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Part 2-From Not Interested to Curious

Acts 25-26

Like Paul, we can

- 1. live a life that is a LIVING TESTIMONY of God's transformational power.**

The next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp and entered the audience room with the high-ranking military officers and the prominent men of the city. At the command of Festus, Paul was brought in. Festus said: "King Agrippa, and all who are present with us, you see this man! The whole Jewish community has petitioned me about him in Jerusalem and here in Caesarea, shouting that he ought not to live any longer. Acts 25:23-24 NIV

- 2. Live out a faith that gives us a COMPELLING STORY to tell.**

- a. BEFORE Christ**

"The Jewish people all know the way I have lived ever since I was a child, from the beginning of my life in my own country, and also in Jerusalem. Acts 26:4 NIV

- b. ENCOUNTERING Christ**

About noon, King Agrippa, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'

"Then I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?'

" 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' the Lord replied. 'Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. Acts 26:13-16 NIV

- c. AFTER Christ**

"So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds. That is why some Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me. Acts 26:19-21 NIV

Take note: some might think you are CRAZY!

At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defense. "You are out of your mind, Paul!" he shouted. "Your great learning is driving you insane." Acts 26:24 NIV

3. Give an invitation that DEMANDS a RESPONSE.

King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do."

Then Agrippa said to Paul, "Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?" Acts 26:27-28 NIV

(kid's toilet picture)

Consider Nathaniel...

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, He said to him, "Follow Me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip. John 1:43-46 NIV

Final Thought-NEVER give up hope-have great expectations!

Paul replied, "Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains." Acts 26:29 NIV

Is your faith contagious?

Christian means "little Christ"-Can people see Jesus in you?