

Can I Get Witness?

Matthew 4:18-20

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What are your top three
priorities/goals as a Christian?

Christianity Today reports
that less than 22% of
church going Christians
have ever **led** someone to
Jesus Christ

Jesus' Commandment

Matthew 28:19

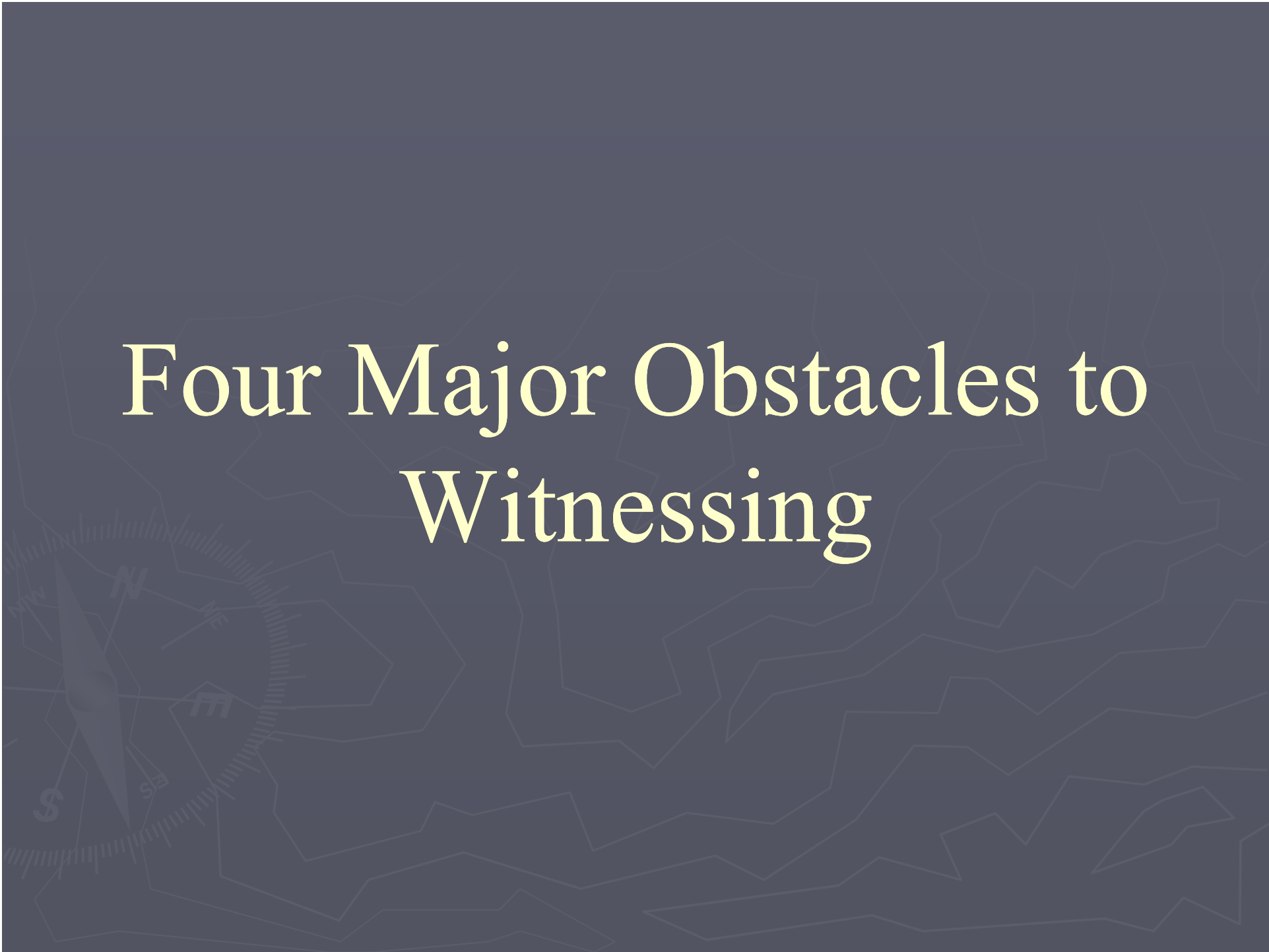
✓ Mark 16:15

✓ Luke 24:47

✓ John 20:21

✓ Acts 1:8

Four Major Obstacles to Witnessing

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Fear

- ✓ Rejection
- ✓ Failure
- ✓ What others might think
- ✓ Unprepared

Sense of Inadequacy

- ✓ Biblical Ignorance
- ✓ Theological Ignorance
- ✓ Insecurity of own salvation
- ✓ How does someone really become saved?

Time

- ✓ Because it's not a priority, we do not make time to intentionally witness to other
- ✓ Identify those who are lost
- ✓ Pray for the lost

Apathy

- ✓ It's my gift
- ✓ It's not my assignment

II Corinthians 5:20



How important is
witnessing about Jesus to
you?

Why Witnessing is Important

- ▶ It is commanded by Jesus
- ▶ Others cannot be saved without our witness (Rom. 10:17)
- ▶ Witnessing nurtures your own spiritual growth and draws others to you

Realities about Witnessing





Is in Partnership with
the Holy Spirit

Luke 12:11-12

The Holy Spirit

- ▶ Prepares the heart of the one you witness to
 - ▶ Presents the opportunity
 - ▶ Opens your heart and mouth
 - ▶ Is responsible for their response

You can never fail when you witness – your job is to plant the seed and let God give the increase (I Cor. 3:6,7). Your role is participation not production

Witnessing is not a debate but
a discussion. Therefore...

Focus on a relationship with
God, not other doctrinal
issues.

Do not hesitate to say I do not
know but I'd like to talk to
you later about that.

Counter hostility with love.

Does not require a
seminary degree

John 4: 27-30, 40-42

Three ways to witness

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1. Daily Example

✓ Character (Gal. 5:19-26)

✓ Conduct (Mat. 5:16)

✓ Conversation (Eph. 4:29)

2. Testimony

A testimony does not have to be a long drawn out story of a miracle.

It is simply a retelling of what Jesus has done for you.

People may doubt the authority of scripture but they cannot deny your personal experience.

Testimonies take two
forms...



A. Salvation

- ✓ What your life was like before Christ
- ✓ How you realized the need to be saved
- ✓ How you received Jesus Christ
 - ✓ What life is like now

B. Recovery

How Jesus helped you in a certain area of need in your life.

Remember: Keep it less than 2 min.,
focus on Jesus more than self,
avoid using religious clichés and
Christianese

3. Soul Winning

1. **Pray** for God to direct you and prepare those you will speak to
2. **Partner** with another believer for support and accountability
3. **Prepare** your presentation of God's plan of salvation

The Roman Road —

God's plan and path of
salvation

3:23 – we are all sinners

Sin is simply missing the mark of
God's will for our lives

Sin has consequences:

Separation from God

Lack of fulfilling joy and peace

Disharmony with other

5:8 – we are helpless on our own

We cannot fix or control our own sinful nature.

God has provided the only solution to our condition – the redeeming death of Jesus Christ as payment for our sins

5:20 – God’s grace is greater
than your sins

There is nothing you have ever done
that God cannot and will not
forgive. His grace will cover your
sins and prevent the worst
consequence – eternal death.

6:23 – God offers new and eternal life in Jesus Christ

This is an offer you cannot refuse.

God has made payment for your sins and offers you new and eternal life

10:9,10,13 – How do you receive it?

It's as simple as ABC

A – Acknowledge your sins in repentance before God

B – Believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose on the 3rd day

C – Confess him openly as your personal Lord and Savior

8: 16,17, 38, 39 – Your salvation
is eternally secure

Because of your faith, your sins are
forgiven and you are a child of
God, forever. Now you must start
the process of living as a disciple

12: 1,2 – Seek to live a transformed life

Profess Christ openly, seek to be baptized, read and study your Bible daily, pray without ceasing, worship God, and connect yourself to the body of Christ by joining a local church

Prayer of Salvation

