

## 6 Benefits of Sharing Your Story

- Sharing your salvation story builds a bridge of understanding that Jesus can walk across into the heart of a lost person.
- Sharing your testimony is a convenient and effective way to bypass intellectual defenses. It is difficult to argue with evidence of a changed life.
- Sharing your story often holds the hearer's interest longer than if were quoting the words of great theologians. People listen to you because instead of being a professional salesman, you are satisfied customer.
- Sharing Your story can be done in any time span you are given from one minute to an hour.
- Sharing your story is not reserved for the highly educated or spiritually mature. It can be done by a newly saved believer.
- Sharing your story makes evangelism personal and relational.

If you have been saved, you have a story!!!

### Telling Your Story

- Before I met Jesus. Make known your perspective of how you viewed your life before you came to Christ.

Use words adjectives to describe your life before Jesus. ie. Lonely, empty, proud, confused, religious, or broken.

Tell activities of that filled your life. "I was trying to climb the ladder of success". "I was a faithful church attender". "I was on my way to becoming an alcoholic"

- How I met Jesus. Circumstances around your conversion. Where were you when you received Christ?

Talk about what gripped your heart when you realized you needed Christ.

Talk about what you thought or felt when you accepted Christ as your Savior

- Since I Met Jesus. Talk about changes Jesus made in your life.

How would you describe your spiritual growth from the time you accepted Christ to today? This a time to be honest to assess and describe your spiritual growth, challenges and victories, since you accepted Christ.

Key points. Don't exaggerate or glorify your past. Dishonesty will only stifle the work of the Holy Spirit. You are not the star of this story; Jesus is. Spend less time talking about what you did and more talking about what He has done for you.

Advice.

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- Don't belittle the power of coming to Christ at a young age and being spared a life of sin and wickedness. If you are living a Spirit-filled life full of love, joy, and peace you have something any lost person will crave.

Help Questions to get to the Scriptures

- Do you have any kind of spiritual beliefs?
- To you, who is Jesus Christ?
- Do you think there is a heaven and a hell?
- If you died, where would you go? If heaven, why?
- If what you believe is not true, would you want to know?

The goal is to avoid an argument and help a person get into the Scriptures. Have the person read scripture and let Holy Spirit work through His Word .

After each scripture ask what does this say to you?

Bringing the Encounter to a Decision

- Are you a sinner?
- Do you want forgiveness of sins?
- Do you believe Jesus died on the cross for you and rose again?
- Are you willing to surrender your life to Christ?
- Are you willing to invite Jesus into your life and into your heart?