## **Letting Go of the Excuses**

Part Two – "I don't know how to share my faith."
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"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)

## I. Everyone has <u>a story</u>.

"'Go,' he told him, 'wash in the Pool of Siloam' (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing."

John 9:11 (15, 25) (NIV)

## II. Don't force it, learn to follow the Spirit of God.

"If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you."

Luke 10:6 (NIV)

"When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?"

John 4:7 (NIV)

## III. Always be ready!

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

Practice: Know Your Story—Write Your Story (You're answering the question: "Why is the gospel good news for me?"

**My Life Before Christ (BC):** 

The Moment I Encountered Christ (MC):

How My Life is Different After Christ (AC):