



GOT TRUTH?

Speaking Of Truth

Colossians 4:2-6

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1. How would you define persecution?
2. Are Christians in America (USA) being persecuted because they are Christians or because they are followers of Jesus Christ?
3. Are there circumstances in your life where you are being / have been persecuted for your faith? How are you responding / have you responded?
4. Do you think a “fear of being persecuted” is why followers of Jesus might hesitate to share their faith (give personal testimony of the Gospel / what it means to trust Jesus as your Savior)? If so, why? If not, why might followers of Jesus hesitate to share their faith?
5. Are there circumstances in your life where you would just simply hesitate to share your faith?
6. Have you ever regretted not sharing your faith? Have you ever been grateful that you did?

Stay Focused In Prayer (verses 2-4)

7. What does Paul mean by: “Continue steadfastly in prayer”? “being watchful in it”? “with thanksgiving”?
8. What would that look like for you?
9. Why was Paul in prison?
10. Bottom line (verses 3 & 4)—what is Paul requesting prayer for and why?
11. What is Paul encouraging the Colossians (and us) to focus on in our prayers? Why?
12. Thinking about your answers to questions 7 to 11, what adjustments might you need to make while praying?

Stay Focused In Conduct (verses 5,6)

13. Who are the “outsiders”?
14. What do you think most “outsider’s” impression of the church is? Is this justified?
15. What is wisdom? How do we gain wisdom? How do we “walk in wisdom”?
16. How do we “walk in wisdom toward outsiders”? What do we need to know about “outsiders” in order to walk this way? How might we gain this knowledge?
17. What do we need to “know” in order “to answer each person”? What “answer” is Paul talking about?
18. Do you ever feel like you don’t “know” enough (that you are inadequate) to share your faith?
19. How might what Paul writes here (4:2-6) encourage you to share your faith?