

PART THREE // Mike Howerton - Lead Pastor

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story Psalm 107:2a NIV

I love the Lord because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy. Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath! Death wrapped its ropes around me; the terrors of the grave overtook me. I saw only trouble and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the Lord: "Please, Lord, save me!" How kind the Lord is! How good he is! So merciful, this God of ours! The Lord protects those of childlike faith; I was facing death, and he saved me. Let my soul be at rest again, for the Lord has been good to me. He has saved me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. And so I walk in the Lord's presence as I live here on earth! Psalm 116:1-9 NLT

#1: Gently _____

You are the salt of the earth. Matthew 5:13a NLT

QUESTION ASKING TIPS:

Be _____

For the Lord delights in his people; he crowns the humble with victory. Psalm 149:4 NLT

Be _____

#2: Practice _____

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. James 1:19 NIV

Even fools are thought wise when they keep silent; with their mouths shut, they seem intelligent. Proverbs 17:28 NLT

ACTIVE LISTENING TIPS:

Be _____

Dig _____

Jesus began traveling with Jairus toward his home. In the crowd pressing around Jesus, there was a woman who had suffered continuous bleeding for 12 years, bleeding that made her ritually unclean and an outcast according to the purity laws. She had suffered greatly; and although she spent all her money on her medical care, she had only gotten worse. She had heard of this Miracle-Man, Jesus, so she snuck up behind Him in the crowd and reached out her hand to touch His cloak.

Woman (to herself): Even if all I touch are His clothes, I know I will be healed.

As soon as her fingers brushed His cloak, the bleeding stopped. She could feel that she was whole again. Lots of people were pressed against Jesus at that moment, but He immediately felt her touch; He felt healing power flow out of Him. He stopped. Everyone stopped. He looked around.

Jesus: Who just touched My robe?

His disciples broke the uneasy silence.

Disciples: Jesus, the crowd is so thick that everyone is touching You. Why do You ask, "Who touched Me?"

But Jesus waited. His gaze swept across the crowd to see who had done it. At last, the woman—knowing He was talking about her—pushed forward and dropped to her knees. She was shaking with fear and amazement.

Woman: I touched You. Then she told Him the reason why. Jesus listened to her story.

Jesus: Daughter, you are well because you dared to believe. Go in peace, and stay well.

Mark 5:24-34 VOICE

Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. **Galatians 6:2 NLT**

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **1 Corinthians 13:4,5 NIV**

O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord. **Psalms 139:1-4 NLT**

#3: Ask _____ to speak in

Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing.

Proverbs 12:18 NLT

Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. **Ephesians 4:29 NLT**

Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

Romans 12:10 NLT

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. **Colossians 3:12 NLT**