

## { STEP TWO }

### Tell the Truth

 **FOOTPRINT** – *Every big decision we make deserves an audience*

#### **We didn't just make this stuff up**

Let's face it. Anytime you have good news, you tell people. The girl said "yes" to homecoming? You're not gonna hang on to that information. Just made the squad? You're gonna blow up your phone getting that news out. Good news is worth talking about.

It makes perfect sense, then, when you discover life in eternity and your past has been forgiven, that you're gonna tell somebody! Jesus has just offered you a life-changing gift, so sharing it is the natural response.

In **John 4**, John tells the experience Jesus had with a Samaritan woman at a community well. This woman shouldn't have even been in the same place as Jesus, much less talking to her. Her culture didn't associate with Jewish culture (and vice versa). Men didn't talk with women in public during this time. But, Jesus was changing the rules, by offering her a new life.

What was her response? Check it out in **verses 28-29**:

***"The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran (emphasis added) back to the village, telling everyone (more emphasis added), 'Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?'"***

Moral of the story: People who've had an encounter with Jesus want everyone to know as quickly as possible!

One thing I didn't tell you about this story is the fact that this woman was most likely a scorned woman in her town. She had multiple husbands and was currently living with a man who wasn't her husband. She wasn't exactly a model citizen in her town. That didn't seem to matter to her, though. She set aside any fears of rejection and ridicule in order to let people know about her experience.

You probably know where this is going, right? Telling people about your experience with Jesus is risky and could alter some of your relationships. But, isn't the peace and joy you experienced with knowing Jesus worth a little pain and disappointment? This woman thought so. We believe you do too.

## Key Questions

What possible responses might you receive from people you tell about your decision?

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What risks are involved in sharing your decision?

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Who are the people that will support your decision and how can you share with them?

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Here's a Tweetable statement worth sending out:

*Your willingness to share about your decision shows the level of commitment you've made to follow Christ. #SOGA\_FCA\_THESTEP*

## Daily Reading Plan (5 days)

- Matthew 10:32 – You have **REWARDS** as you share Jesus with others
- Matthew 28:19-20 – You have **OPPORTUNITIES** every day to talk about Jesus
- Luke 19:1-10 – You have **INFLUENCE** on those around you as you talk about Jesus
- Romans - 1:16 – You have **POWER** at your disposal as you talk about Jesus
- Phil. 1:20 – You have **HOPE** to share with others through Jesus