



“The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” (Luke 10:2)

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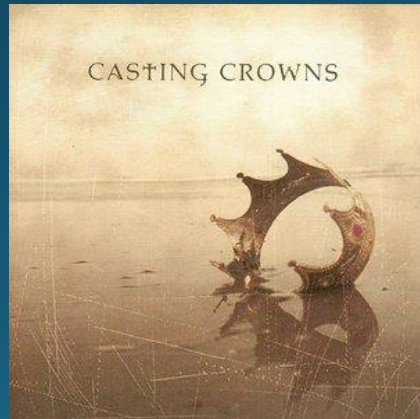
Sharing Your Faith

Introduction

- The Lord appointed 70 others to help
- The world is in great need of faithful witnesses
- We are all called to share in this divine work
- “He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.”
(Matt. 12:30)

What is my motive?

- “For if I do this [preach] **willingly**, I have a reward; but if **against my will**, I have been entrusted with a stewardship.” (1 Cor. 9:17)
- Willing
 - Ever experience something you want to share?



What is my motive?

- Unwilling
 - A difference of opinion
 - EX: Jonah
 - Do not see an open door
 - EX: St. Mark
- Unwilling = doing it even if, at times, I feel unwilling
- Demonstrates selflessness



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Deterrents

1. Feeling unprepared

- Lack of knowledge or confidence
- EX: Moses
- “But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, ‘The Lord has not appeared to you.’” (Exo. 4:1)
- “O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.” (Exo. 4:10)



Deterrents

2. Little faith in my relevance

- EX: Samaritan
- She was a woman, bad reputation, newbie to the faith

3. Terrified of entering into an eternally important situation

- *"What if I tell them something wrong?"*
- EX: Apollos

Acts 18:26

- ❖ “So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.”
- ❖ Apollos was preaching although he was deficient

Deterrents

4. Language barriers

5. Political correctness



Deterrents

6. Past failures

- 9 out of 10 people that explained their faith feel they have failed
- Solution: Redefine success
- “I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and **each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.**” (1 Cor. 3:6-8)
- Engaging in itself is success

