

Bring Someone With You!
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"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation." - 2 Cor 5: 18 - 19 (NIV)

"God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives." - 2 Cor 5: 18 (TM)

"Overcoming The Fear Factor"

Arachnophobia	- thunder / spiders
Selachophobia	- light flashes / sharks
Acrophobia	- heights / pain
Coulrophobia	- confined spaces / clowns
Venustraphobia	- beautiful women / the planet Venus
Epehebiophobia	- teenagers / insects

If you have **Ecclesiophobia** you have been nervous all morning.
If you have **Homilophobia** you are scared right now!

Common fears in sharing our Faith:

- Fear of Rejection
- Fear of Saying the Wrong Thing
- Fear of Not Knowing an answer to a Question
- Fear of Coming On To Strong
- We are afraid of Peer Pressure or Consequences
- We are afraid of Getting Out Of Our Comfort Zone

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. - 2 Timothy 1: 7 (NLT)

Overcome Fear through _____

Prayer reminds me that it isn't about me... It's about God!

Prayer reminds me that God is with me!

"One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision and told him, "Don't be afraid! Speak out! Don't be silent! For I am with you." - Acts 18: 9 - 10

*Prayer reminds me that Salvation is God's work, not mine!
"My message and my preaching were very plain. . . . But the Holy Spirit was powerful among you." - 1 Corinthians 2: 4*

"When we brought you the Good News . . . the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true." - 1 Thessalonians 1: 5

Overcome Fear through _____

*"It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it."
- Isaiah 55: 11*

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*"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
- Matt 28: 18 - 20*

Fear will usually flee once you face it!

Overcome Fear Through _____

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.

Remember, sharing your faith is one area of your life that you cannot fail in!