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MYW 1.1 MMOTIVATIONS

GOAL

To become aware of our motives and to widen and deepen them.

KEY QUESTION

**Have you ever felt you made a mistake in sharing your beliefs?
How did it feel? What did you learn from it?**

Either we MAKE MORE MISTAKES or we are

- In our comfort zone, or
- uninterested

Try this on -

"Sorry I made a mistake. Can we try that again please?"

Now, we can begin to learn.



Christ has come: (John 3:16, 1 John 1:1-4)

Christ commands: (Matthew 5:13-16, Matthew 28:20)

Christ calls: (John 13:34-35, John 17:20-21, 15:1,2,16)

Christ's compassion: (Mark 1:29-2:9)

QUOTES

It is not the church of God that has a mission in the world but the God of mission who has a church in the world
Tim Dearborn *Beyond duty: a passion for Christ, a heart for mission*

The gospel always comes to people in cultural robes. There is no such thing as a 'pure' gospel, isolated from culture.
David J. Bosch. *Transforming Mission* 1991:297

Contextualisation represents the careful and refined use of a people's cultural forms in order that the truth of the gospel can be correctly expressed in their language through a judicious use of their own thought forms.
Arthur F Glasser, *Announcing the Kingdom*

Contextualisation is not minimising the impact of scripture that is to be shared with the receptor for the sake of the receptor's comfort. It is not "watering down" the gospel. It is not reducing the whole of the gospel so that the receptor has no ability to understand the implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ.
Robert L Gallagher & Paul Hertig, *Mission in Acts*



THE BASIC SKILL OF COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL IS TO SHARE FOUR STORIES.

1. MY STORY The story of **how God is in me** -my own experience of the Risen Christ and the difference he makes in my life.
2. THE STORY The story that **God is like Jesus** - the events of the Life that have demonstrated that Jesus is Saviour and Lord, inviting all people to follow Him.
3. YOUR STORY The story that **God is with you too** - the many ways that God has shown his character and love to everyone in Creation, his acceptance and patience of them, even when they are unaware of it.
4. OUR STORY The story of **God's people, the church** through the ages, and through the world, represented primarily in a local church.

It doesn't much matter where you start so long as you don't stop there.

A 25 word prayer?.....



CONCLUSION

Christian faith is not about “spirituality” in general. It’s not about being good or being nice. It’s not even about whether or not you ‘believe in God’. It’s not about spiritual experiences. It’s about participating in the particular LOVE of God, as it happens in our everyday life. That Love is best modelled by Jesus and through the cross and resurrection is now made present in you and me. Jesus is the Source. Have you got it?