



Developing Your Testimony

Learning How To Share Your Story

Your testimony may be the most valuable tool you have to share Christ's love with someone else. It is the easiest and usually the least threatening way to help someone understand God's love.

A **testimony** is also a **prophecy** that the Lord will do what he did in your life again, but instead in someone else's life. (Revelation 19:10)

The first testimony to embrace is the one of God—His story of Jesus and the salvation that He brings. (John 5:31-40)

Testimony example

Acts 26: Paul's Testimony

Other encouragements about testimonies

- 1 Corinthians 1:5-7
- 1 John 5:9-11
- Revelation 12:10-11

Important flow, balance to your testimony

- What was your life like before you knew Christ as Savior?
- How did you come to know Christ personally, what happened?
- How has your life been different since you accepted Christ as Savior?

Remember: Even though God may have used another person to lead you to Jesus, Jesus is still the hero of your testimony!

What is your testimony, or life story? How has knowing the Lord impacted your life? Can **tonight** be part of your testimony?

Challenge: Search carefully for a Bible verse that touches the heart of what God has done in your life. The Word of God is the power source for any life-changing testimony—Remember, it is about God working in YOU!

Exercise: Summarizing your testimony in 30 seconds

1. Write your response to the questions above. Give yourself five minutes to write down your responses and say what you think you need to say. After writing your reply, read it aloud, at your normal rate of speaking and see if you did it in five minutes. If not, cut it down so it can be read in five minutes (no cheating: use your normal rate of speaking!)
2. Evaluate. How effective was your reply? What was the core of your reply? Can you keep the core but reduce the time? Try to condense your reply.
3. Give yourself two minutes. Can you retain the content while reducing the number of words needed to say it? Get rid of redundant words and phrases. Make each word and sentence count.
4. Now reduce it to one minute.
5. Now hone it to thirty seconds.

