

SHARING YOUR STORY

(TESTIMONY)

Each of us has a story to tell how Jesus came into our lives, saved us from our sin, and called us to Himself. Sharing our story is important because it helps us move from strangers to family. All of our stories are different, but there is one enemy, Satan and the effects of sin; and one hero, Jesus. When we hear other stories we see just how much we have in common in the saving work of Jesus Christ!

Read Paul's testimony as told to King Agrippa in Acts 26:4-18. Notice how he speaks boldly, sharing first about his life before Christ and his introduction to Christ before receiving his commission to appeal to the lost so that they may turn from darkness to light.

Use the 3 sections and questions below to help you reflect on, write out, and share your story!

HANDLEBAR 1: BEFORE CHRIST	HANDLEBAR 2: MET CHRIST	HANDLEBAR 3: WITH CHRIST
What was life like before I met Christ?	When was the first time I heard the gospel? How did I respond?	What are examples of the changes Christ has made in my life?
What did my life revolve around the most?	What happened to cause me to meet Christ?	How am I motivated differently now?
Where did I find my happiness and security? How did those things let me down?	When did my attitude begin to change? How did I become a new person?	How am I being formed and shaped to be more like Jesus each day?

Helpful Hints

- Write the way you speak ... make the testimony yours!
- Practice your story over and over until it becomes natural for you!
- Keep it short (2-3 minutes), so it's something you can put into a conversation!
- After sharing your story, now share THE story ... the Good News of what Jesus did for us!