

## YOUR FAITH IN ACTION

(Part 2)

*“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest?’ I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.*

John 4:34-35 (New International Version)

*“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”*

Mark 1:17 (NIV)

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”* Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

In today’s passage of Scripture, we are going to look at three keys to helping us as believers be strengthened in our mind set to share Christ.

**KEY #1: SHARING CHRIST STARTS WITH A HEART OF COMPASSION AND LOVE FOR THE LOST.**

*Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. <sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup>and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup>I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. Luke 15:1-7 (NIV)*

*Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Matthew 9:35-37 (NIV)*

**KEY #2: WE HAVE TO BE WILLING TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO SHARE CHRIST WITH THE LOST.**

**KEY #3: BE PERSISTENT AND DON’T GIVE UP.**

**RESULT:**