



Marks of the Messenger:
Knowing, Living and
Speaking the Gospel
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Who Does Jesus Want You to Be?

Mack Stiles knows evangelism. His passion to reach others for Christ led him to quit his job, sell his house, pack up his family and move to the Middle East, right after 9/11. And according to him, it's been wonderful.

But he has seen many Christians who don't have a biblical understanding of who Jesus wants them to be, resulting in unhealthy spiritual lives which produce unhealthy evangelists. Stiles says that before we ever begin to share our faith we need to ask ourselves, "Who would Jesus have me be—period?"

The answer is that we need to *be* people of faith, first by believing in Christ and second by becoming faithful followers of Jesus. We can't share our faith unless we first have faith. Becoming a healthy evangelist is not about what we do but who we are. Each chapter addresses a different aspect of our life and how it impacts who Jesus wants us to be.

Don't add or subtract from the gospel—Do we add or subtract from the gospel message, leaving out parts that might sound bad or offend people?

Don't assume the gospel—Do we assume others at church or school already know the gospel and have accepted Jesus as Savior?

Live the gospel—how to connect the good news to every aspect of our life

The gospel and social justice—why caring for others is good, but not evangelism

What marks conversion?—five principles to biblical conversion

Fear and evangelism—obstacles to boldness and how to overcome them

Love—how the pop-culture version of love has infiltrated the church, and how to reclaim the biblical view of God's love for us

The church—Just how important is the church body to our faith?

Stiles ends with "A Manifesto for Healthy Evangelism," detailing how we can take action in our lives to live the gospel every day.

Filled with stories and anecdotes from Stiles's time in the Middle East as well as other locations, *Marks of the Messenger* offers a global perspective on sharing our faith. An eye-opening book from a Jesus-follower who truly walks the walk.