

Wednesday, April 1 ~ Germs & Jesus ~ 2 Corinthians 2:14-3:6

As I sit and write this devotion, it's the height of flu season and around me kids and adults have been dropping like flies from catching the flu. Reading today's Scripture makes me laugh and think, "If only we could spread Jesus as easily as we spread germs!"

Our Scripture reading today reminds me that as Christians, God intends for all of us to spread the knowledge of Christ to others. We shouldn't do this for profit or gain, but simply because of all Jesus sacrificed for us. I am very guilty of getting so wrapped up in my own busy schedule and life that I don't have time for things that are not on today's "to-do list."

In reality, spreading Jesus can be done in anything we do. A kind word, a helping hand, or just letting someone know you are praying for them, can help to spread Jesus to those who do not have a relationship with Him.

When we share Jesus with others, the Bible tells us success comes through God. Let us work to allow His love to show through us in everything we do, so people "catch Jesus" this Lenten season and in seasons to come.

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¹⁴But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. ¹⁶To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task? ¹⁷Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.

3 Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? ²You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. ³You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

⁴Such confidence we have through Christ before God. ⁵Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. ⁶He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.