sorts of cynicism and antagonism about my faith, within the circles I was a part of. I had to seek answers to daunting questions and understand what the gospel truly was and wasn't. I was challenged on every side. I started to engage in apologetic discussions out of sheer "spiritual self-defence" on the battleground of university, and in the midst of my atheistic brothers baiting me with provocative questions about what I believed. It was tough and brutal, but instead of wavering in unbelief, I went deeper into Christ. For many years I have studied and walked with the Lord, whilst my faith was challenged with an array of life experiences in a diversity of arenas (overseas mission field, third world countries, speaking at inter-faith dialogues, pastoral care, discussions at university on social issues, personal crisis and suffering, and fielding questions as a lecturer for ten years in several bible colleges). I have come to know deeply the veracity of the gospel, and to feel the ease and quiet confidence that comes from knowing that my faith is not only heart fulfilling, but rational and intellectually defensible.

I started developing and teaching apologetics courses because I wanted to share with as many Christians as possible the pathway to having a robust faith that can withstand the fierce battles of our times, and to also equip believers for the times that still lay ahead. Today my spirit is so free and intimidation does not rule me. I'm far from perfect but I have come a long way on the journey. I am passionate about training up others to skilfully understand, interpret, and share the Word of God in order to broker the kingdom of God into this world. Healing, comfort, hope, deliverance, forgiveness, peace and freedom await those who dare to enter God's kingdom. And, no-one and nothing can snatch that from you!

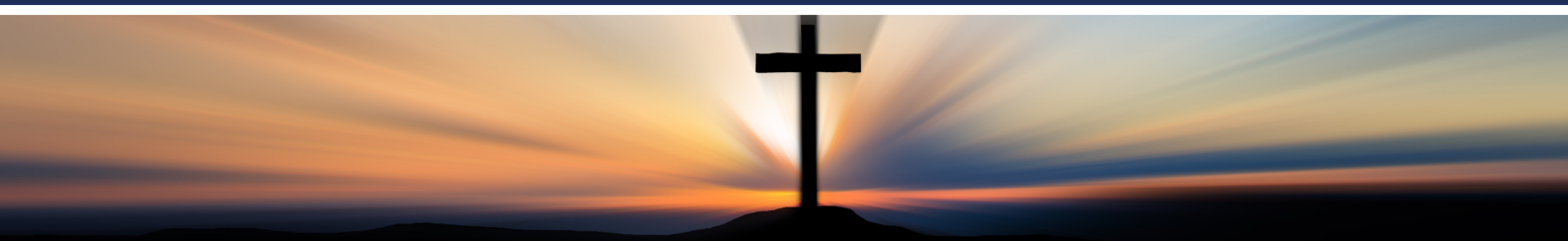
Now let's look at the 5 secrets to defeat the giants of intimidation that are keeping you from using your voice for the kingdom. If you will apply these principles, you will soon be undaunted and calmly confident about sharing your faith, anywhere, at any time...



Know Who You Are and What You Believe

Understanding who you really are is everything. In returning to the true source of our identity, any identity confusion disappears, and we emerge with a solid confidence of who we are and what we inherit, as sons and daughters of the Most High God. Understanding the gospel and practically knowing how we are redeemed is nothing less than earth shattering. When you are confident in your faith, sharing it with others is easy.

And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be in dread, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defence to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect; and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who disparage your good behaviour in Christ will be put to shame. (1 Peter 3:14-16)



When Belinda signed up for one-on-one coaching for my “Unshakeable Faith” program she was feeling stuck and really needing answers. She didn’t know what she believed anymore. Many of her musician friends who had very different worldviews to hers, which fueled different lifestyles, were challenging to her. Belinda struggled with articulating the gospel message, understanding how the Old and New Testament fitted together, and had lots of questions about the trinity, prayer, prophecy, and sexual ethics. I was able to answer her questions and explain to her how the bible contained an integrated message of hope and redemption in a way that made so much sense to her, and she would email me after each session, bubbling with thanks and gratitude.



Know God's Overarching Mission

Sharing one's faith with others is to present the compelling and intriguing story of all stories, which is drawn from both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. To do so necessitates that we know what the text says in its proper context. The Creator God reveals Himself to us through the scriptures, nature, and the embodied life of humans. His imprint is on everything He created. We do not make it up. The story of God's mission on earth is an epic love story which involves Him making a covenant with humankind. The drama begins in paradise in Eden (Genesis), unfolds in mysterious and dramatic ways, and will ultimately be fulfilled in a renewed heaven and earth (Revelation). It is cosmic in scope, filled with surprising plot turns, intriguing characters and supernatural personages.



Do not assume that your audience knows what the Christian worldview is, even if they think they do. Ask them to explain their understanding of what the gospel is, and be patient and careful in unfolding the gospel message to those who haven't heard it before. Assume Nothing. Correct misperceptions or distorted views on the character and nature of God. Be honest, noting different interpretations on some more peripheral matters, but ensure you clearly outline the non-negotiables of the gospel message of redemption. Your responsibility is simply to present the gospel truth and bear witness to God's saving grace. The Holy Spirit is the one who works in the hearts of others and bears witness that God's Word is true. Their conscience is on your side when you bear witness to the Father of all Spirits.

3.

Be Wholly Present and Use The Perfect Tone

One of the most important factors that determines your effectiveness in sharing your faith is the tone you bring to the conversation. When one shows respect and dignity to the other, they immediately intuit you are genuine. Sharing about the gospel from a motivation of genuine love, and showing unconditional positive regard for the other, immediately disarms resistance. Don't be arrogant or contentious. Be attentive to, and fully present with, the other person. Don't use stock questions and answers but rather acknowledge that each individual is different, and find out their particular worldview before making any assumptions about what they believe. Give them your full attention, seek their good, and remember that the "God conversation" is about them, not you. The common adage is true: people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

Brad, a young and highly talented man, came to my one-on-one coaching program when he was at a crossroads in his life. In his own words, he was crazy frustrated and starting to feel obsolete at only 37 years of age. When I gave him my undivided attention and just started asking questions, he became deeply moved that someone would care enough to be totally dedicated to listen to him, and help him unravel his frustrations for an hour. Remember, giving attention to others in need brings healing to their soul, and opens the floodgates for God's Grace and revelations to flow.

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:35)



4.

Slay Your Ego and Let The Holy Spirit Embolden You



Defending the faith is a spiritual endeavour: don't do it in your own strength. Slay your ego and let the Holy Spirit guide you in all things ... when to speak, when to keep quiet, and when to walk away. Becoming skilful in sharing your faith is not just an intellectual exercise or a display of one's great knowledge to impress others. It is spiritual warfare. It is paving the way for others to see the truth, and to choose God's love, forgiveness and deliverance over and above "the ways of this world" and "the gods of this age". It requires prayer and dependence on the Holy Spirit, as well as being equipped with arguments and answers to heart felt questions and longings. Be loving but be bold.

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:5)

Always pray before any apologetic engagement with others or presenting the truth of the gospel in the public domain. This is not an exercise that can succeed without prayerful support, dependence upon the Holy Spirit, and being connected to the Source of all Life, Jesus Christ. So, maintain a personal relationship with the Living God and be aware of your dependence upon the Holy Spirit every time you speak on behalf of God. This ensures your confidence is of God and doesn't rest on your personal strengths.

5.

Ask Questions and Keep Asking!

Ask probing, provocative questions about others' belief in, or disregard of, God. Ask them why they believe what they do in the context of a caring dialogue. Question whether or not their worldview has an internal logic to it. Agree with them on shared beliefs. Gently correct misinterpretations about the bible or false teaching, and seek to show how inconsistent a belief is in its own reasoning, if it is. We must gently critique others and kindly teach and show the way. It is God alone who has the power to grant others repentance. It is better to know what questions to ask more than it is to know what to say.

*Answer a fool as his foolishness deserves,
So that he will not be wise in his own eyes. (Proverbs 26:5)*

with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth. (2 Timothy 2:25)

Never forget that you too were once lost and ignorant to the glorious nature of the gospel. You can show that the Christian worldview is the most reasonable to believe based on all the evidence, logic, coherency, and the personal experience of millions. You never need be afraid of the truth when you engage in "God conversations" with others, neither should you be in short supply of the compassion that motivated Christ, and has been exemplified before us.

Remember God doesn't not exist just because someone doesn't believe in Him. After all, He is the Great I Am. Ask questions to see what kind of God people believe in, and whether or not this aligns with Yahweh, the God of all gods. Often the Holy Spirit will give you simple answers to some of the most difficult questions. For example, someone once asked me sincerely "Sandy, how can you be so sure that God exists, where's the proof?" I could have responded intellectually to that question, but I chose to say in that moment "well, I spoke with him this morning, and He was still alive and well". Remember your own testimony is one of the most powerful witnesses to the truth of the gospel, and your own life is living proof of the reality of God.





If you want to be a compelling and confident witness for Christ, crush every argument that keeps people receiving the good news of the gospel, and co-partner with the Holy Spirit in winning many people to the kingdom of God, begin with these five principles. Furthermore, if you want to get results even faster, why not book a free 1-on-1 Strategy Session with me.

On this call we'll look at your background, experience and current situation, and see what's possible for you in terms of equipping and training you for the call to extend God's kingdom in your daily life, in the next 3-6 months. We'll examine what you're doing now and find out what's working and what's not. We will identify the #1 thing holding you back from being the confident Ambassador for Christ that you desire to be and set you on a course to "Unshakeable Faith". You will leave the call feeling clear, confident, and excited about taking your personal faith to the next level, and sharing the gospel with your friends and family.

You may then want to sign up for my "Unshakeable Faith" course to help you.
To schedule your initial free Session with me, [click here](#).

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