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WHAT IS A TESTIMONY?

Your testimony is the story of how Jesus' love, sacrifice, and saving grace has fully redeemed your life. Your story — regardless of how "spectacular" or "ordinary" you think it might be — it is a story about God's character, grace, and redemption in your life. It is your personal eyewitness account of how God rescued you from sin and death through Christ, and changed your life eternally as a result.

This story, "your grace story", includes your life before Christ, the moment of salvation, and your life of sanctification after placing your faith in Jesus. We all have the same story, It wasn't a small thing;. You went from death to life! We were all at one point, lost and hopeless in our sin and then we had an encounter with Jesus and everything changed forever. Your testimony is nothing more than telling the story of the gospel in your life.



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BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE SHARING THEIR TESTIMONY.

Read the story in Mark 5:1-20.

This is a story of Jesus healing a man with a demon. After this miraculous healing, Jesus told the man to go tell everyone his testimony of this encounter with Jesus!

John 9:24-25 "So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

This man had been healed by Jesus and he didn't know anything about Jesus but the one thing that he did know was that his encounter with Jesus changed his life.

Psalm 22:22 "I will praise you to all my brothers; I will stand up before the congregation and testify of the wonderful things you have done."

Mark 5:19-20 "And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled."

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15 SECOND TESTIMONY

"There was a time in my life when I was

_____.

BUT then I heard the good news of Jesus

and now that I follow Him,

I am _____!

Do you have a story like that?"

WHAT IS YOUR "GRACE" STORY?

WRITING YOUR TESTIMONY

THE OPENING / LIFE BEFORE CHRIST

Identify a theme you can use to frame your story. What did your life revolve around (e.g. relationships, your reputation, money) that God used to help bring you to Him? Briefly illustrate how that influenced your life. Paint a picture of what your life was like before you came to Christ. Don't dwell too much, or brag about past sin or struggles. Share only the details that relate to your theme, just enough to show your sinfulness and need for Christ.

YOUR LIFE AFTER COMING TO CHRIST

Share some of the changes that Christ has made in your life as they relate to your theme. Emphasize changes in your attitude, character, or perspective, not just mere changes in behavior. Be realistic. We still struggle as Christians. Life is far from perfect, but what's different now?

HOW YOU CAME TO CHRIST

Give the details about why and how you became a Christian. Maybe there was a person who shared the gospel with you. Perhaps you were at church or at a christian event. Communicate in such a way that the person you are talking with, and anyone who overhears you, can understand how they can become a Christian, too. Even if your listeners are not ready for that, God could use your story and explanation of the gospel to draw them to Himself in the future.

THE CLOSING

End your story with a statement that summarizes your story and maybe close with a Bible verse that relates to your experience. Another important thing that you can do at this point is ask them if they have any questions, or even ask them if they can relate to your story in any way.





AN APPLICATION OF ACTION

We want to give you a challenge to share your testimony with 2 people over the weekend. Next week we will join back together and talk about how it felt to share our story and what transpired after. Remember that this is a chance for you to build your faith but even more, this is an opportunity to introduce someone to Jesus and change their life forever!

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AND MAKING DISCIPLES
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.**

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**"YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY
SPIRIT COMES ON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE MY
WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, AND IN
ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."**

ACTS 1:8