

EPISODE

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facing
our

FEARS

The *Shine* cast members are about to climb a sheer rock cliff...How would you label the emotions captured on each of the cast members' faces in this candid photo?

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| Anxious | Distressed | Excited |
| Determined | Confident | Stunned |
| Zoned Out | Freaked | Steeled |
| Terrified | Awed | Belligerent |

Circle the emotion that best describes how you're feeling right now about the prospect of sharing your faith with your friends.



JASON

ZOE

GREG

COLTON

KAYLA

JAVIER

JULIE



1 PETER 2:9: "...FOR YOU ARE...GOD'S VERY OWN POSSESSION. AS A RESULT, YOU CAN SHOW OTHERS THE GOODNESS OF GOD, FOR HE CALLED YOU OUT OF THE DARKNESS INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT."

2 CORINTHIANS 4:6-7: "FOR GOD, WHO SAID, 'LET THERE BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS,' HAS MADE THIS LIGHT SHINE IN OUR HEARTS SO WE COULD KNOW THE GLORY OF GOD THAT IS SEEN IN THE FACE OF JESUS CHRIST. WE NOW HAVE THIS LIGHT SHINING IN OUR HEARTS, BUT WE OURSELVES ARE LIKE FRAGILE CLAY JARS CONTAINING THIS GREAT TREASURE. THIS MAKES IT CLEAR THAT OUR GREAT POWER IS FROM GOD. NOT FROM OURSELVES."



Have a conversation with God right now about your fears when it comes to sharing your faith.

Dear God,

Sometimes I'm afraid to bring Jesus up in conversation with my friends because...

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SHINE

1 Corinthians 13:13: "Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love" (*The Message*).

BRAINSTORM WITH A PARTNER about some simple ways you can begin to shine for Jesus and "*show others the goodness of God.*" like 1 Peter 2:9 calls us to do. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Be a good listener.
- Offer to pray for someone.
- Go for ice cream, your treat.
- Do a good deed.
- Invite someone to lunch.
- Give a compliment.
- Stand up for someone who needs a friend.
- Encourage someone in person or online.
- Buy a friend a cup of coffee or a smoothie.

more ideas...?



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SHARE

Pick 3

ideas from your list on the left that you could see yourself trying with your friends who don't know Jesus personally.

- 1
- 2
- 3

PRAY, then step out in the coming week and try one of these simple ways to begin to shine for Jesus. Come back next week ready to share about what you tried and what you learned.

