



Christian Faith Fellowship

- We are not a perfect church

-We are not a perfect people

**-We are here because we know we need
God's help and He has provided this help
through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

**CFF exists to Know Christ and to make Him
Known!**

Living the Faith

- **Are you spending at least 5 minutes a day at least 5 days a week reading your Bible?**
- **Have you shared your conversion story/or a God story?**
- **Are you hearing what the Spirit is saying?**
- **Did you spend some alone time with God this week?**

Acts 1:4-5

4 on one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

- Jesus had been telling them about the Promise of the Father – the Holy Spirit (“which you have heard me speak about”)**

- **He was revealing God’s next step for them!**
- **He had been leading them to this next step – teaching and instructing them. Here He emphasizes a sketch of what is next...**
- **The disciples – having heard the teaching, received the instruction were still “hearing God’s Plan” through their own filter (Their Ideas)!!**
- **THEY were seeing a BIG IDEA... At least it was a BIG IDEA to them... Political overthrow and restoration of a right order!!**

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” (We’re Ready!!)

7 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. (REFOCUS!)

8 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.” (God’s Plan!)

- **God's plan was for the Christ follower to be filled by the Holy Spirit and to be His witness!**
- **Last Week I shared that not many believers share their faith... it had been a while since I did some research on this and so I did... here is what I found in some of the more recent research: (Just hitting the highlights but not dwelling there)**

Survey of those attending church at least 1x month *(LifeWay Research)*

- **80% agree “I have a personal responsibility to share my religious beliefs about Jesus Christ with non-Christians.”**
- **75% say they feel comfortable about doing this**
- **61% have not shared in the past 6 months**
- **48% have not invited anyone to church in the past 6 months**
- **20% rarely/never pray for people who are not professing Christians**
- **8% are afraid to let others know they are a Christian**

- **So – we know we’re not doing a good job with fulfilling God’s plan.**
- **If God has this as His plan... and we aren’t doing it... let’s see if maybe we are out of focus on what we are hearing God say to us?!!**
- **The disciples “heard” what they wanted to hear but it wasn’t what Jesus was saying!**
- **Maybe we are all looking at a “BIG THING” we think we are going to do with God and we need to REFOCUS on what God has already said!!**

- **“...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,...”**

2 Timothy 1: 3 & 5

3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers...

5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

- **The first place to share your faith is with your family!**

Acts 10:23-24, 27 (Starting at home!)

23 The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the believers from Joppa went along. 24

The following day he arrived in Caesarea.

Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends.

27 While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people.

• Inviting family over to talk about Jesus!! (Not the Amway version!!)

Acts 16:23-29-33 (Starting at home!) 29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. 33 At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized.

- **When is the last time you shared your faith with a non-believing family member?**
- **When is the last time you prayed for non-believing family members (by name)?**
- **(Same survey): 47% “Pray for the spiritual status of people who I know are not professing” Christians (53% don’t!)**
- **How many of you heard the story this week about the Scientific Warning about the coming Earthquake on the San Andreas Fault Line?**

Personal Application

- **The most simple place to begin sharing your faith is with the lost in your own family!**
- **Begin today! It's Mother's Day! Take advantage of it and share your faith!**
- **Fear? Do we talk about other things that are uncomfortable?**
- **Let's begin to share, believe, pray, and ask for our entire household!**
- **This IS God's BIG thing!!**