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#### -7 Reasons Why We Should Share Our Faith Story-

1. Because it's the **perfect time**. The harvest is ready! (Mt 9:37-38)
2. Because of the great **need**... people are lost and dying outside of Jesus. (Jn 14:6; Mk 16:16; Ro 6:23; Tt 2:11; Ro 10:11-15)
3. Because Jesus **commanded** us. (Mt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15-16; Ac 1:7)
4. Because it is **God's plan** and we are to fulfill his purpose (2 Pe 3:9). It is the desire and hope of God that ALL mankind be saved and He has provided away for that to happen by sending His Son the Lord Jesus to die on the Cross for the sins of mankind. We share our faith knowing fully that not everyone will accept this free gift of salvation.
5. Because "the **love** of Christ compels us" (2 Co 5:14, Jn 3:16, 1 Jn 4:19). We must love the lost and help them find salvation.
6. Because it is necessary for your own **growth** in Christ (Pm 6; Lk 9:23; Jn 10:16; 1 Pe 3:15; 1 Co 9:22; Is 6:8; Ro 1:16; 2 Tm 2:15; 4:5; Mt 5:14; 2 Co 5:20).
7. Because **time** is running out...Jesus is coming again (Jn 14; Ac 1:11; 1 Th 4:13-18).

#### -5 Ways To Share Your Faith Story-

1. **Lifestyle**: We share our story by our faithfulness to Christ. Jesus called us to "catch" people (Mt 4:18-22; 28:19-20). In sharing our faith we are showing others that we really believe what we say.
2. **Love**: We share our story by our compassion for others. Like Jesus himself, we are to be people of compassion. In the story of the good Samaritan, Jesus illustrated for us that neighborly love that crosses all boundaries - Lk 10:25-37
3. **Service**: We share our story by doing things for God and others. When Dorcus died all the neighbors were showing Peter the clothing that she had made for the poor and needy. (Ac 9:32-43). The testimony we give with our hands is ministering to the needs of others (Mt. 25:31-46).
4. **Testimony**: We share the story by our telling how God has made a difference in our lives. The Gerasenes Demonic was told by Jesus to "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." He went everywhere telling people his testimony and people were amazed (Mk 5:1-20; Lk 8:26-39). We all have a faith story that we are supposed to tell.
5. **Teaching / Preaching**: We share our story by telling the good news of Jesus Christ. Philip helped an Official from Ethiopia (Ac 8:26-40) There are many people right here in Ashe Co that have not heard the good news that Jesus died for their sins. And there are others who have heard but don't understand the scriptures. They need someone to put it into their own words so that they understand it.

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2. Unqualified - Philippians 4:13 (NLT) - For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.
3. Security - Matthew 16:24-25 - Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.
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5. lack of empathy or compassion -Ephesians 5:1-2 (NIV) Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
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12. They don't know the Gospel clearly and rightly - Romans 1:16 (NIV) For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.
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