

Your Story - 90 Second Testimony

Every time we tell our story we give glory to God.

1 Peter 3:15

...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect... (NIV)

Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy. (The Message)

A little preparation can go a long way to stop us getting tongue tied or not knowing what to say when the opportunity arises to share what God has done in your life, so here's a simple outline.

- **Before you knew Jesus** - paint a picture of what your life was like before you became a Christian. Be honest, but don't dwell too much on past sin, and definitely don't brag about it.
- **Your need for Jesus** - Describe how you became aware that what was missing in your life was Jesus.
- **How you received Jesus** - explain how you became a Christian. Even if they are not ready to make a commitment, it's good to give them a way they can.
- **How your life changed** - think about how different you are now...your character, attitude, behaviour, your responses to things. Be realistic, and don't suggest life is perfect after receiving Christ - we all know that's not true.
- **Be brave** - end your testimony by asking if they have ever considered inviting Jesus to change their life.

Challenge:

Write out your testimony.

Share it with one person you don't know.

Helpful Hints

- Pray before you write out your story.
- Write it in your own language, the way you speak.
- Don't use overly-religious terms.
- Be honest.
- Practice telling your story until it becomes natural.
- There are approximately 200 words in 90 seconds.