

“Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.” **Philippians 1:27 (NAS)**

“You’ve been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ.”
Philippians 1:5 (NLT)

I. REACH OUT IN LOVE

“Because we loved you, we were happy to share not only God’s Good News with you, but even our own lives.” **1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NCV)**

“Whatever we do, it is certainly not for our own profit but because Christ’s love controls us now.” **2 Cor. 5:14 (LB)** (2 Cor. 5:20; John 3:16; Eph. 5:2; I John 4:7-8; Gal.5:14)

Action Step: Ask God to give you a deeper love for others.

II. REACH OUT AND TELL YOUR STORY

“Listen, and I’ll tell you what God has done for me.”
Psalms 66:16 (NCV)

“I was blind but now I see.” **John 9:25 (NIV)**

Action Step: Write out your story & share it with others.
(A two-minute version and a longer version)

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III. REACH OUT AND NURTURE FRIENDSHIPS

“Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.”
Romans 12:16 (NIV)

“In his home Levi (Matthew) gave a big dinner party for Jesus. Many fellow tax collectors and other guests were also there.”
Luke 5:29 (CEV)

“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”
Romans 12:13 (NIV)

“⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.”
I Peter 4:9 (NIV)

Action Step: Think of 3 people you could invite to your home, meet for coffee or invite to church.

IV. REACH OUT AND EXPECT GOD TO ACT

“Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.” **Matthew 9:2 (NIV)**

Action Step: Never give up on anyone.

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