



My Faith Story

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Your story is one of the most important tools you have been given by God to share the Gospel with the world around you! **The most powerful part of a testimony is explaining the WHY behind your decision to follow Jesus.** Before sharing your story for the first time, make sure to write it down, practice out loud, and pray that God would use your story as you share it!

1. Start with a keyword.

The first step in writing down your faith story is choosing what keywords describe your life before Christ. Below is a list of emotions. **Circle two or three that adequately describe how you felt as a result of a problem you faced without Christ in your life.** You are not limited to this list, so feel free to choose a keyword of your own!

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| alienated | depressed | heartbroken | prideful |
| alone | distrusting | hopeless | rejected |
| angry | doubtful | hurt | uncertain |
| ashamed | fearful | insecure | unforgiving |
| bitter | frustrated | lonely | unloved |
| confused | guilty | lost | worthless |

2. Set the background.

Describe the situation in which you came to face this problem and why your keyword describes the way you felt. **It is more important to be honest than dramatic.** This helps people relate with your story personally and understand why we need God in our lives.



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3. Share how Jesus entered your story.

Now, (*the best part*), describe how you came to know Jesus. Be sure to describe that moment or that process, if you can, with adjectives that show how meaningful and impactful it was for you. Try to describe how Jesus touched your heart and how you responded, such as asking Him to be your Lord and Savior. Again, be honest here. This part challenges people's idea of what God is like.

4. State the impact of Christ on your life.

Talk about how Jesus impacted your problem and your life. Use the emotion opposite of your keyword and share how Christ either reversed your problem or is continually giving you the power to overcome. This is the part that inspires your hearers to place their hope in Jesus!

Now that you've prayed about your story and written it down, you are ready to share it! **A few tips when sharing:**

1. Pray for God to make the right moment available for you to share your story.
 2. It is important to be honest and natural. This is YOUR story so it should flow just like a normal conversation with a friend.
 3. Remember, it is NOT your job to change someone's hearts or introduce them to God. God will use your story and He is the only One who can save people!
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