

DISCIPLING OTHERS

Sharing Your Story.

*"Always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks
you for a reason for the hope that is in you."*

1 PETER 3:15 · ESV

GOOD NEWS

Your story is enough.

You don't need to win an argument or quote ten verses to point someone to Jesus. You need your story — what He's done in your life. Nobody can argue with that, because it happened to you.

When a man Jesus healed got grilled by the experts, he didn't debate theology. He just said, "One thing I know: I was blind, and now I see." That's a testimony. That's all it has to be. This guide will help you get yours down to about three minutes so you're ready whenever someone asks.

"One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

JOHN 9:25 · ESV

THE SHAPE

Three simple parts.

1

Before.

What was your life like before Jesus — or before you took Him seriously? Be honest, but don't glamorize the old life. Name the ache underneath it.

2

How.

How did you come to follow Him? What happened, who was involved, what finally moved you? This is the turning point.

3

After.

What's different now? Don't pretend it's all fixed — talk about real change, real hope, and how you're still growing.

WRITE IT DOWN

Your story, in your words.

PART ONE

BEFORE — What was life like, and what was missing?

PART TWO

HOW — How did you come to follow Jesus?

PART THREE

AFTER — What's different now, and what are you still working through?

TELLING IT WELL

A few tips before you do.

- **Keep it short.** Aim for about three minutes. You can always say more later.
- **Skip the church words.** Say it the way you'd explain it to a friend who's never been.
- **Be honest about the mess.** Your struggles are what make it relatable.
- **Make Jesus the hero.** It's your story, but it's really about what He did.
- **End with a door open.** "I'd love to tell you more" invites the next conversation.

TAKE A MINUTE

Who is one person who might need to hear your story — and when could you share it?

YOU'RE READY

Now go tell it.

Your story is one of the most powerful things you'll ever carry.
Practice it out loud once or twice, and then watch for the people
God puts in front of you.

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