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# Lifelines Outreach

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Lifelines Outreach shares the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and by making disciples in the greater Nashville area.

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One of the things I have learned by experience is that sin leads to brokenness. I have a habit of writing in the margins of my Bible as God speaks to me. One of the truths that God has revealed to me is that we always substitute sin for intimacy with God. We can't have both in our life. Isaiah 59:1-2 (KJV) *"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear."* I see brokenness everyday. And we are all familiar with brokenness whether we are Christian or not. Brokenness is real, and it hurts and affects us all. Romans 2:9 (KJV) *"Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;"*

Everyman wants out of brokenness. Every man knows there needs to be some kind of change in their life. Men search for ways out of brokenness. We try to numb the pain and escape the hurt in any way possible. We attempt many different things to get out of our brokenness then after our failed attempts at trying to go on our own way we realize that we cannot change ourselves. There is no power within ourselves to change our behavior.

However, in many ways, brokenness is a good thing. Because it shows us that there is something wrong. Brokenness is God's way of getting our attention. It leads us to a place in realizing a need for something greater than ourselves. The apostle Paul says in Galatians 3:24 (KJV) *"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith."*

The Bible's solution to the problem of brokenness is the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Good News is that God loves us and He does not want us to remain in our brokenness and separation from Him. God sent Jesus in the flesh to rescue us out of our life of sin and separation. He took our sin and shame and paid the penalty on the cross. He died for our sins and was buried and three days later Jesus was raised from the dead.

His resurrection proved...that the cross forgives us of our sins. He was who He said He was, the Son of God and our Savior. He accomplished His mission by giving saving us from sin and death.

And hearing the Good News is not enough. We admit our sinful brokenness and stop trusting our sinful selves. We must admit that we do not have the power to save ourselves. We admit that we need to be rescued-we need to be changed. We repent and believe in the Gospel. When we repent, we turn from our sin and we turn to Jesus. Then God restores. We are restored to an intimate relationship with God through Jesus and an abundant life. Look up Hebrews 4:2!

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. I could not do it without you! Remember to read your Bible and pray every day. *-Richard Gay*

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## **Colossians 4:2-6**

As Paul closes his letter to the Colossians church, he shares a final plea with them that partner in the Gospel. The letter is also to the church today. This letter is for each of us.

### **Paul gives three things that we must do to make Jesus known.**

#### **1. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel-for others and for yourself. (vs. 2-3)**

A. Sharing the Gospel begins with prayer; actively praying and watching for opportunities to share. Prayer is absolutely necessary for evangelism.

B. We know from Phil 4:6 that in prayer we make our requests known to God. Therefore, we should pray for opportunities to share the Gospel and for people to respond to the Good News.

#### **2. Be ready to share the Gospel. (vs. 3-5)**

A. The apostle Peter also said that we are always to be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in us. 1 Peter 3:15

B. The important part of sharing the Gospel is being ready to share the Gospel in a clear and concise way.

#### **3. Share the Gospel. (vs. 6)**

A. Paul encourages fellow Christians to live a powerful and attractive testimony before others. This includes not only what we say, but how we say it. Our lives seasoned with salt means speaking in a compelling and gracious way.

B. Paul's assumption is that believers are involved in sharing the Gospel. This involves us being out in our community. Interacting with those that need to hear the Gospel. Nashville is our primary mission field; it is where God has placed us to make Jesus known.

## **Roman Road**

- **Romans 3:23** – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- **Romans 6:23** – For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- **Romans 5:8** - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- **Romans 10:9** - That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
- **Romans 10:13** - For "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved."