



## SHARING

### LESSON 5

*“At Our Savior’s Way Lutheran Church, we value sharing God’s love.”*

#### **GETTING STARTED:**

Do you have a favorite book that you have shared with someone? Why did you pass it on?

#### **DIGGING DEEPER:**

**2 Corinthians 3:3** *You are an epistle of Christ...written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.*

Your life may be the only Bible someone may ever know. In every situation, good, bad, or ugly, people are watching how you talk, your attitudes and how you act.

**Question:** If someone wrote the story of your life, what would be the title of your story? What would you want people to read about you?

**Ephesians 5:15-21** *Be very careful, then, how you live. Not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. “*

**Question:** What does it mean to make the most of every opportunity in life and to live wisely? What would unwise living look like?

**Question:** What does it mean to speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs? Who, realistically, talks like this?

## **APPLICATION:**

**2 Corinthians 1:3-5** *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comfort us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.*

**Romans 5:3-8** *Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. You see, at just the right time, when we were powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

**Question:** Have you ever experienced a difficulty in your life that gave you new insight into God's grace? What insight did you receive? Were you ever able to share this insight with someone in their difficulty?

**Question:** What does it mean to rejoice in our sufferings?

**Question:** If someone asked you why you believe in Jesus Christ, and you only had one minute to share your faith story, what would you say?

## **CHALLENGE:**

Take time to look at your life and remember those God moments, when God touched you with His love, gave you wisdom to know what to do, or helped you get through a difficult time. Write out your faith story and share it with a member of your family, a child, a grandchild, a friend, or a neighbor. Let them know how God is also with them.