

How to Prepare and Share Your Personal Testimony

(Sharing Christ in a natural way)



- God is writing a story in and through each of our lives
- Everyone has a story to tell of how God has worked/is working in their life
- Your personal testimony can be used to encourage those who are either seeking God or want to grow spiritually.

As we think about preparing and sharing your Testimony, I'd like to look at four passages:

1 John 1:1-4

I have lived in three different countries and have found that my personal testimony is one of the most effective ways to share Christ and the one thing that God has used over and over again to help others

1 Peter 3:15

Being prepared! I like how the Message translation says: Be ready to speak up and tell everyone who asks why you're living the way you are.

1 Peter 4:11

Ask God to give you the words, and how to share your testimony

Ephesians 4:15, 29

Share the truth in Love. Be authentic, don't force it upon them and before sharing, LISTEN and have in mind about how what I am sharing will benefit the person listening. (Adapt your testimony)

As we come here to KMI to share our lives together, the focus of KMI is "A Vision for Disciplemaking". With that in mind, it would be good to take just a few moments to take a brief review of what is a disciple and how preparing and sharing your personal testimony fits into the bigger picture of being a disciple.

Mathew 28:19, 20



The commission has come to be known as "great" because the scope and task mentioned in this verse.

- The "great" scope of the commission is "all nations" (the entire world).
- The "great" task of the commission is making disciples (passing on a culmination of everything Christ taught).

A Biblical Disciple has three qualities all seen in Matthew 4:19. Jesus said, "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men". A Biblical Disciple is;

#1. One who is following Jesus Christ. He is Lord of my life. Luke 9:23, John 8:31

#2. One who is being changed by Jesus Christ. "I will make you". II Cor. 5:17

#3. One who is committed to the mission of Christ. "Fishers of Men". The mission of Christ is to save a lost world. The ministry of reconciliation. II Cor. 5:19,20.



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Your personal testimony is one of many tools that God can use. In the following passages we can see how the Gadarene and Paul had a similar experience of their changed lives.



Mark 5:1-20

Acts 26:2-29

First: His life before he met Christ...vs. 1-5

First: His life before he met Christ...vs. 4-11

Second: How he met Christ...vs. 6-15

Second: How he met Christ...vs. 12-20

Third: His life since he met Christ...vs. 16-20

Third: His life since he met Christ...vs. 21-23

With the remainder of our time, I am going to ask you to make a commitment now to prepare your testimony and write it out.

Practical Matters:

- Pray for insight on what God would like you to share.
- Your testimony is important. If it is important to you, it will become important to other people
- Keep your testimony short. (There may be times for expanding it, but you should be able to share your testimony between 3-5 minutes)
- Keep your testimony to the point. You are simply sharing what Christ has done in your life. The simple details of your experience relate what has happened in your heart and in your life.
- As you prepare your testimony, carefully consider your words. Use language people understand. Avoid religious jargon.
- A testimony is to help you put into words some of the important and interesting details of your conversion and personal relationship with Jesus
- Generalize so that you have a broader audience that can identify with you. Avoid using specific denominations/churches.
- Avoid bragging or negative remarks
- Use word pictures to increase interest.
- Use humor

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We all have areas of our life that Christ has given victory or is the process changing for His glory. These are just a few topics to help us get started as we consider writing our testimony:

- Desire to be in control
- Loneliness
- Lack of security
- Drugs/alcohol
- Sports
- Money
- Lack of peace
- Fear of death
- No meaning to life
- Lack of purpose
- Lack of significance
- No real friends
- Marriage/family
- Work
- Purity/Sex/Pornography
- Health challenges

Conclusion:

"All God's giants have been weak men, who did great things for God because they believed that God would be with them." - **Hudson Taylor**

Mathew 28:19,20 "and surely I am with you always, to the very end of age."