

SHARING GOD'S STORY IN YOUR LIFE

Sharing your testimony is ultimately about sharing God's story in your life. It can be a powerful way to help others see what a life centred around Jesus can look like, and to help them understand how much he loves them.

Sometimes we find it challenging to share what God has done, and is doing, in our lives, without giving some thought ahead of time. How did you come to believe in Jesus and trust him with your life? What does Jesus mean to you now?

The template below can help you think about and give words to steps along your personal faith journey with Jesus. Use it as a guide to help you share your story (and ultimately, God's story) with others. It can help you, as you take steps to develop an effective personal witness to Jesus' work in your own life. Remember, it's God's story in your life, so the more real and personal it is, the better.

PREPARING MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

BEFORE

Before you came to know Jesus and trust him with your life, what were some of your needs or worries? What was lacking or missing in your life?

Where did you look for answers, or what ways did you try to improve your life that didn't work or make the difference that Jesus makes? Were there habits or sins that you were stuck in that you needed God's power to free you from?

HOW?

How did God work through circumstances or other people, causing you to consider following him?

Is there a verse or verses of the Bible that are especially meaningful to you? Why?

Share about how you first put your faith in Jesus and/or give a brief explanation of the gospel. (Using a verse like John 3:16 might be helpful to get you started.)

AFTER

Give an example of how God has met your needs, or freed you from sin's hold on you, since you accepted Jesus. This might be something physical, emotional or circumstantial. It might be something dramatic and instantaneous, or something that you're seeing God continue to work in your life.

Share an aspect of your relationship with Jesus that you're most grateful for.

How would you offer an invitation to someone else to see if they would be interested in knowing more about Jesus, his love for them, and the new life he offers to anyone who places their faith in him?
