



THE POWER OF c·h·a·n·g·e

THE POWER OF C-H-A-N-G-E Part H – Helps Others Know God Acts 1:8

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Life change is what the entire Christian journey is about.

How do we C-H-A-N-G-E to be a strong, powerful Christ Follower?

C – **Connects** with God and His Family

A – **Actively** Grows in Christ

H – **Helps** Others Know God

I. OUR CIRCLES OF **INFLUENCE**. (Acts 1:8)

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II. WE SHARE OUR **STORY**.

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A. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to tell our **story** to others who are a part of our lives.

B. How do you tell your story? There are three parts:

1. What was I like **before** I accepted Christ?
2. How did I actually **accept Christ** into my life
3. What **difference** has Jesus made in my life since?

III. WHAT ROLE DOES **GOD** PLAY IN MY MOMENT OF TELLING MY STORY?

- A. The Lord is at work right now, through the situations your unsaved friend is experiencing.

John 16:8-11 "And when the Holy Spirit is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ Of sin, because they believe not on me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."

- B. The Lord is at work in us setting up the **opportunity** for us to tell our **story**.

- C. The Lord will lead us in the **words** we are to **say** and then He will take it from there.

1. The same God who is preparing people to hear, the same God who is moving you into just the right place, at the right time will give you just the **right words** to speak.
2. How did you get saved?
 - a. Recognized that you had **sinned**. (Romans 3:23)
 - b. Recognized that sin had separated you from God. (Romans 6:23)
 - c. Recognized that Jesus died on the cross to pay the **penalty** for your sin. (Romans 5:8)
 - d. Recognized that Jesus rose from the grave and now offered forgiveness for your sin through repentance and faith in Him. *Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved;"*
 - e. You made the **decision** to accept Jesus Christ by faith into your life.

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