

ALL OUTREACH

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Introduction:

This week Chance concludes a new series called **All OUTreach** with Week 3. What does outreach look like for you? How can you make sharing your faith an active part of your life? Are you hesitant to share your faith? Are you content to be on the sidelines? What if you are sent & not settled?

This week we continue to look at Outreach, what if it's not an event but it's the people of God being sent out? Outreach is living a lifestyle of going, not simply being busy, but going on purpose. Is busyness getting in your way of sharing the Good News?

Questions:

1. Is it surprising that Paul, as an influential Christian leader, is asking for the church to lift him up in prayer? What is different about this prayer than some that you or I may pray? How is this a call for outreach? Who are you praying for, who are you lifting up so that they can join you in proclaiming the gospel? **Colossians 4:4-6**
2. As a follower of Jesus, do you know it's your fearful responsibility to go & tell others about your faith in Him? Should your reverence for Him drive you to share the gospel? If you have never done this, what's holding you back? If you have, how long has it been & why has it been so long? **2 Corinthians 5:11-12**
3. What does it mean for you to live for Christ & not for yourself? Why is Paul's motivation for sharing his faith critical, & what is it that compels (controls) him? Who does Paul say that Jesus died and was raised for? Who gets the glory when

you share the truth of Jesus' sacrifice for each of us? **2 Corinthians 5:13-15**

4. What made Paul stop evaluating others from a human point of view? What gave him a new perspective? How does having a new life change you, how you see the world, and how you approach sharing the Good News? What's the difference between worldly grace & God's grace? Does your life demonstrate evidence of your faith? Has your life been changed by your relationship with Jesus? **2 Corinthians 5:16-17**

5. What is the gift that you have from God, how does that relate to the task you also have of reconciling people to Him? How is what you have to share a wonderful message & why does sharing it require humility? If God has changed you, can't He reconcile & change the people around you? **2 Corinthians 5:18-19**

6. Why is it critical for you to integrate the sharing of your faith into the everyday rhythms of your work, family, community? Why should this be the natural result of your faith? What are some ways that you can begin to do that this week as you go?

7. What is an ambassador? Do you know you are an ambassador for Christ wherever you are? As an ambassador for Christ, what is your obligation & your opportunity? What is the 'selling line' the key message that you have to share as an ambassador for Jesus Christ? **2 Corinthians 5:20-21**

Key takeaway: You are Christ's "ambassador" wherever you already are. Sometimes being "sent" doesn't mean you have to go to a 3rd world (it does mean that too at times), but it often means you are meant to "be the light of Christ" to those in your sphere of influence! You have an opportunity, and responsibility to share the saving grace of Jesus with those around you.

Summary:

- Pray for boldness & compassion to share the gospel effectively
- You have a fearful responsibility to go & tell others of your faith
- Jesus died to bring to everyone the possibility of new life in Him

- As a Christian you have become new, the old life is gone, worldly grace gives you another chance, God's grace gives you new life
- You have a gift from God, & the task of reconciling people to Him
- You need to integrate the sharing of your faith into everyday life
- You are Christ's ambassador, called to share the Good News that Jesus, who never made a mistake, took on your mistakes so you can have His perfect righteousness