



S.O.S (Part 2)

Share Our Story : Overcoming Obstacles

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Review

Romans 10:1

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

Why must I be passionate to reach the lost?

1. *God's Heart*
2. *Eternal Reality*
3. *Present Reality*
4. *Heavenly Mandate*

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

Not Ashamed!

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

No Fear!

2 Timothy 1:7,8

7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord,...

Overcoming obstacles that hinder us from sharing the Gospel

Reasons might there be for inhibition and how to over come them

1, Not knowing what to say

the fear that comes from ignorance.

We will learn some practical things on how to Share Our Story in coming weeks.

You can also learn how to do this by accompanying others on the "S.O.S Mission" and see how they witness.

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

2, Feeling that no one is interested in the gospel

The reality is that many people are longing for genuine friendships, are searching for meaning and purpose. Many are hurting and are looking for healing.



Remember that God designed us as spiritual beings

Ecclesiastes 3:11

... Also He has put eternity in their hearts,...

Romans 2:14,15

14 for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves,

15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)

3, Fear of rejection or ridicule

We can learn to respond graciously and victoriously to a rejecter.

There are many stories about ridiculers who later came to Jesus.

Always ask "Why?" when someone makes a negative comment or expresses disinterest.

Some times it is because of a bad experience or because of a negative stereotype most people have of Christians. Your life can demonstrate the positive.

Sometime it is because of inner struggles.

Sometimes it is because our approach was wrong.

Understand that in most cases people usually make big decisions by going through a process rather than all at once. This process has been called the "decision continuum." Your goal is to help them along this process.

Matthew 10:11-16

11 "Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out.

12 And when you go into a household, greet it.

13 If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.

15 Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

16 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Matthew 10:40

"He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

to shake the dust of any city of Israel from off one's clothes or feet was an emblematical action, signifying a renunciation of all farther connection with them, and placing them on a level with the cities of the Heathen. (Clarke).....So learn to leave aside and shake off their rejection. Don't carry it around with you.

Repeat Romans 1:16, 2 Timothy 1:7,8

4, Identity Problem

Sometimes believers have an identity problem that leads them to deliberately conceal the fact that they are Christians from their friends.



Sometimes this identity problem is because of either a weak personal walk with God, or just feelings of "I am not a good enough Christian".

Sometimes it is the fear of being branded as a fanatic.

Unless you are undertaking a covert operation, this is not necessary. Without being abrasive, rude, etc, let people know who you are.

Matthew 10:32,33

32 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

5, Lack of time

Make conscious efforts to allocate time

Capture S.O.S Moments

6, Lack of unsaved friends

be willing to socialize with non-Christians

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

**19 For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more;
20 and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law;**

21 to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law;

22 to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

23 Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you.

7, Other Excuses

- My personality
- Not my responsibility
- I'll just live a good life
- What if they ask me difficult questions?

So What's Your Hindrance?

Closing

James 5:19-20

19 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back,

20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

Daniel 12:2-3

2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.



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