

How Can I Do Each Day What Jesus Asked Me to Do-Speak of Him to Others?

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Jesus last words to us before he ascended to heaven were: ¹⁸*Jesus came up and said to them, “All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age.”* (Matthew 28:18-20).

First, you must know that you, indeed, have received salvation in Jesus Christ. Have you acknowledged that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He gave up His life for yours on the cross at Calvary? Do you openly speak of your magnificent salvation, eternal life in Christ Jesus? (Romans 10:9-10). Paul tells us that if we believe in our hearts that God raised Christ Jesus from the dead and declare with our mouths that He is Lord, we will be saved.

“But what does it say? The Word (God’s message in Christ) is near you, on your lips and in your heart; that is, the Word (the message, the basis and object) of faith which we preach,] Because if you acknowledge and confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) and confirms [his] salvation.” (Romans 10:8-10)

If you have not prayed to our heavenly Father to acknowledge His Son, Jesus Christ, as your Lord and Savior, you can do it right now.

“For everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord [invoking Him as Lord] will be saved.” (Romans 10:13)

Pray this prayer: “Father, I come to you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. I invite Jesus Christ to be Lord of my life. You said in Your Word that if I confess with my mouth and believe in my heart that You raised Jesus from the dead and if I surrender my life to Him as my Lord and Savior, that I will be saved to live forever with You. So, right now, I tell you that I believe that You raised Jesus from the dead and that He is sitting at Your right hand talking to You about me. I receive Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. I accept that He died for my sins and I am forgiven. Fill me, dear heavenly Father, with Your Holy Spirit to empower me to live for You and to speak boldly of my salvation. Thank you, dear Father, for this greatest of all gifts: to live forever with you. In the name of Your dear Son Jesus Christ I pray. Amen.”

Essentials of the new birth in Christ Jesus:

1. Set a place and a time to pray. Make prayer your most important meeting of each day, a non negotiable appointment☺ Begin each day in prayer. End each day in prayer. Pray at noon. (Daniel 6:10)Talk to God throughout your day. Live in Him. He lives in You, so partake of His nature all day long. Pray each prayer in the name of Jesus Christ to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit Who lives inside of you. (John 14:13-14) Keep a journal of your prayers, noting when prayers are answered. Pray for your pastors, for the government, city, state, national, and all leaders of the world. (I Timothy 2:2) Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. (Psalm 122:6)

2. Read the Bible daily. Reading through the Bible is absolutely necessary. You must learn God's whole story, His history. You must see the whole picture, the beginning and the end which is never! Choose a Bible for reading through that is in language that you understand, such as the New King James Version. Listen to the Bible online at www.biblegateway.com Keep the Bible going all day long whenever you have a free moment. Have the Word of God going through your mind, so that you begin to think God's thoughts.

Read the Proverb for each day. Read Proverb number one on the first day of each month, Proverb number two on day two and continue throughout each month. Read the Proverb aloud with your family members. Have each family member choose a verse from the Proverb of the day to carry with him or her and focus on it all day long. If you will read Proverbs as a family from the time your children are very young, they will have God's principles for life imprinted on their hearts. They will remember that if they do a certain thing that there is a consequence, a very serious consequence. They will remember that if they honor God and live by His principles, they will be blessed. Blessing is a consequence of living God's principles.

Read five Psalms each day to exercise your emotions! The Psalms are God's place to heal anxiety, to set you free from fear, to calm you in the midst of a storm. Read with great expression, shout out the verses, or sing them! If you read Psalm 1, 31, 61, 91, and 131 on the first day of each month, you will read through the Psalms each month. Psalm 119 requires extra time, but it is one of God's messages to you about the value of His Word in your life. Note verses that stand out to you and carry them with you to go over throughout the day until they are written on your heart.

Go through the Bible reading three chapters of the Old Testament in the morning and two chapters of the New Testament in the evening. You will go through the

entire Bible in one year. You can speed up this reading whenever you become so involved in the reading that you don't want to stop 😊

Reading the Bible is essential to your health. The Word of God is medicine for you (Proverbs 4:22; 17:22) You can go to bing.com and choose any subject in the Bible that you want to study and find verses on that subject. You can now begin to meditate on the Word of God, the Bible. Meditating is taking one or several verses and going over them in your mind. You are chewing them like a cow chews her cud. Make the verse personal. Go over one phrase until you have written it on your heart. Then, add the next phrase until you have all of the phrases on your heart. Learn the chapter and verse as well, so you will be able to find it easily. During each day ask God to reveal to you exactly when to share with others what you are learning.

2. Find a church, a fellowship of believers, a church where Jesus Christ is Lord. You will know by the love of the people, true worship and praise preparing you for the message from God's Word, and the message being centered on Jesus Christ. Run from any gathering where these essentials are not present. Find a church where Jesus Christ is truly Lord. Sadly, there are many gatherings in His name where He is not alive and welcome. Become a part of the local fellowship. Find where you can give of yourself. Each of us has passions and gifts. You are a gift to your local fellowship

3. Become part of a smaller group within the fellowship. Home groups are where the body of Christ functions so magnificently. You are will gain a new family who cares about you and knows you and is there for you.

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Now, we are ready to talk about how your share your personal faith in Jesus Christ each day.

I will tell you what happened to me. I have loved God the Father as long as I can remember. I seem to have been born loving God. I was very active in a

denominational church where the Bible was central. I somehow I missed hearing about receiving Jesus Christ into my life. When I was 27, Jesus Christ became real to me. I have known for certain that He lives in my heart from that day to today at age 78.

From ages 27 to 30 I heard about witnessing for Jesus Christ, but I had no idea how to do it. I was uncomfortable even thinking about how to do it. Then, at a home meeting I received prayer for the Holy Spirit to ignite my life. From that day to today I have not stopped talking about Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. If you know me, you know that, indeed, I do 😊 On that day God anointed me to speak of His Son, Jesus Christ. I did not do anything to receive this blessing.

If you have a desire to speak of your faith to others, as Jesus in His last words to you, asked you to do, let me pray for you. "Father, I remember as if it was today, when you touched me with your Holy Spirit and ignited me to speak of Jesus Christ to others. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ for that same anointing, that same unction, that same hold boldness, will come upon my friend in Christ who is praying with me now. Father, open my friend's mouth to speak of the glory of your salvation. Open my friend's mouth to speak of the gift that You have for everyone who will receive it-the gift of salvation in Christ Jesus. Thank you, dear Father. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen." When a gift is given, it must be received. It must be opened. Open it now and enjoy it every day 😊 I will be so honored to hear of what God does in your life each day.

So, what do I do and say? I live in expectation of what God will do each day.

Each day when someone asks me, "How are you?" I smile and look right into his or her eyes and say something like, "I'm blessed in the Lord Jesus Christ and I trust you are, too." No one has ever acted offended. Once you start speaking of the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit will continue to give you boldness, not offensive boldness, but a quiet readiness to speak of your faith in Christ Jesus. He told us that if we lift His name up, all people will be drawn to Him. (John 12:32). Jesus asks us to lift His name up every day. I guarantee that when you do, you will be filled with more joy that you ever imagine possible.

Recently, my pastor, Brett Robinson, told us that we do not need anything else but the fact that Jesus is the Christ. At Calvary Chapel we go through the Bible book by book. Every sermon is based on going through a certain book verse by verse. We are in

II Corinthians, so we are learning a lot about Paul and the wicked town of Corinth, a Las Vegas kind of town. God told Paul that He has people for him to speak to in Corinth. Really? Paul obeyed God. ³*But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,* ⁴*whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.* ⁵*For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.* ⁶*For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”* (II Corinthians 4:3-6) Brett told us that, like Paul, all we need is to preach “Jesus is the Christ.” This message was very recent.

I am pondering how to incorporate this simple message into my answer to the daily question of “How are you?” I believe I will answer: “I am so blessed to know that Jesus is the Christ. I pray His blessing on your life today.” I only answer if I am looking right into the eyes of the person and know that we are connecting. The Holy Spirit leads and makes the way open.

If Jesus calls us into the air today or if I should go to heaven today, I want to leave the earth knowing that I have proclaimed “Jesus is the Christ” each day to each person.

Please do not say that you are shy or your personality just isn't bold. The Holy Spirit in you is bold. Once you start speaking of Jesus Christ and realize how you bless people, you will rise above your personal shyness. If someone rejects you, remember that they rejected Jesus. That never stopped Him and it won't stop you. Even if someone rejects you, the person still heard that Jesus is the Christ. Our job is to tell. The Holy Spirit's job is to draw each person to Jesus Christ.

You will bless me immeasurably if you let me know how you incorporate my suggestions in your life. I'm so excited to hear from you. I am praying for you☺