

Jesus Christ.

Other missionaries tried to negotiate for his freedom, but day after day they were turned down. Eventually they received the good news that their friend would soon be released, so they went to the jail to tell him.

The missionaries discovered that their friend had been witnessing to his fellow inmates, and when they told him that he was about to be let out of jail, he said, "No, not yet. Give me another week. I need more time to share the gospel with these people."

What does it take for a person to be so burdened for others that he is willing to stay locked up so he can continue to proclaim the gospel? First, it takes an unwavering faith that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven (John 14:6; Hebrews 11:1-6) and that life without Him leads to a hopeless future. Second, it takes a faith that God is in control and that He can be trusted with our lives when we are not in control at all (Proverbs 3:5-6; Hebrews 11:32-40). And third, it takes a faith that results in action—not just thoughts and words (James 2:26).

Do we have that kind of faith? —JDB

*Lord, help me to love with both words and deeds,
To reach out to sinners and meet their needs;
Lord, burden my heart for those lost in sin,
With mercy and love that flows from within. —Fitzhugh*

True faith produces a life full of actions, not a head full of facts.



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Information for Visitors.

- * We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- * a Cubbies programme is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to Kindy age bracket.**

Jailed To Free Others

Faith without works is dead. —James 2:26

The missionary had been in jail for more than 2 weeks. He was stuck behind bars in a Kosovo prison because he had tried to tell others about



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Discipleship Series

Life Skill #5: Serving II



For the motivated Christian there are two steps to service in the local church:

1. Understand spiritual gifts, (last time)

2. Understand _____,

◆ Spiritual _____,

◆ Heart _____,

(Psalms 81:6) "I removed his shoulder from the burden; ..."

(Numbers 11:11) "So Moses said to the LORD, "... why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the burden of all these people on me?"

(Matthew 11:28-30) "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. {29} Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. {30} For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

(Psalms 55:22) "Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved."

(Psalms 38:4) "For my iniquities have gone over my head; Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me."

(Isaiah 30:27) "Behold, the name of the LORD comes from afar, Burning with His anger, And His burden is heavy; His lips are full of indignation, And His tongue like a devouring fire."

(Isaiah 13:1) "The burden against Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw."

(Zechariah 12:1) "The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. ..."

(John 4:4) "But He needed to go through Samaria."

(John 4:4) "And he must needs go through Samaria." [KJV]

(Matthew 15:24) "... I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

(Matthew 23:37) "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!"

(Romans 9:1-3) "I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, {2} that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. {3} For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh,"

(Romans 10:1) "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved."

(Romans 15:20) "And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation,"

(2 Corinthians 10:16) "to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's sphere of accomplishment."

(Romans 15:23-24) "But now no longer having a place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come to you, {24} whenever I journey to Spain, I shall come to you."



For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your company for a while."

◆ A _____, Matthew 25:23-30

(2 Timothy 1:6-7) "Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. {7} For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

◆ P _____,

(2 Corinthians 1:3-4) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, {4} who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

◆ E _____,

◆ SHAPE is an acronym for:



(Mark 8:35-38) "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. {36} For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? {37} Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? {38} For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

