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Acts 8:26–30:

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, **“Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”** 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 **The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”** 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. **“Do you understand what you are reading?”** Philip asked.

Acts 8:31–35:

31 “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.” 34 The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

Acts 8:36–40:

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?”

38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then **both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.** 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

1 Peter 3:15

In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, **always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect...**

Why is talking about faith so weird?

The Bible.

We don't know it... and we know it.

So how can we talk about it without it being weird?

#1. Learn the Word.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God **with lofty speech or wisdom**. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And **I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom**, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men **but in the power of God**.

Why is talking about faith so weird?

The Spirit.

**We're not near God,
so we don't hear God.**

So how can we talk about it without it being weird?

#2. Listen to the Spirit of God

Matt. 10:7

Proclaim as you go, saying,
'The kingdom of heaven is
at hand.' Heal the sick, raise
the dead, cleanse lepers,
cast out demons.

Why is talking about faith so weird?

The Heart.

We don't **concern** ourselves with
the things that **concern** others.

So how can we talk about it without it being weird?

**#3. Listen for other's life
questions that connect to Jesus.**

Why is talking about faith so weird?

The lifestyle.

**We don't join in practices of faith
in which others can join us.**

So how can we talk about it without it being weird?

**#4. Invite others to join you in
your practices of faith.**

Romans 10:13–15:

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And **how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?** And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: **“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”**

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