

## Messenger of the Gospel – Fruitfulness on the Frontline, Colossians 4:2-6

Messenger of the Gospel? I'm too old, I'm too young, I'm too mid-life crisis. I'm not an apostle, not a vicar or minister, not an evangelist. I'll pray fervently for people to come to know Jesus but don't expect me to be the messenger.

It's not either/or but both/and. Pray and share the good news.

What's the message? John 3.16? Often interpreted as believe in Jesus and the afterlife is sorted. But eternal life starts now, when we hand over our lives to Jesus. Supernatural transformation begins now. As promised by Jesus himself as he sends out his disciples. (Matthew 28.18-20, Mark 16.15-18, Luke 24.46-49) Powerful, supernatural stuff in both gospel content and as we share it.

Repentance and forgiveness central, but more. You'll settle down, as they used to say to me, life will teach you. You'll settle down. They were right in a way. I did. A lot of the supernatural stuff mellowed and all but disappeared. If we need it back or we've never actually experienced it much, let's open up to Him.

Frontlines more private today. All roads lead to Rome and don't dare say anything different. Of course freedom of belief is precious and right but that doesn't mean all beliefs are right.

1. When was the last time I shared the supernatural message of Jesus with someone in ordinary life on our frontline? How did it go? What did we learn?
2. Take some time to pray together: Prayer and expectation for openings and taking up those openings.  
Family.  
Friends.  
Those who have walked away from their faith.  
At work people and at play.
3. When the openings come, how can we share Jesus with compassion and grace, and not preachy? (1 Peter 3:15-16)
4. Spend some time asking for the Spirit's power to enable and empower us for being 'Messengers of the Gospel' (Acts 1:8)

Messenger of the Gospel. Little old me. Little young me. Little mid-life crisis me. Yes! Hallelujah!