

# Tangible Theology

*“Preach the gospel  
at all times,  
using words if necessary.”*

- something St. Francis didn't say

Evangelism is inherently verbal:

*“Jesus came into Galilee,  
proclaiming the gospel of God  
and saying, ‘  
The time is fulfilled, and the  
kingdom of God is at hand;  
repent and believe in the gospel’”*

- Mark 1:14-15

*“Jesus of Nazareth,  
a man who was a prophet  
mighty in deed and word  
before God and all the people”*

- Luke 24:19

WORD person

or

DEED person

*Suffering is God's  
“megaphone to rouse  
a deaf world.”*

- CS Lewis

This world is a mess.  
Oppressed people oppressing one another.  
Cancer, slavery, starvation,  
prejudice and pain.

But why? *Why* is everything such a mess?

God's answer: *All human suffering results  
from a broken relationship with God.*









We do not want you to be unaware of the affliction we experienced in Asia.

For we were so utterly burdened *beyond our strength that we despaired* of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death.

But that was to make us *rely not on ourselves* but on God who raises the dead. (2 Cor 1:8-9)



GRACE =  
God's Riches At  
Christ's Expense

*(an advantage to  
which you aren't  
entitled.)*

Eph 2:1-10

## Three Rules of Thumb

1. Does this action attempt to deceive anyone or allow anyone to be deceived?
2. Does this action gain or allow gain of a privilege or advantage to which I or someone else would not otherwise be entitled?
3. Would I be unsatisfied by the outcome if I were on the receiving end of this action?

Blessed be the God and Father of  
our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of  
mercies and God of all comfort,  
who comforts us in all our  
affliction, *so that* we may be able to  
comfort those who are in any  
affliction, with the comfort with  
which we ourselves  
are comforted by God. (2 Cor 1:3-4)

Accept your brokenness...  
So Christ can make you whole...  
And use you to help others.

**SHOW** (deed)

*and*

**TELL** (word)

**Jesus Loves You!**

*(But I'm too busy)*



*“Jesus went about doing good.  
And we are trying to imitate him  
now because I believe that God  
loves the world through us.  
Just as he sent Jesus to be his  
love, his presence in the world,  
so today he is sending us.”*

- Mother Teresa

**Burger King**

**Exit in 2 miles**

*“To be a Christian is to move  
toward need not comfort.”*

- John Piper

*The Lord said,  
“I have indeed seen the misery  
of my people in Egypt...  
I am concerned about their  
suffering. So I have come down  
to rescue them.”*

- Exodus 3:7-8

# Your Homework

Who is around me: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the need: \_\_\_\_\_

What I Can Do: \_\_\_\_\_

Use your *Head, Heart & Hands* to:

1) See, 2) Feel, 3) Pray, 4) Act, 5) Point

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