

I think a sign that we are falling in love with someone is when we have good news and that person is the first one we want to share it with!

An exciting and dangerous thing to do is study Scripture. We can learn so much about God and Jesus, and have our worlds rocked because presuppositions we may have can be torn down. We may assume that there were people recording these experiences in the Bible and writing them down. But generally no, that is not the case. The Gospels were first written almost 40 years after Jesus' Life, Death and Resurrection. The Gospel are not meant as detailed accounts; they come from Jesus' disciples sharing their stories and experiences of Jesus. These disciples were transformed in the Spirit and were experiencing life in a different way and it excited them, so they shared their stories so that others too can have the same experience. These eventually were written down, as Gospels.

The Gospels we say are closed, meaning, there are no other Books that will be added. However, Scripture is a lived experience. Scripture is being lived even now, with us, among all Christians.

We have our experiences of Jesus Christ, and how by following his way, we have been liberated.

Liberated from the anger we have held; the grief that has held us back; the fear that keeps us from participating in life.

Liberated from incorrect understanding of God and of the world; liberated from blindness to the good of others and ourselves.

And what will we do with these experiences?

Jesus has healed a man; and Jesus is not in the land of the Jews, but in the Pagan area. So the man himself is more than likely not Jewish; but an outsider. Yet, for Jesus it does not matter. God's healing presence is for all persons.

Now interestingly Jesus wants him to keep it quiet. This secret will be so that people don't see him as only a miracle maker. Yet, clearly the man cannot contain his excitement, his joy at what has happened to him.

He spreads the Good News, or what we would say in our times; he evangelizes.

Everyone here who has been earnestly living out faith as a Catholic, as a Christian will have an experience of Jesus healing, liberating them. It may be a miracle per se; or as for most of us, it is that wisdom and insight to live life differently, for the better.

We, in line with our tradition, need to share those experiences. Maybe we already have, with those we love and trust.  
But that is almost like preaching to the choir as we say;

What about to those who are just learning about Jesus and Catholicism?

Kids in CRE, Confirmation and Youth Ministry. Faith Sharing groups such as Young Adults. These are some of those persons who would benefit from our stories, our experiences of Jesus Christ.

And what we find out too, is that as we Share our faith with others, and we ourselves listen to their stories, we experience Jesus in a deeper way. It can be powerful. Just as it transformed the world, it can transform our lives.