Day 26

Ready to Share the Good News

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:13–17

Key Verse

"Always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you..."
1 Peter 3:15

Today's Devotional

One of the greatest privileges God gives every believer is the opportunity to tell someone else about Jesus Christ.

Many Christians become nervous when they hear the word *evangelism*. We imagine standing before large crowds or having all the answers to difficult questions. But the New Testament presents something much simpler and much more personal.

Peter tells ordinary believers to be **ready**.

Ready to explain why they have hope.

Ready to tell what Christ has done.

Ready to speak with gentleness and respect.

Notice that Peter does not tell us to win every argument.

He tells us to faithfully bear witness.

The Holy Spirit is responsible for changing hearts.

We are responsible for faithfully sharing the truth.

As September 20 approaches, many people in our community will be looking for hope.

Some will come because of an invitation.

Others because of a difficult season in life.

Some because they have questions.

Some simply because they have been searching for a church home.

When they arrive, they should certainly experience warm hospitality.

But even more importantly, they should hear the clear message of the gospel.

That every person has sinned.

That Christ died for our sins.

That He rose again.

That forgiveness and eternal life are found through repentance and faith in Him alone.

This is the message that changes lives.

Every ministry at Riva Trace Baptist Church exists to support that mission.

Every class.

Every volunteer.

Every worship service.

Every conversation.

Everything ultimately points people to Jesus.

As you pray today, ask the Lord to place someone in your path with whom you can share your story.

You may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

Think About It

1. Can I clearly explain the gospel?
2. Who has God placed in my life that needs to hear about Christ?
3. What keeps me from sharing my faith more often?

Today's Prayer

Father,

Thank You for saving me through Your Son.

Give me courage to speak about Christ with gentleness and love.

Prepare the hearts of those who will hear the gospel through our church.

May every ministry faithfully point people to Jesus.

Amen.

Today's Fast

Fast from fear.

Whenever you feel hesitant to speak about Christ today, stop and pray for boldness.

Prayer Focus

Pray that many people will come to saving faith in Jesus Christ through the ministries of Riva Trace Baptist Church this coming year.