

Vision Cast 2025: Rooted In Routine
The Routine Of Sharing Our Faith (5 of 5)
Cornerstone Church of Poway
Pastor Ed Turley
January 26th, 2025

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: If you want unwavering faith, then you must build consistent spiritual routines.

Our Mission as a church is *"Helping people find and follow Jesus"*

Our Vision: To be a church who worships passionately, connects in community, grows in faith, serves selflessly, and **shares Jesus boldly.**

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All **authority** in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and **teaching them to obey** everything I have commanded you. And **surely I am with you always**, to the very end of the age." **Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)**

The Routine Of Sharing Our Faith:

1. Creates Consistency in Seeking God

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16 (NIV)**

That if you **confess** with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and **believe** in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. ¹¹ As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, **"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."** ¹⁴ **How**, then, can they call on the one they have **not believed in?** And how can they believe in the one of whom they **have not heard?** And how can they hear **without someone preaching to them?** ¹⁵ And how can they preach **unless they are sent?** As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Romans 10:9-15 (NIV)

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2. Provides Stability During Challenging Times

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. ⁹ Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might **not rely on ourselves but on God**, who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, ¹¹ as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many. **2 Corinthians 1:8-11 (NIV)**

To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, "**My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.**" Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. **2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (NIV)**

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3. Leads the Next Generation

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. **Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (NIV)**

"Instead, you must **worship Christ as Lord of your life**. And if someone **asks** about your **Christian hope, always be ready to explain it**. ¹⁶ But do this in a **gentle and respectful** way. Keep your **conscience clear**. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a **good life you live** because you belong to Christ." **1 Peter 3:15-16 (NLT2)**

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Prayer: "Lord, give me a heart for those who don't know You."

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- **Who in your life needs to hear about God's love?**

I will take my next right step this week by:

- [] Praying, "Lord, give me a heart for those who don't know You."
- [] Joining or Hosting a small group
- [] Affirm the Our Vision for 2025
- [] Attend Date Night: February 7th, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Cornerstone Ministries I may be interested in:

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| [] Administration/ IT | [] Children | [] Youth/Teens |
| [] Meal Train/ Meals | [] First Impressions | [] Hospitality/Café |
| [] Media & Sound | [] Men's | [] Prayer & Celebration of Life Quilts |
| [] Facilities | [] Women's | [] Worship |

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss.]

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Small Group Discussion Guide: The Routine of Sharing Our Faith

Opening Prayer: Invite God's guidance as you discuss the importance of sharing faith.

Introduction: Share the key theme: Sharing our faith is a continuous lifestyle that creates consistency, provides stability, and influences the next generation.

Icebreaker: Sometimes our faith begins by learning from our parents or grandparents and then becomes our personal faith. Sometimes our faith begins from a dramatic experience like Paul. How did your faith begin?

1: Consistency in Seeking God

Read Matthew 28:19-20, John 3:16 and Romans 10:9-17 together.

How does consistently sharing your faith deepen your relationship with God?

What practical steps can help you make sharing your faith a routine?

How does the analogy of tending a garden relate to faith-sharing?

2: Stability During Challenging Times

Read 2 Corinthians 1:8-11 and 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 together.

How does sharing your faith provide stability during personal challenges?

In what ways can sharing God's promises help you and others during difficult times?

How does the lighthouse analogy inspire you to share your faith?

3: Leading the Next Generation

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7 and 1 Peter 3:15-16 together.

Why is it important to share faith with the next generation?

How can you actively involve younger generations in faith practices?

Discuss practical ways to encourage faith-sharing in your daily life.

Read 1 Timothy 1:13-16 How can you use Paul's three-minute testimony to format your story?

WRITING MY STORY: A testimony doesn't need to be long. It is simply your story of how you have placed your trust in Jesus' death burial and resurrection for your salvation. Use this page to encourage people to write out their story of faith.

Identifying the Testimony Theme(s) of My Life

My life before Christ

- Worries/Anxiety
- Guilt/Shame
- Anger/Temper
- Lack of purpose
- Grief
- Stress/Burnout
- Low self-esteem
- Poor health
- Disappointment
- Insecurity
- Regrets
- Discontent – always busy
- Fears
- Loneliness
- Addictions/Habits
- Self-centeredness
- Despair/Depression
- Cheap thrills
- Boredom with my life
- Fear of death
- "Something was missing"
- Bitterness and resentment
- Pain of rejection
- Marriage problems
- Financial problems
- Business problems

My life with Christ

- Inner Peace
- Forgiveness
- Self-control, patience, and love
- Purpose in my life
- Comfort and Joy
- Power for living
- Significance to God
- Strength to rise above
- Trust in his good plans
- Confidence and security
- A second chance at life
- Contentment and peace
- Faith to face my fears
- God's always with me
- Power to change
- Love for others
- Hope for living
- Real and lasting joy
- Adventure with God
- Assurance of heaven
- Sense of completion
- Freedom from my past
- God's unconditional love
- Changes in my marriage
- Changes in my finances
- Changes in my business

MY STORY

1. (Before I knew Jesus...)

2. (How I Met Jesus)

3. (Now that I know Jesus...)
