

## *Two Powerful Motives for Sharing Our Faith*

### *John 1:40-49*

John 1:40-49 tells of two people who came to believe in the power of Jesus to bless lives eternally, and their immediate impulse was to \_\_\_\_\_ someone they loved to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus too. This pattern became the way the good news of salvation would \_\_\_\_\_ from that day until this. We call this pattern “\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.”

The early followers of Jesus shared their faith enthusiastically because they believed they had found the promised \_\_\_\_\_ and that He had overcome \_\_\_\_\_; that the most valuable benefit a person could receive had come into their possession. Their \_\_\_\_\_ for others compelled them to share the good news. We also would like to be effective at bringing others to Jesus. But sharing Jesus consistently and effectively is \_\_\_\_\_ for almost all of us.

One reason we are reluctant to share is we feel \_\_\_\_\_ by 21<sup>st</sup> century culture. Another reason people claim reluctance to witness is \_\_\_\_\_ with the gospel message.

The two examples from our text highlight the two real stumbling blocks for believers regarding sharing our faith: \_\_\_\_\_ about what we have in Christ Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to want to tell them.

In our busy, affluent, entertainment culture, many believers have become so enamored with what the \_\_\_\_\_ has to offer that we have lost our sense of \_\_\_\_\_ about our Lord and our salvation. We need to be praying daily with David in **Psalm 51:12**, “\_\_\_\_\_ to me the \_\_\_\_\_ of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit.”

Regarding the second stumbling block, it is always tough to overcome our own \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ and care about others enough to risk trying to bless them with something they may not see the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ immediately. But this is a \_\_\_\_\_ we must make if we are to live the Great Commandment.

Would you be willing to make a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ ?