

# FOLLOWING THE HARVEST

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## A Celebration of Joy and Aging

I celebrated my 70th birthday during the month of April. It was a time of celebration because so many of our immediate family have birthdays around the same time. It's wonderful to have good friends and relatives to celebrate with. However, the month also brought some medical problems creeping up on my 70 year old body. It just comes with the territory. A well-meaning person said to me, "Welcome to the 70's Barry!" I'm not sure if that is something I really am glad about, but here I am and I might as well accept it because I can't change it. Someone has said, "I don't know if regret comes with age, but I resent both". To be honest, I resonate with that remark.

One thing that I do know is that I can look back on my life and observe how God has given me grace to go through the hard things I have gone through. He has delivered me from sickness and disease, accidents and all manner of emotional pain and suffering. No one can escape the pain of living in this broken world, but on the other hand no one can deny the grace that God gives us to go through it. So, I thank God for all I have gone through because it has made me the man I am today. I still love and enjoy my life no matter what comes of it. It's all a part of God's plan for me. Thank God we have a future and a hope! Jer. 29:11



*Barry Sharing the Gospel*

# Sharing Your Story With Others



*Crowd responding to the Gospel message*

When asked how I share my testimony with others, I simply tell them, 1) What my life looked like before I trusted Christ. 2) How I came to know Christ as my Savior. 3) I share the changes in my life that have occurred ever since. This is a great way to share with people who want to know why you are a Christian. Your story can be shorter or longer, depending on how much time you have to share.

This can happen in a very seamless and natural way. Each day, every encounter you have with someone, just ask the Lord, "Is this the person that you have prepared for me to talk to about Jesus?" Your conversations will take on renewed excitement and adventure. The most wonderful blessing in this world is to share the gospel with someone who is open and ready to receive Him into their lives. "This is good, and pleases God, our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" 1Timothy 2:3-4. There's no joy like the joy of seeing someone get saved!



## Where is Your Jerusalem? by Linda Felis

When I think of the Great Commission, I think everybody gets a "Jerusalem". Everybody gets a place that God is reaching out to. Most of us can't go as a typical missionary to foreign lands but God wants to use us right where we are, and guess what? He has already equipped you with everything you need to share the Good News! 1 Timothy 1:7 says, "God hasn't given us the spirit of fear but power, love and a sound mind".

I know it seems scary but in this present world, we are living among people who are hungry for some Good News! Believe me, Barry and I have talked to a lot of people over the years and you would be surprised how open and hungry people are for some hope in these last days. You might be saying, well who should I talk to? First, pave the way with prayer. We all have neighbors, we all go shopping, we all work and have chances all around us to share Jesus without fear. By the way, you can order the book, "Sharing Jesus Without Fear" by William Fay; It is a great tool.

Look, I am still intimidated at times to share even my testimony, but no one can argue with what God has done in your life. I like to hand out a tract we use called: "Know Your Future", and as I give it out, I give them a big smile and say: "here's some great news for you!" Almost everyone is grateful to receive a gospel booklet. So friends, step out of any fear box and let God use beautiful you! A great opening question is, "Do you have any kind of spiritual beliefs?" And then take the time to really listen and love. Blessings to you all!

### MAY OUTREACH SCHEDULE

May 5th - No outreach  
May 6th - Seal Beach  
May 12th - Newport  
May 13th - Hermosa  
May 19th - Huntington  
May 20th - Redondo  
May 26th - Prayer at Russ's  
May 27th - Balboa

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**Weekend Pier Outreaches Start at 7:30 PM  
Alondra Stake Park - Wednesdays at 1:00 PM  
UCLA Medical Center - Fridays at 11:00 AM**