**Your Personal Life Message**

Philemon verse 6 says “And I pray that the sharing of your faith may promote the knowledge of all the good we have in Christ Jesus our Lord.” And I love that because it’s exactly what nonbelievers want to know.

I’m not so sure they want to know how we became believers. They want to know, “What good is it now for you? I mean, in your normal life, why does it matter that you have this faith? What does it do for you?”

For each of us, we have our own personal relationship with God. One believer might say, “You know, I know that God hears me when I talk to him, because I see him answer my prayers all the time.” Somebody else might say, “When I’m in really confusing situations, I don’t know what to do, I don’t know how to approach it, when I go to the Bible God speaks to me, and he gives me exactly the answer that I needed.” Or, for me, when I’ve been at really pivotal decision points in my life, I’ve seen God give amazing clarity and guidance in what I should do.

So, what I’m suggesting to you is that you take some time, alone with God. I want you to think through, what experiences have you had with God where you’ve seen him really show up. Where you have learned, This is true about God. I know this is how God is, because I’ve seen him do this in my life. That is your life message. And I would even recommend that you list three things that you’ve come to know about God. Now you have those to draw on when you’re in a conversation with someone.

Um, but there’s more to it than that. Let’s say you’re talking to someone. And it’s a friend, and they’re really stressed about a situation. You could say, “You know when I’ve been in hard situations like that, I’ve seen God give me peace in that. I’ve been able to trust God. I know that he can enter into that situation and actually do something and help me. And so he gives me peace in that. If that’s all that you would have to say, and it’s just “There you are” and you walk away, you haven’t really helped anybody. I mean, maybe a little bit. But mainly your message has been, “I’m so glad I know God. Too bad you don’t. Have a good day.” And you know, that’s terrible. We don’t want to do that.

But if you combine that message, about your life and what you know about God, with EveryStudent.com, now you can really, significantly help a person.

So it’s the combination. So after you’ve said, what I just quoted, then you say one or two more things, and you say, “You know, you can know God’s peace like this. You can have a relationship with God like this. And I don’t know if anybody has ever shared with you how you can. May I give you a website where you can explore your questions about God. It will show you how you can begin a relationship with God like that. And you might hand them a card like this. Or you might just text it them. Just text them EveryStudent.com. And then later all they have to do is just click on it and they’re there.

If they’re a good friend, then a few days later you can ask them about it, and it gives you another opportunity to continue the conversation. If it’s somebody that you meet randomly on a flight or in a grocery store or whereever, you may never see them again. You know that you may have significantly helped them.