



# GOD IS CALLING US TO ACT

## WILL YOU HELP MAKE JESUS KNOWN TODAY?

You and I live in unique times. Today, I’m convinced there is a greater spiritual openness than I can remember for decades. Yet at the same time we face opposition...

*I believe that, right now, God is calling us to act.*

We must **step up our efforts to make Jesus known** – to have more conversations about him, and to challenge those who try to stop us. I want to ask, will you be part of it? **Will you help Christians share the message of Jesus across the UK?**

Let’s think for a moment about the opposition Christians face today. When we hold views that were mainstream 20 years ago, **we’re now labelled wrong or even evil**. Look at Tim Farron, hounded out of his post as Lib Dem leader for his position on same sex marriage.

Or consider the prevailing message of our culture: it’s all about me, my choice, my rights, my status. **Doesn’t it make you nervous about sharing your faith?** Do you worry you’ll offend someone, or say the wrong thing, or get into trouble?

But alongside this, we are living in a time when **there are unprecedented opportunities for sharing the gospel!** People are spiritually open. They long for community, love and acceptance.

Two out of three people in the UK know a Christian. And contrary to what you and I might think and the media might suggest, non-believers don’t see us as judgemental hypocrites. Rather, Christians are generally seen as a caring, kind and gentle bunch. What’s more, Christians like you and me are having plenty of conversations about Jesus with those outside the Church\*. There’s reason to be hopeful!

We face both opposition and opportunity on a scale I have not seen before. It’s vital that we work together. If there’s ever a time to **stand against the opposition and grasp the opportunities, it’s now**. With our connections and reputation, EA is uniquely placed to make a difference. But it will only be possible with your help. **By giving your support today, you could do three things:**

\* Talking Jesus research commissioned by the Evangelical Alliance, Church of England and HOPE

Yes I want to help fight the opposition and seize more opportunities.

Enclosed is my gift of:

☐ £25

☐ £60

☐ £120

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☐ tackle opposition

☐ take opportunities

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- 1)

You can **help ensure *Speak Up* booklets get to where they're needed**, so people can understand the law and their gospel freedoms. You'll give Christians confidence to share our faith more widely.
- 2)

You'll **build up the Great Commission online hub of tools for sharing the good news**, including evangelism videos, resources and training for churches. This will inspire Christians to believe that sharing their faith really does make a difference, and they'll take more opportunities to talk about Jesus.
- 3)

You'll **put Christian advocates into the corridors of power** to protect our freedoms, so that the government will drop proposals to regulate churches, Sunday schools and youth groups.

I've seen the impact of this work up and down the country. Churches are starting to believe it's normal for people to become Christians. Evangelism is being reinvigorated. People are realising it's not illegal to share our faith. Believers are talking about Jesus with greater confidence and care.



And, most important of all, **people are coming to faith in Christ**. Week in, week out, I hear of people like Andrew. When his wife left after 23 years, Andrew's world collapsed. He walked into a busy road – and gave up. But remarkably Andrew escaped with minor injuries, and found himself sitting in an empty church, crying his eyes out.

The vicar invited him back, and God touched Andrew's heart. "It was like dominoes collapsing," he said. "The sudden realisation that, yes, there is more to life. There is so much goodness there." Andrew was reunited with his wife – and they celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary next year.

The greatest demonstration of love towards another person is to introduce them to Christ. **When you make Jesus known, you can change people's lives.**

**Please, will you help fight the opposition and seize more opportunities, by giving a gift today?**

- £25 will help equip a workplace with *Speak Up* booklets, giving Christians the confidence to share our faith
- £60 will help inspire and train a church with a range of evangelism tools to make Jesus known effectively
- £120 will help oppose restrictions on freedoms of speech and religion by funding work with MPs and politicians

I'm sure you and your church are already doing much to make Jesus known; the passion and faithfulness of members like you always inspires me. **I want to pray for you as you bear witness to Christ's love. Please use the postcard enclosed to tell me how you're sharing the gospel**, and we'll remember you in our morning staff prayer times.

You've not received a personal letter from me for a while, but I'm sending this now because these are extraordinary times – and God has entrusted us with an extraordinary commission. **This is the time to up our game. Please will you help make Jesus known by sending a donation today, and telling me how your church is playing a part.**

Yours in Christ,

Steve

Steve Clifford  
General Director,  
Evangelical Alliance



PS. We live in extraordinary times of both opposition and opportunity. This is the moment to act. Your gift today can help stand up to the opposition . and help grasp the opportunities, so more people can be transformed by Jesus.



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