

# THE GOSPEL FOR *NOT-TODAY-BUT- MAYBE-TOMORROW*



*This method highlights the urgency of accepting salvation today.*

*For the person who thinks I am not ready today but maybe I will get around to accepting Jesus later, they need to be pressed with the urgency of accepting salvation today.*

**1. Story:** There was a man who had a daughter who grew up and moved away. On day she sent a wedding invitation to her dad and he said, "I am busy I will see her after the wedding." Two years later she sent him a message to come and see his first grandson. He said, "Ah not today but maybe tomorrow I will make the trip." Two years later the daughter sent him another invitation to come and spend Christmas with them. He looked at the invitation and said, "Not this year but maybe next year." A short time later he received a phone call telling him his daughter died. The dad fell to his knees in tears. There would be no tomorrow of seeing his daughter.

## **2. Make the Story's Point:**

**Ask:** Do you know what the point of the story is?

**Answer:** Today is the day to act. There may be no more tomorrows.

## **3. Relate the Story's Point to Scripture:**

**Have them read 2 Corinthians 6:2,**

*"...I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."*

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**Ask:** When is the day of salvation from God?

**Answer:** It is today!

**Ask:** What may happen if you do not accept God's gracious salvation today?

**Answer:** It may pass me by.

Affirm that tomorrow is not promised and Jesus may return. And when He does there will be no more tomorrow for you if you fail to surrender to Him today.

Encourage them that today is the day to get right with God, not tomorrow.

**\*\*Explain the Gospel of Grace to them.**

**Counseling:** You may want to ask, "What is it that is keeping you from making this decision today?" And then demonstrate that nothing is so important as to stop this decision today. Nothing! No sin, so person, no reputation, nothing is more important!

## **Outline of Gospel essentials:**

1. Sin or sinful state: *Rejecting the day of salvation*
2. Jesus: *Savior*
3. Correct Response: *Immediate repentance and faith*
4. Salvation Blessings: *God's favor. Salvation from sin*

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