

Sunday, March 11, 2018—Grace Life School of Theology—*Ambassadorship 101*—Lesson 10
Overcoming Fear: Reasons Why Believers Don't Witness

Reasons Believers Don't Witness For Christ

- Spiritual Lethargy
 - Ephesians 5:14—Don't Care, Too Busy, Someone Else will do it
- Believing the Enemy's Lies
 - Mind your own business; you have no right to force your views on others.
 - You're going to offend people.
 - People will think you are a fanatic or crazy.
 - People will say no, and I will be embarrassed.
 - Maybe they will get mad and not be my friend anymore.
- Lack of Know-How
 - Don't know what to say or how to start a conversation so they don't say anything.
 - This is one of the main issues this series is designed to address.
- Fear—The single biggest reason folks do not personally witness and become active soul winners is because of fear.
- Evangelism is the natural outflow of what is inside—but there is also something else inside: fear
- I Timothy 1:7
- Dealing with fear:
 - Fear is *rational*
 - Fear can be *sin*—when it paralyzes us from doing what ought to be done
 - Fear is a *constant*—it must be faced and dealt with
- Fear cannot be eliminated; therefore it must be displaced by something else, something stronger. Fear can be overcome only displacement.

Overcoming Fear

- F—FAITH
 - Faith in the Message:
 - Romans 1:16—it works, and you know it personally
 - You become incredibly dynamic when you believe what you are saying is true.
 - Faith in the Messenger:
 - Romans 1:15—you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, so take it personally. Appreciate who God has made us in Christ: Saints—Forgiven—Redeemed—Ambassadors
- E—EQUIPPING
 - Mastering the critical issues and always remember the power is in the message not in you.
 - You already know more than a lost person does—Keep the issue the issue

- I Corinthians 3:5-8—We only plant a water God give the increase
- A—ACTION
 - Taking action is the basic key to overcoming fear
 - I Thessalonians 2:1-2
- R—REASON
 - Proverbs 29:18—Without a reason WHY you'll be crushed by fear
 - Power: We can have absolute confidence in our medicine
 - Love: Romans 5:8, II Corinthians 5:14-15
 - Sound Mind: The ability to distinguish between our personal identity and rejection of our message. We know what is really going on.
- If you have a big enough why you can do anything!!