



**Jesus Is Hope  
Authority and Power  
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Matthew 28:16-20  
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He [God] does not want ANYONE to be destroyed, but wants EVERYONE to repent. -2 Peter 3:9 NLT

"I've got my hand on this city [Seattle] TO SAVE IT." - God, Isaiah 37:35

When helping people find and follow Jesus, THREE THINGS NOT TO DO:

**I. UNPLUG FROM THE POWER SOURCE.**

- "THE HOLY SPIRIT will come upon **YOU** and GIVE YOU POWER. Then you will TELL EVERYONE ABOUT ME..." Acts 1:8 CEV

- All of them were FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT [authority and power]... Acts 2:4a

- THEN PETER STOOD UP with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd... Acts 2:14a NIV

"The Lord's Spirit [power of influence] has come to me... TO TELL THE GOOD NEWS to the poor... TO ANNOUNCE FREEDOM for prisoners, TO GIVE SIGHT to the blind, TO FREE EVERYONE who suffers, and TO SAY, 'This is the year the Lord has chosen.'" Luke 4:18 CEV

I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ [Jesus]. It is THE POWER OF GOD AT WORK, saving everyone who believes. Romans 1:16 NLT

When helping people find and follow Jesus, THREE THINGS NOT TO DO:

**II. SPEAK YOUR OPINION, NOT THE GOSPEL TRUTH.**

"ALWAYS BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER when someone asks you ABOUT YOUR HOPE." - 1 Peter 3:15 CEV

"I can tell you CONFIDENTLY... (Acts 2:29a) ... He [Jesus] was not abandoned to the grave... God has raised Jesus to life, and WE ARE ALL WITNESSES OF THE FACT." Acts 2:31b-32 NIV

-Are you a contagious Christian or an opinionated one?

- "Do this with gentleness and respect." -1 Peter 3:15b NIV

When helping people find and follow Jesus, THREE THINGS NOT TO DO:

**III. DISREGARD THE PRESENCE OF GOD.**

"With man this is impossible, but WITH GOD all things are possible." Matthew 19:26 NIV

"BLESSED are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your PRESENCE, Lord. Psalm 89:15 NIV

"Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them WITH YOUR FAVOR as with a shield." Psalm 5:12 NIV

"You will fill me JOY IN YOUR PRESENCE." Acts 2:28b NIV

"I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU." - God, Joshua 1:5b NIV

"... I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:20b NIV

ONE person I can pray with and invite to church with me this coming week: \_\_\_\_\_