

# GREG'S NOTES

## A NEW BEGINNING TEACHING OUTLINES

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### JUST DO IT!

Matthew 28

Everyone likes to hear a good story—especially a true story. And when it comes to sharing your faith, one of the most effective tools in your evangelistic toolbox is your personal testimony. Whether it's dramatic or not, each of us has a legitimate story to tell which points to the greatest story ever told: the testimony of Jesus Christ. Keep the following in mind when you share your story.

### PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

1. **New believers need assurance.** They need to be reassured that God loves them, that He has forgiven them, and that their names are written in the Book of Life. Believers should commit 1 John 5:13 to memory: “I write these things to you that believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life” (NIV), because Satan will try to get the new believer (and older believers for that matter) to doubt that they are saved.
2. **New believers need protection.** New believers are vulnerable to their emotions as well as to false teachings. Old friends, old girlfriends and boyfriends, etc., will materialize out of nowhere. Temptations will come. Like Jesus said in the Parable of the Sower, some seeds fall on the roadside and are eaten by the birds. These represent the ones that hear the Word, and Satan comes and snatches it away from them. They don't know what is happening, but we do, so we need to help them.
3. **New believers need food.** They are hungry for the Word of God. Do you remember reading the Bible for the first time? When it came alive to you? The Bible is relevant to you in your youth just as it is in your old age. You live with a hope and an assurance for now and even for the afterlife.
4. **New believers need an example.** They need to see what a Christian looks like. They need to see how a Christian lives. They need to see what a Christian married couple looks like. They need to see what a single Christian looks like. They need to see what it looks like to go to church. They need to see what movies you go to. They observe things. It is not just them hearing the Word, but seeing our conduct.

### RELEVANT REMINDERS

- New believers are the lifeblood of the church and the lifeblood of older Christians.
- If you are a Christian, you need to be giving out what God has given to you. Give and you will receive. The new believer will energize you.
- We are all called to make disciples. Nobody gets off the hook. No one should want to get off the hook because this is a privilege. But it is also a responsibility.

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### APPLICABLE ACTIONS

Do you know what a new believer needs more than anything else? They just need a friend. They don't need a Bible scholar. If you are a Bible scholar, all the better, but they don't need that. They just need someone to show them what a real, living, breathing Christian looks like. If you take that new believer under your wing, not only will you help them but you help yourself. Ask God to help you obey His command to make disciples. Ask Him to empower you. We want to be witnesses so we can fulfill the Great Commission.