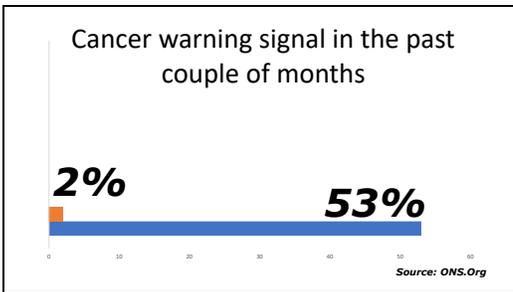




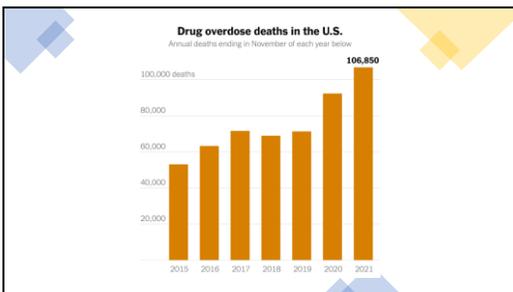
Shocked



53% reported at least one cancer warning signal in the past couple of months. But do you know how many of them went to the doctors because they thought it might actually be cancer? Only 2%. You see, they had the symptom but not enough worry or pain to push them to get it checked out.



Between 2018 and 2021, ~50k high school referees quit, citing verbal abuse from parents as the top reason why.

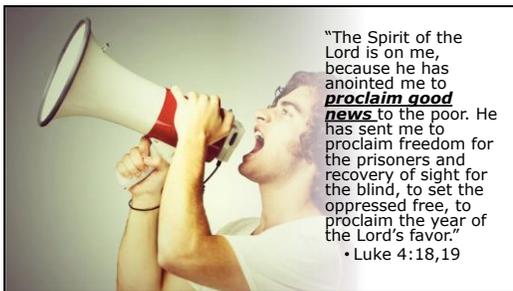




Even though the word Evangelism does not appear in the bible, it certainly is talked about.. So, what does it mean? Here's a portrayal of the first "evangelism" message.



Let's think about what Jesus said



"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to **proclaim good news** to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Proclaim/preach good news – a message of good news, this word was in common use in the first century for good news of any kind. The proclamation of a new Roman emperor was entitled "good news." NT writers use an existing word, take it out of the current secular usage, and speak of the message of salvation as good news that comes from God.



There is no subtlety about it, no hiding it. It sticks out like a sore thumb.

God's good news is not like anything else. It's wildly different.

So when Jesus says...

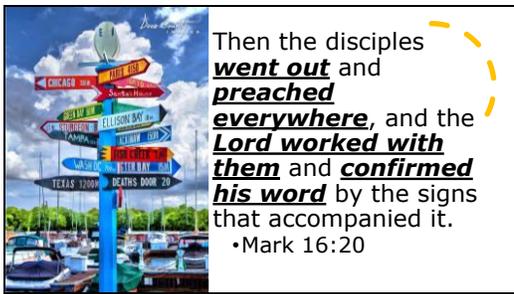


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 •Mark 16:15

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preach the gospel – there is no hiding it, it's so radically different from anything else.



Jewish sacrifices
 Suovetaurilia was one of the most sacred and traditional rites of Roman religion: the sacrifice of a pig, sheep, and a bull to the deity Mars to bless and purify land



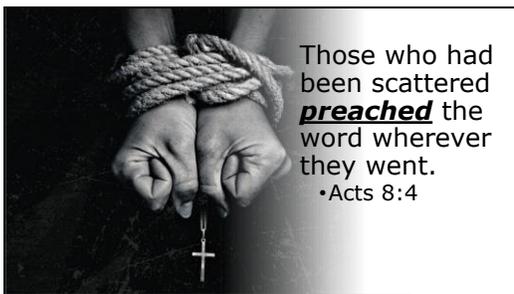
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 •Mark 16:20

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went out – you have to get up.
preached everywhere - there is no place not to and the **Lord worked with them** and **confirmed his word** by the signs that accompanied it.



Where is everywhere?

Where is everywhere?
 Persecution breaks out, people run for their lives.

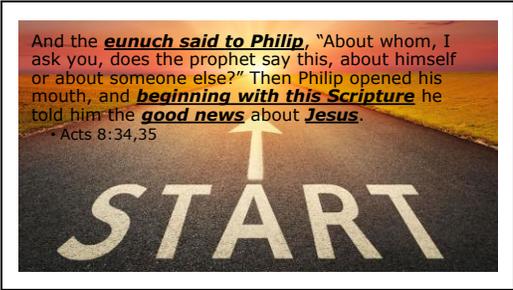


Those who had been scattered **preached** the word wherever they went.
 •Acts 8:4

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preached – didn't keep their mouths shut.
 Philip went south at God's direction and meets up with an Ethiopian Eunuch.
 Different country, ethnic, color. He's reading from Isaiah and God told him to get near and stay there..

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.
 • Acts 8:30

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And the **eunuch said to Philip**, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and **beginning with this Scripture** he told him the **good news** about **Jesus**.

eunuch said to Philip – Let them ask the questions first, don’t jam it down their throats.

beginning with this Scripture – always where we get to

good news – gospel,

Jesus – it’s always, only about Jesus

It’s wherever you are – Buzz Aldrin after landing on the moon



But God chose the **foolish** things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the **weak** things of the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose the **lowly** things of this world and the despised things—and the **things that are not**—to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him.

foolish – dull, stupid,, that’s us.

weak – without strength, infirm, sick, not strong: physically, or morally

lowly – low born, no great family name or reputation

things that are not – so far down on the priority list

So, how do you learn to share your faith? For our example, we’re going to look at Julia Child.

Born in 1912, Julia’s first book was published in 1961 – 49 years old.

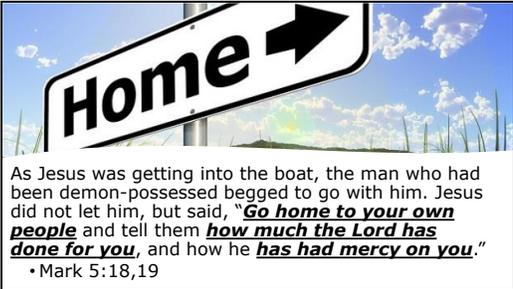
She wasn’t particularly good looking, at 6’ 2” she towered over most people, her hair was all over the place, her voice was grating. At the age of 50, she appeared on television for the first time, making an omelet..

The French Chef had its debut on February 11, 1963, on WGBH and was immediately successful.





The only way to learn is to do it. You will make mistakes.



As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him, but said, "**Go home to your own people** and tell them **how much the Lord has done for you**, and how he **has had mercy on you.**"

Go home to your own people – k
how much the Lord has done for you – Part 1, God has done much for you
has had mercy on you – Part 2 – God has had mercy on you



It doesn't have to be perfect
Remember how Julia botched flipping the fried potatoes...





Peace with God

It's not that we make our peace with God but that he has made his peace with us. We are the ones who had offended, we are the ones who had turned away, we are the ones who were and are in rebellion. And we can't get back to him. We can't make our peace with him. He and he alone can make peace with us. He is the one who reunites us and reconnect all the strands that were broken oh, putting us back together with total transparency and intimacy with him. And this piece, is made in and through Jesus alone.