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Research Indicates

  Many Christians

    Have a limited understanding of

      What the Christian Faith Teaches

      Loving Others Different than Us

 As a Result

  They find it difficult *to live out* their faith

  Even more difficult to *share* their faith

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Luke 19:12-13

"He said therefore, 'A nobleman went into far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return.'"

"Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.'"

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Scripture

  In its Context to See It Meaning

    Jesus' Encounter with Zacchaeus

    The Triumphal Entry to Jerusalem

  The Importance of Context

    Zacchaeus 19:1-10

    Jesus Unconditional Acceptance

    Allows for a radical change in attitudes

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The Triumphal Entry

Does Not Represent

The Earthly values of

Materialism   Nationalism   Ambition

Rather of Humble Obedience to the Father

Peace   Hope   Joy   True Salvation

That Comes From Knowing Jesus

The Only One who can Transform Our Lives

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Like Expectant Parents

Christians need to prepare as we listen
with expectancy for God's leadership

Every Believer

Needs to Reproduce

Through Engaging with our Faith

So that we can *live our lives* for the Lord

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Our Challenge

   Take Seriously God's Command

     To *Share* His Salvation with Everyone

 Salvation

    Jesus is God who came to earth

    Lived a Sinless Life   Dying on the Cross

    Raised the third day to Life

    That we can have Salvation

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Song - Hymn 547

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

I stand amazed in the presence Of Jesus the Nazarene And wonder how He could love me A sinner, condemned, unclean

He took my sins and my sorrows He made them his very own He bore the burden to Calvary He suffered and bled for me.

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The Gospel

   Engage with the Gospel

      Learn what it Teaches

      Share it with Others

   Aerobic Exercise

      Unabashedly/Boldly She Ask

      What's it going to take to get you to come to my class?

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The Application

We Need to Believe the Gospel

Is Just as Vital and Essential

That It Is Just as Worthwhile

So that We Live and Share the Gospel

Just as Unabashedly/Boldly

We Believe It has Value and Worth