

# THE Nathanael PROJECT

In *John 1:43–51*, a guy by the name of Phillip had such a great encounter meeting the Messiah, Jesus Christ, that he has to tell his friend, Nathanael. Both become followers of Jesus and disciples.

As a Christian, we too have Nathanaels—someone who has yet to receive the gift of eternal life. They are our friends, co-workers, neighbors, family and even the shop-keep down the block. Our God-giving responsibility is to tell them how they can make their peace with God becoming a follower of Him. The problem is, we tend to forget this obligation or we are fearful of giving a witness.

To put Christians back on the right track and create a culture of evangelism we've compiled a 2-months spiritual adventure/journey for a church to teaching the responsibility, encouraging each to identify their Nathanael, giving them the tools to share with their friend and hopefully see that Nathanael come to Christ.

Please check out the website:

[www.TheNathanaelProject.com](http://www.TheNathanaelProject.com)

Everybody  
has a  
Nathanael

## JOY<sup>in</sup>JESUS MINISTRIES

Dan and Vonnice oversee two ministries (**800FollowMe** – evangelism; and *Joy in Jesus Ministries* – pastoral).

When we started in 2013 a foundation partially funded our ministry. That source of revenue came to an end September 2016. So, we are completely on their own and continue to raise support. We are currently \$1,000 short per month. Pray that God will provide.

Donations can be sent to:

Joy in Jesus Ministries; PO Box 135, Telford, PA 18969

or pay with PayPal on [www.JoyinJesusMinistries.com](http://www.JoyinJesusMinistries.com)

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*The Allens are approved BFC Missionaries*

## SERMONOTES

Title: “Are You Ready?”

Text: *1 Peter 3:15, 16*

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Introduction

Ministry Update

The story of Frank and Steve

*1 Peter 3:15 – . . . always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,*

#1. *Always*

#2. *Being Prepared*

#3. *To Make a Defense*

#4. *To Anyone Who Asks*

#5. *The Reason for the Hope that is Within You*

#6. *With Gentleness & Respect*

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# the bottomline with Dan Allen



Date: 30 October 2018

If a certain US Senator could have a “Spartacus” moment (which neither resembled “Spartacus” nor a very good moment), then I had a quasi-Apostle Paul moment minus the basket (none was found large enough).

The country in which I often minister claims to have religious freedom. That’s not totally true. They are highly Hindu with a Prime Minister who was a radical. So, often crimes against Christians or Muslims are overlooked. Missionaries are not given visas—others are expelled. So, in some ways we try to fly under the radar. I’m there visiting friends . . . but I mentor pastors.

At the present locale, nothing was put in print so there would be no paper trail. When push came to shove, the stacks of books on the table in the back were quickly distributed to the men and they were told to put them in their book bags . . . and don’t mention my name.

What happened is that two members claiming to be from the press were just nosing around looking for Christians. We hold this conference on the grounds of a quasi-Christian group with a large cathedral on a compound with numerous buildings and at least one other chapel. Although they have a front gate, the back of the property is quite wide open. Anyone can get on at anytime. If the press had come into the room where we were meeting, they may have taken photographs with an accompanying article in the local paper. I’ve been taught that all news can be good even negative news if it is spun properly. However, this could have riled-up the dominant religion whose fanatics have little scruples when it comes to persecuting minority religions and are often looking for a fight.

Upon learning these fellows were on the grounds, the doors to the conference room were shut tight. Windows and curtains were closed. I was asked to leave the stage and sit in the back. One trusted leader was sent outside to dissuade any attempts of them getting in. Thirty or forty minutes transpired with leaders in huddles and a nervous tension in the air. Finally, the men were asked to go back to their rooms and I was ushered into the room of the conference director. While there, prior to opening the door upon a knock, my handier turned out the lights in the room just in case it was the press so they would not see me. I was thinking we could have a secret code or knock, but this was no time for joking. My driver then backed the vehicle as close to the front entrance of the building we were in (about 20-yards away). After the coast was declared clear, I was cautiously escorted out and immediately put in the car. I tried to get my sunglasses out

of my computer bag which was being put in the back seat, but was instructed – “just get in.” Off we went through a side gate and out of any potential danger.

You remember the story of Paul being let down in a basket on the Damascus city wall because there was a legitimate threat to his life (*Acts 9:23–31*)? I’m not sure how many men it would have taken to get me out a window and down to the ground to safety. I’m also afraid of heights.

Date: 1 November 2018 – The Rest of the Story:

The conference was canceled and the men were sent home one-by-one to avoid any additional problems. Turns out that outside of the gate to the conference center were 20-or-more “religious radicals” who were looking for a fight. Not getting one with us, they went to a hotel where another pastor’s meeting was happening. Again the “media” guys were sent in (sort of like front men). Then the radicals then entered the room shouting anti-Christian slogans and started beating-up the pastors, one, of whom, ended-up in the hospital. The police were with the radicals and promptly arrested . . . wait for it . . . the pastors! Not the perps. There’s a law that one cannot proselytize within so many yards of a Temple. Well, there are temples everywhere. Seven of the pastors were jailed to be release upon producing bond.

God’s hand was on us, only He permitted the others to suffer for their faith. I’m grateful that He spared us and for the wise decisions of the leadership team.

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## Application:

1. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ a Christian life so that people notice?
2. Do you have enough \_\_\_\_\_ to share your faith?
3. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ at all times?
4. Will you \_\_\_\_\_ your Nathanael into the Kingdom.

*“Until the Nets are Filled!”*