



**CONTAGIOUS**

**FAITH**

**Part 5**

# CONTAGIOUS FAITH, The Five Styles:

1. FRIENDSHIP-BUILDING
2. SELFLESS-SERVING
3. STORY-SHARING
4. REASON-GIVING
5. TRUTH-TELLING

*CONTAGIOUS FAITH, Style #4*

# *REASON-GIVING*

“Be ready always to give an  
answer to every man that asketh”

1 Peter 3:15 (KJV)

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**"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:"**

## Colossians 1:15-16 NIV

**“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.”**


## Colossians 1:17-18 NIV

**"He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy."**



"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,"

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)





“Skepticism and intellectual attacks upon the Christian faith have become the Goliath within American Culture threatening to weaken the body of Christ and destroy the faith of many.”

Rick McGough

*FAITH & REASON MADE SIMPLE*



***John 1:3 -- “Through him  
all things were made;  
without him nothing was  
made that has been made”***

***John 1:1-2, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning."***

***"For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him."***

**Colossians 1:16**

***"This is what the LORD says—  
your Redeemer, who formed you in  
the womb: I am the LORD, who has  
made all things, who alone stretched  
out the heavens, who spread out the  
earth by myself,"***

**--ISAIAH 44:24**

*CONTAGIOUS FAITH, Style #4*

# *REASON-GIVING*

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1 Peter 3:15 (KJV)

**“ . . . demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and . . . take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”**

**2 Corinthians 10:5 NIV**

**WE MUST RISE TO THE  
CHALLENGE WHEN PEOPLE ASK  
US HARD QUESTIONS ABOUT  
OUR BELIEFS.**



DO YOU HAVE THE  
***REASON-GIVING  
STYLE?***



the  
Alpha  
Course

Alpha

“IS THIS  
IT?”

“DO I HAVE A  
PURPOSE?”

why

am

I here

“WHAT’S  
THE  
MEANING

“DOES GOD  
EXIST?”

**explore**

**life**

**faith**

**meaning**

**Alpha**



*“If Jesus knew that you guys  
were worshipping him today,  
he’d roll over in his grave.”*

-- Skeptic



He is Risen...

*Just As He Said!*

# THE APOSTLE PAUL

*An Example of the Reason-Giving  
Style of Evangelism*

ACTS 17

Acts 17:23 NIV

**"For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:  
TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.**

**Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you."**

Acts 17:24-25 NIV

**"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else."**

Acts 17:31 NIV

**"For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."**




Acts 17:32 NIV

**"When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said,**

**"We want to hear you again on this subject.""**



*KEY SKILLS FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN*

- 1. Be Prepared to Give Sound Answers and Evidence**
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*KEY SKILLS FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN*

**2. Respond to Questions  
with Gentleness and  
Respect**





*KEY SKILLS FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN*

**3. Learn to Move from Good  
Answers to the Good News**



Romans 1:16 NIV

**“I am not ashamed of the gospel,  
because it is the power of God  
for the salvation of everyone  
who believes”**

## Ephesians 6:19-20 NIV

**"Pray also for me**, that whenever I open my mouth, **words may be given me** so that I will **fearlessly make known** the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains.  
**Pray that I may declare it fearlessly,**  
**as I should."**



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**Monday School 9:00 AM**

**Tuesday Worship 10:00 AM**

**Wednesday Youth 6:00 PM**

**Thursday Bible Study &  
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“If My people who are called by My name  
will humble themselves, and pray”

2 Chronicles 7:14

**PRAYER MEETING**  
**TONIGHT 5:00PM**