

How do you prepare for every opportunity to say something about your confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ? It may happen suddenly in school, on the sidelines of a game, in the barber shop, at a neighborhood gathering, or a family event. What's your story? How do you know for certain that your relationship with God, in Christ, is for real and right for everyone else? What do you say? The Apostle Paul, a prisoner of Rome and accused of stirring up riots among the Jews, stood before King Agrippa who told him it was his turn to "speak for himself". Peter, Paul's fellow apostle, wrote, *"But in your hearts, set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their behavior."* (1 Peter 3:15-16 NIV)

Why should anyone think it incredible...?

Are you out of your mind...?

How long does it take...?

Personal Application and Interaction

1. How do you prepare yourself to talk about your faith in Christ?
2. To what extent do you look for opportunities to tell people about the hope that you have in Christ for your salvation? How do you go about offering that hope to them?
3. Describe your journey of faith including your doubts, fears and sometimes, rejections. Why are these elements important in your witness for Christ?
4. How do you handle objections, criticisms, and insults to faith in Christ?
5. On a scale of 1-10, how would you describe your active confidence in the presence and power of God when you speak to people about Jesus?



Speak up!

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