ACTS empowered for Jesus's Mission Sunday, May 26, 2024 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 55 | God's Story Keeps Going Acts 28:11-31

Despite **OBSTACLES**

physical	
circumstantial	
financial	
spiritual	
other:	

Paul (and his ministry) **FLOURISHED**!

his story < God's story Acts 20:24; 26:16-18; Galatians 1:15-16; Philippians 3:7-8

his plans < God's plans Romans 15:23-24; Acts 18:21; 19:21

God's work isn't hindered by our **LIMITATIONS**.



God opens hearts Acts 16:14; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14; Psalm 119:18; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 1:17-18



we open our mouths Acts 1:8; Romans 10:14; 1 Peter 3:15; Colossians 4:3-4; 2 Timothy 4:2

Need to register your kids for VBS (July 29 to August 1, 6-8pm)? Text "VBS" to 833-271-8805, then follow the link. You can also text this number anytime for prayer. Just say, "Pray for..." followed by your request.



Part of our Enduring **Reach** vision is:

By 2030 the people of Wawasee Bible will engage in 10,000 Gospel Conversations

Types of "Gospel Conversations"

Any intentional conversation with someone you hope to meet Jesus counts as a Gospel Conversation. As you count your conversations, try to categorize them as to what "level" of a conversation it is.

NOTE, there is **not** a "right" or "wrong" here, it's just a tool to help you gradually move toward level 5 conversations with those far from God, with hopes that they might meet Jesus.

Categories of Gospel Conversations:

Jesus with us

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow

Connecting (News/Weather/Sports) These are casual "connecting" conversations. We all have them every day, multiple times, even with those we're closest to.

Personal (Personal Details, Family, etc.) Personal conversations go further to reveal or disclose something from each other's personal lives. Family, vocation,

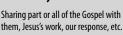


3 Here you learn something of their spiritual background, knowledge, interest, etc.

My Story Sharing part or all of your faith story.

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God's Story





Food for Thought

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? - Normally this section includes questions and a study for our Life Groups. If you're not in one, you should sign up in the Commons, let us know on a Connect Card, or contact the church office! Most groups break for the summer, but others will continue and use this for their study time together. Instead of our normal study guide, this is a smaller study and some guestions for you to reflect/journal on throughout the week. Look for sign-ups for new groups in August!

Food for Thought...

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

A powerful way of sharing your testimony or your "story" is by talking about what God has done in your life. As you read through Titus 3:3-8, write down anything that could be used to help someone understand how God works in their life when they ask Him to. (Most believe this letter was written to Titus-a pastor on the island of Crete-by Paul while he was imprisoned in Rome.)

- Circle or highlight any words or phrases that catch your attention.

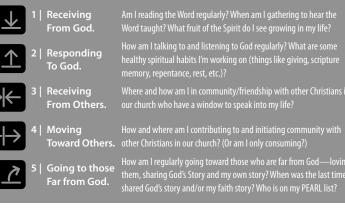
- Underline what you think is important to remember.
- Put an X next to anything that confuses you.

³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. 8 The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. TITUS 3:3-8 (ESV)

Welcome to Wawasee!

OUR This is who we hope you grow to *become* at Wawasee Bible...

If I'm truly growing as a follower of Jesus, I should be growing in the ways that I am...



Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Acts 28:24-27 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

²⁴ And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved. ²⁵ And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet: ²⁶ "Go to this people, and say, "You will indeed hear but never PLEYESATYN understand, and you will S O M E 0 indeed see but never OSEDITRMO perceive." ²⁷ For this 0 0 I S F people's heart has grown NDEED dull, and with their ears ΡE CEIVEIRUESA they can **barely hear**, and 1 THERSSN Α their eyes they have ОСВ P D U closed; lest they should тне EFORENEVE see with their eyes and ΕE E EWAGLIRC I S hear with their ears and D A S IRITSHS understand with their ΑΤΕ MENTRAA heart and turn, and l VIA C would **heal** them. O D G REEINGA CONVINCEDIDWHO

Study Guide (continued)

2. Have you ever taken time to write out your story?

3. Back in **Acts 26**, we find Paul essentially sharing his testimony with King Agrippa. As you go back and read through Paul's story in this chapter, watch for the four elements of a testimony: 1) who I was before Jesus, 2) what happened when Jesus found me, 3) who I am now, 4) my hope of where I'm going (where God is taking me)..

If you read this story out loud, it will take you about three minutes. Paul is able to communicate a lot in that short amount of time. It's often suggested you try condensing your story to three minutes, which will require you to think about what to include and what to leave out. Should you have more than three minutes to share your story, you can always expand it by adding more details.

As a first step toward writing out your story, jot down a few thoughts under each of the elements mentioned above..

- Who I was before I met Jesus:
- What happened when Jesus found me:
- Who I am now:

• My hope of where I am going (where God is taking me):

NOTE: You can find some helps at <u>wawaseebible.com/pearl</u> and download the "**Revealing Your Story Tool**" (aka "The 2nd Greatest Story").

This week's Food for Thought is adapted in part from a study by North Coast Church in Vista, CA. North Coast is a sister church of Wawasee Bible and part of the EFCA.



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