ONE AT A TIME

"And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter" Acts 17:32.

The apostle Paul was probably the greatest communicator the church ever produced. As a brilliant orator and a great student of Scripture, history, and culture, he knew how to make his case. That is clear when you read anything that the Holy Spirit inspired him to write. Yet even Paul's preaching of the gospel was rejected by some.

It serves as a reminder that even if you are the greatest witness, even if you live a truly godly life, even if you are an effective communicator, even if you usually have the answer to every hard question people come up with, not everyone will be convinced.

After all, Jesus Christ was the perfect example. He never slipped up, not even once. He was God in human form. He was absolutely flawless and perfect. Yet in spite of that, Judas Iscariot sold Him out for 30 pieces of silver.

This refutes the time worn argument of those who say the reason they are not a Christian or the reason they don't attend church is because there are so many hypocrites in the church. Jesus was never a hypocrite. But Judas sold Him out anyway.

Even if you are a godly person, you are not going to convince everyone. Even the great apostle Paul did not have everyone believe when he preached.

So what do we do? We need to start with the world around us. We should seek to live godly lives and share the gospel with those we come in contact with. We need to remember that the process will not always be easy. But just as it was in Paul's day, God is in the business of changing lives, one person a time.

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