

## *Share Your Faith With Me*

Several years ago, as alluded to earlier, I went through several years of horribly difficult trials (financial, legal, marital, work, etc.). I was deeply in debt from two failed business ventures. Both failed because of circumstances out of my control. My wife was having to take about three months off from work without pay. I was deeply in debt. I was behind on my house payments. I was on the verge of bankruptcy. It was December 3rd, and as I walked into my place of employment, my boss had tears in his eyes. He said, “Bart, you’ve just been laid off!”

It could not have come at a worse time. For two or three days I stewed, and worried, and fretted. I was worried about keeping a roof over our heads, let alone have any sort of Christmas for our girls. We had purchased no presents.

About the third day I asked the Lord to forgive me for not trusting him that He would provide for me. I told the Lord, “Lord, I want to have faith that you’ll provide, but I just can’t muster the faith. I want to believe you, but I don’t have it in me.” Then I prayed something I’d never prayed before, I prayed, “Lord Jesus, I want to trust you that you’ll provide for me, but I don’t have it. Would you share your faith with me?”

Within 15 minutes I received a phone call from one of the larger restaurants in town, and they order \$3,500 worth of my photographs. (I do photography as sideline.) Then, a couple of days later I received a check for \$1,000, a gift from a friend. Then, a day or so later, I received another check for \$500. Then I found out that I was getting some severance pay. God provided, and we had a modest but wonderful Christmas. I didn’t have to declare bankruptcy. While it took me many more years to pay off all my debts, I am all but debt free now, thanks to Jesus sharing His faith when me when I had none of my own.