

5 THINGS TO GROW YOUR FAITH

Week 5 "REPRESENT"

TEXT: Like newborn babies, **crave** pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may **grow** up in your salvation **1 Peter 2:2**

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE WITNESSES FOR CHRIST.

To be a witness means: You were **there!**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8

KEY WORDS: SPEAK OUT

WE ARE CALLED TO BE REPRESENTATIVES FOR CHRIST.

God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you. **2 Corinthians 5:20**

KEY WORDS: LIVE OUT

"THE CALL FOR COMPASSION"

Lowest end 0 1 2 3 4 ~~5~~ 6 7 8 9 10 **Highest end**

Story of Good Samaritan (**Luke 10:25-37**) – on back of this sheet.

KEEP YOUR EYES & HEART OPEN TO OTHERS

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. **Philippians 2:3**

SLOW DOWN YOUR PACE

GIVE WHAT YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN

"The wire is you and me; the current is God. We have the power to let the current pass through us, use us and produce the light of the world – JESUS."

Mother Teresa

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1 - 2

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

27 He answered: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'^[a]; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'^[b]"

28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two silver coins^[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."