



The Way of Wisdom

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Five Ways Jesus Equips Me to Share My Faith:

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1 Corinthians 9:19-20, 21-23 (NLT)

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Romans 10:14-15 (NLT)

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Psalm 34:1-3 (TLB)

Discussion Questions

1. If someone from your sphere of influence were to examine your life, how do you think they would describe how you live?
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